

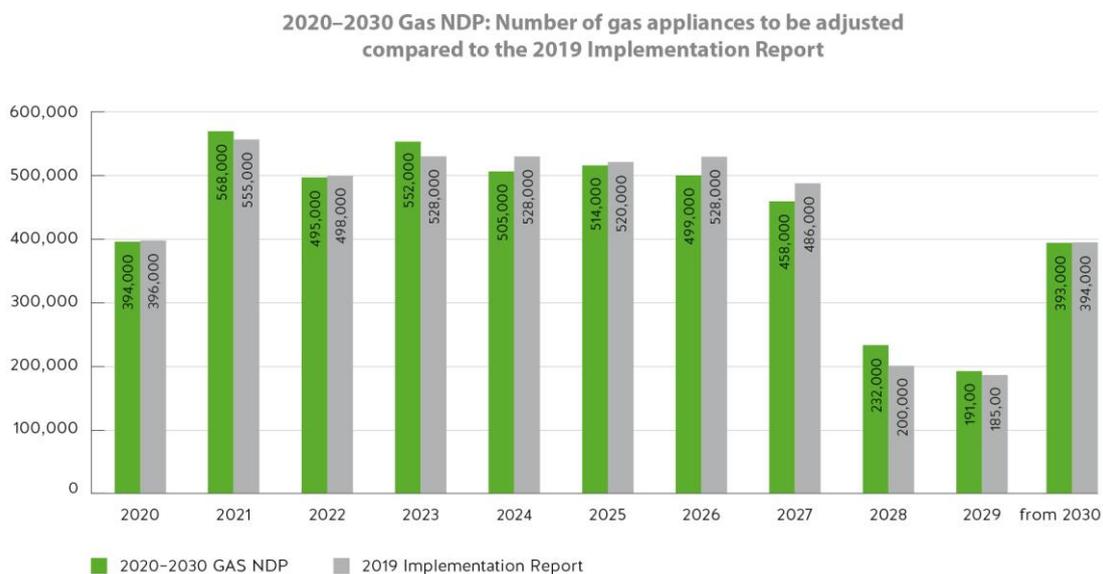
Update of L/H-gas conversion timetable in 2020-2030 Gas Network Development Plan

Following the postponement of the publication date of the 2020-2030 Network Development Plan Gas (2020 NDP), the gas transmission system operators (TSOs) have decided to publish parts of the current L/H-gas conversion timetable of the 2020 NDP in advance:

The key elements of the timetable in the 2020 NDP remain unchanged, which provides long-term planning security for all parties involved – transmission system operators, distribution system operators (DSOs) and service providers – and ensures that security of supply will remain high.

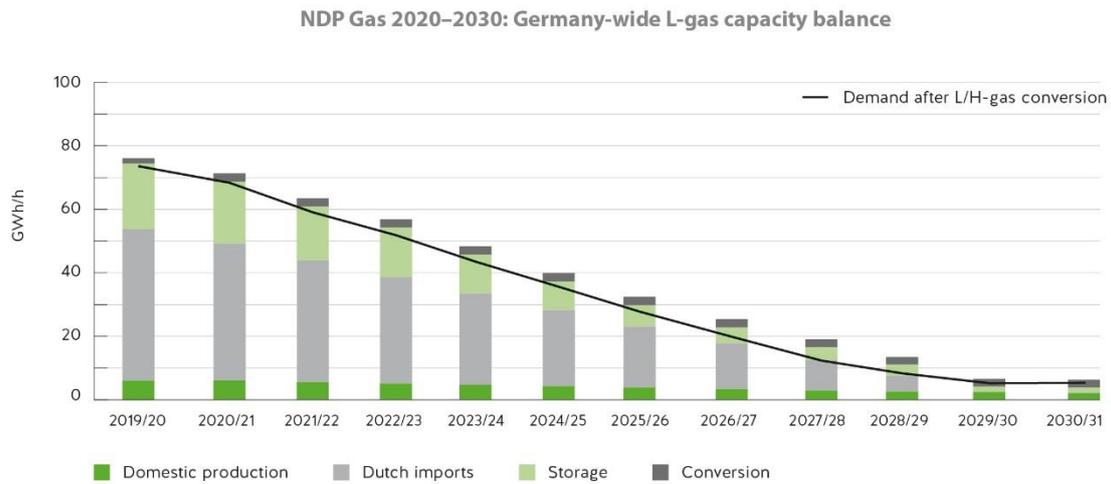
Compared to the planning status shown in the Implementation Report for the 2018-2028 Gas Network Development Plan (2019 Implementation Report), the conversion timetable has been updated on the basis of discussions and coordination with the gas DSOs. Changes to the DSOs' detailed timetables have led to adjustments in the number of appliances converted per year. In 2021 this will result in a slight increase in the maximum number of appliances to around 570,000 appliances (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Number of appliances to be adjusted per year



