

**BUSINESS AREA**

# Transport

As an independent pipeline system operator, our subsidiary ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH is responsible for a pipeline network of approximately 7,700 km in Eastern Germany. It thus ensures the reliable and efficient transport of gas, connecting regional markets with the wider European gas market. In this way, ONTRAS also assumes a structurally relevant role in assuring the security of supply, industrial value creation and economic stability in the region. The transport of renewable and decarbonised gases is becoming increasingly relevant. Already, 25 bio-gas injection plants and two power-to-gas plants for the production of hydrogen and synthetic natural gas are connected to the ONTRAS network. ONTRAS is also gradually building a hydrogen infrastructure with the H2 start-up network – the basis for scaling up the hydrogen economy in Eastern Germany.

In the 2025 financial year, ONTRAS significantly improved its result compared to the previous year, achieving a contribution to earnings in the high three-digit million euro range. The positive trend was driven by higher transport revenues, effects from the regulatory framework, and – for the first time – revenues from hydrogen transport. With the conversion from natural gas to hydrogen of the 25 km pipeline from Bad Lauchstädt to Leuna, ONTRAS is pioneering the first section of the hydrogen core network in Eastern Germany. In the future, this pipeline will become part of the 600 km ONTRAS H2 start network.

Ceremonial commissioning of the transport pipeline in the Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park by ONTRAS: First section of the hydrogen core network in Eastern Germany.



25 km

H2 pipeline from Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park to Leuna

600 km

ONTRAS H2 start-up network

Operator of 7.700 km

gas pipeline network

