

PCI status for AquaDuctus and Flow - making hydrogen happen

European relevance of hydrogen pipeline projects confirmed. Opportunity for access to funding instruments achieved.

Kassel/Brussels. The European Commission published the final list of "Projects of Common Interest" (PCI) and confirmed the corresponding status for both **AquaDuctus** and the eastern part of **Flow - making hydrogen happen**. The PCI list comprises a total of 166 projects, including 65 in the field of hydrogen and electrolyzers: "We are delighted with the positive decision and see it as confirmation of our assessment that our **AquaDuctus** and **Flow - making hydrogen happen** pipeline projects are of crucial importance for the rapid development of an European hydrogen infrastructure", says GASCADE Managing Director Christoph von dem Bussche.

PCI projects must fulfill exactly this requirement and, after application, are subjected to a cost-benefit analysis by the European Commission. These are important infrastructure projects that are intended to contribute to the completion of the European internal energy market and the achievement of the European Union's energy and climate policy goals. PCI status creates the possibility of access to public funding instruments for project implementation.

Both GASCADE projects are already part of the draft of the German hydrogen core network presented in mid-November 2023. PCI status is a criterion for inclusion in the core network.

"First transport capacities of the newly to be built **AquaDuctus** offshore pipeline are to be available from 2030 in order to tap into the hydrogen potential in the North Sea. As part of **Flow - making hydrogen happen**, in the Eastern part, around 480 kilometers of long-distance gas pipeline from Lubmin on the German Baltic Sea coast to the border of the Czech Republic are to be converted from natural gas to hydrogen transports – a first section already in 2025," concludes Managing Director von dem Bussche.

About GASCADE

GASCADE Gastransport GmbH operates a gas pipeline network throughout Germany. The Kassel-based transmission system operator offers its customers modern and competitive transport services for natural gas and, in future, other gases in the heart of Europe via its own high-pressure pipeline network, which is around 3,700 kilometres long. GASCADE is pursuing the goal of successively converting its pipeline network to the transport of hydrogen and is therefore active in several onshore and offshore hydrogen projects.