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## **EUGAL: Planning approval procedure to start in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania**

### ***Pipeline project well on schedule / public display of application documents from the end of October***

**Stralsund / Kassel.** The European gas pipeline link EUGAL has entered a new project phase in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The final official review of the preferred route for section of the EUGAL pipeline in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania will take place with the opening of the planning approval procedure by the Stralsund Mining Authority.

Alongside the public-interest bodies, such as towns and municipalities, the residents are also invited to view the application documents from 24 October to 23 November 2017 in the towns and municipalities affected, and to comment on them by 27 December 2017. The process will culminate in an official planning approval decision by the Mining Authority that will determine the final course of the over 100 kilometer long route in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and include all the relevant conditions and requirements.

“We are aware that implementing a major infrastructure project like EUGAL can only succeed together with the population. Their participation in the planning approval procedure gives us the opportunity to receive other important insights and suggestions from the community,” says Ludger Hümbts, Chief EUGAL Project Manager. EUGAL was already presented to the general public along the planned pipeline route in the fall of 2016.

From its starting point at Lubmin at the Bay of Greifswald to the Czech border, the EUGAL pipeline extends over a total length of around 485 km. In the section under approval in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania the pipeline runs exclusively through the Vorpommern-Greifswald district. In order to minimize the space required, the pipeline will be laid as close as possible to the existing OPAL gas pipeline. The pipeline will be able to annually transport up to 51 billion cubic meters of natural gas. With the new pipeline, GASCADE is responding to the growing demand for gas and gas transport capacity in Europe.

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**GASCADE Gastransport GmbH**, a joint venture between BASF and Gazprom, operates a gas pipeline network covering the whole of Germany. The network company offers its customers cutting-edge, competitive transport services over its own long-distance high-pressure pipeline network of more than 2,400 kilometers in length in the heart of Europe.

The EUGAL pipeline project is being jointly implemented with the transmission system operators Fluxys Deutschland GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH and Ontras Gastransport GmbH.