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EU funding supports preparatory work for the Baltic Sea Hydrogen Collector

■ *The Baltic Sea Hydrogen Collector (BHC) project has received €15.3 million in EU funding to support preparatory work for a future cross-border hydrogen infrastructure.*

Helsinki/Copenhagen/Kassel. The planned Baltic Sea Hydrogen Collector (BHC) project, an offshore pipeline connecting Finnish and German renewable hydrogen markets, is receiving support from the European Union. Gasgrid Finland, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), and GASCADE Gastransport GmbH are grateful to receive a €15.3 million grant from the EU's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) program. BHC is a Project of Common Interest (PCI), essential for Europe's energy transition, energy security, and market integration.

■ The funding will be used for preparatory activities, including technical (pre-FEED), regulatory, and environmental assessments. These studies aim to explore the potential of BHC as a future cross-border hydrogen transmission corridor, supporting Europe's long-term energy transition and energy security. This phase will study possible connections between Finland and Germany. A connection to Sweden will be discussed in later phases of the project together with BHC partner Nordion Energi.

Sara Kärki, Gasgrid SVP, Hydrogen development, emphasizes:

“Finland has excellent conditions for large-scale wind power, renewable hydrogen production and hydrogen value chain creation. The BHC concept offers an opportunity to bring this potential to market, creating new growth prospects for Finnish industry to develop hydrogen, P2X and other projects aiming to produce high value products. Gasgrid appreciates the EU's support for BHC, which as a PCI project plays a strategic role in building a resilient and integrated European hydrogen infrastructure and advances Europe's clean energy transition.”

Thomas Dalsgaard, CEO of CIP, adds:

“As an investor in green offshore energy infrastructure, we welcome the EU's support for preparatory studies on BHC. With strong and cost-efficient energy resources in the Nordics and the Baltics and growing demand in Central Europe, this is a project with clear potential.”

Dr. Christoph von dem Bussche, Managing Director of GASCADE, states:

“The EU's funding support and the collaboration with our partners underline the importance of exploring various infrastructure options for Europe's hydrogen future.”

Currently, the BHC project is focused on assessing regulatory, commercial, and technical conditions. The German section of the project is already included in the officially approved hydrogen core network, which is being developed in parallel by GASCADE.

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