

## Gas transmission system operators publish 2023 Implementation Report with an update on their L-to-H-gas conversion plans

- 17 pipeline and compressor station projects completed and commissioned
- Status update on 123 projects
- Half of the 5.3 million consumer appliances will have been switched from L-gas to H-gas by the end of the year

*Berlin, 12 June 2023.* According to the Implementation Report published today, the German gas transmission system operators (TSOs) completed and commissioned a total of 17 projects in 2022. Five expansion projects were dropped in the course of network modelling for the 2022-2032 Gas Network Development Plan (NDP). The report also contains an update on modified and delayed projects.

In order to counter the decline in domestic and foreign L-gas production, the gas TSOs have been gradually converting L-gas areas to H-gas since 2015. Given the importance of this market area conversion for the energy industry, the Implementation Report includes an extensive update on these projects. Detailed planning together with local distribution system operators has not resulted in any major changes relative to the 2022-2032 NDP.

In 2022, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH managed to convert a number of larger network areas, including Düsseldorf, Bonn and Mönchengladbach, with almost 500,000 units. All network expansions on the transmission system required for this purpose were completed on time. Overall, the number of conversions achieved in Germany since 2015 corresponds to an annual consumption of around 112 TWh and a capacity of 32 GWh/h.

"The aim is to replace the Dutch L-gas imports, which are due to expire in 2029, and to continue to guarantee security of supply," explains Inga Posch, Managing Director of FNB Gas.

### **Background information:**

[www.nep-gas-datenbank.de](http://www.nep-gas-datenbank.de)

### **Statutory basis:**

By preparing the 2023 Implementation Report and submitting it to the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA), the gas TSOs comply with their statutory obligations under Section 15b of the Energy Industry Act (EnWG). The Implementation Report is based on the currently valid Gas Network Development Plan 2020-2030. The cut-off date for the status update by the gas TSOs is 1 January 2023. The Federal Network Agency reviews and publishes the Implementation Report and gives all existing and potential network users the opportunity to comment.

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## **About FNB Gas:**

The Berlin-based association Vereinigung der Fernleitungsnetzbetreiber Gas e.V. (FNB Gas) was founded in 2012 by the German gas transmission system operators (TSOs), i.e. the network companies operating the major supra-regional and cross-border gas transportation pipelines. One key focus of the association's activities is the Gas Network Development Plan, which has been drawn up annually by the TSOs since 2012. The association also acts as a central point of contact for policymakers, the media and the general public on behalf of its members.

Members of the association are the companies bayernets GmbH, Ferngas Netzgesellschaft mbH, Fluxys TENP GmbH, GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, GRTgaz Deutschland GmbH, Nowega GmbH, ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH, Open Grid Europe GmbH, terranets bw GmbH and Thyssengas GmbH. Together they operate a pipeline network of around 40,000 kilometres.

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