The updated planning assumptions of the 2020 NDP (which take account of the gas DSOs' latest long-term forecasts and the current production forecast of BVEG, the German association for natural gas, oil and geothermal energy) have only had a minor impact on the L-gas capacity balance when compared with the 2019 Implementation Report. In particular, the planning assumptions for import capacity from the Netherlands are unchanged from the 2019 Implementation Report (see Figure 2).

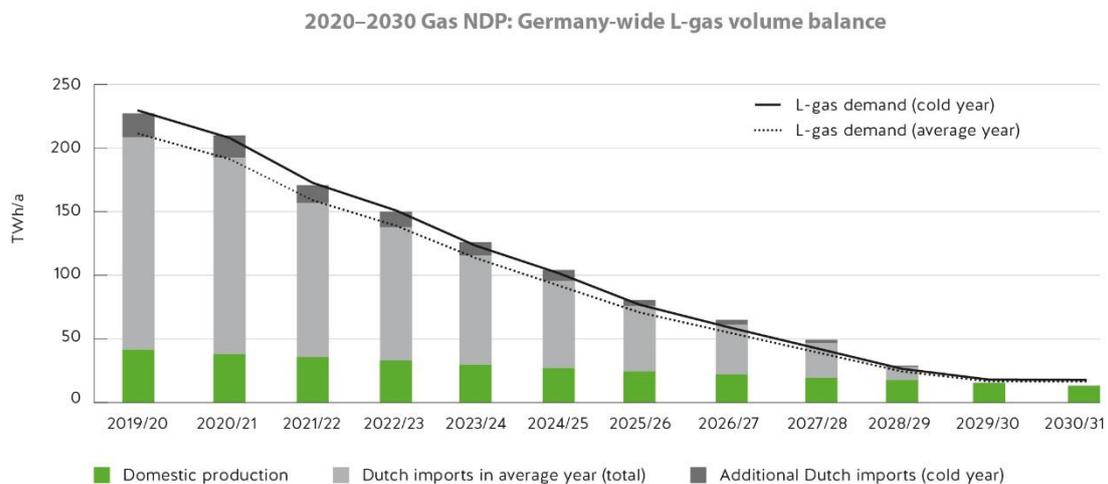
Figure 2: Germany-wide L-gas capacity balance



Source: Gas TSOs

In addition, a gas flow analysis for the 2018/19 gas year has confirmed the assumptions of the 2019 Implementation Report concerning the demand for L-gas from the Netherlands, which is why it has remained unchanged in the 2020 NDP (see Figure 3).

Figure 3: Germany-wide L-gas volume balance



Source: Gas TSOs

The updated conversion timetable has also been published in the 2020 Winter Report of the L-Gas Market Conversion Monitoring Task Force, which was established at the initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs to report on the status of the L/H-gas conversion in the L-gas consumer countries Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands every 6 months. The Task Force’s first report, the 2020 Winter Report, was also prepared with the support of the German L-Gas TSOs and was submitted to the Dutch Parliament by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs on 21 February 2020 ([2020 Winter Report](#)).