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VNG IN PROFILE

**Securing energy supplies.
Shaping the future.**

VNG in numbers

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2,049

employees at
year's end¹



5

European countries in which
VNG holdings operate



63

Group companies and
holdings



€ 18,030 million

in revenue²



411 billion kWh

in gas sales



€ 422 million

adj. EBITDA³



€ 200 million

consolidated profit



€ 244 million

in investments



7,700 km

transmission network



31 TWh

gas storage capacity



40

biogas facilities

1 Total employees of all fully consolidated companies.
2 Before application of the IFRIC Agenda Decision on IFRS 9.
3 EBITDA adjusted for extraordinary and one-off effects on results.

All information on the financial year:
vng.de/en/financial-statements

VNG at a glance

About us

VNG is a group of companies headquartered in Leipzig, comprising more than 20 companies across Europe with around 2,000 employees. As a gas importer, wholesaler and operator of critical gas infrastructure, the Group is committed to ensuring a secure supply of gas in Germany.

The VNG 2030+ strategy also places a clear emphasis on the ambitious roll-out of renewable and low-carbon gases such as biogas and hydrogen. As such, we are paving the way for a decarbonised energy system that ensures security of supply.

Present in five countries

From its headquarters in Leipzig, VNG manages an extensive Group network with subsidiaries and equity holdings in Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria and Italy.



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— Company profile

Energy for today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

Our mission: security of supply and helping shape the future

VNG stabilises the energy system in an environment where geopolitics and markets are having an increasingly direct impact on prices and supply. We ensure a secure gas supply through diversified gas procurement, high-capacity storage facilities and the reliable operation of the eastern German transmission network – the backbone of the region’s gas supplies. At the same time, we are advancing decarbonisation, because gaseous energy carriers will continue to be needed alongside electricity in the energy system of the future – for industrial processes, heat supply and as a source of flexibility within the power system. That is why we are making targeted investments in biogas/biomethane and hydrogen, developing hydrogen-compatible infrastructure and, step by step, laying the groundwork for the expansion of renewable and low-carbon gases in Germany and Europe.

Realistically into the future

In line with our VNG 2030+ strategy, we are focusing on growth in the biogas and hydrogen sectors, alongside the ongoing development of our core business. We are making targeted investments in the transformation of all our business areas and in securing the gas supply, an area in which VNG plays an important role in eastern Germany.

We are making steady progress in individual areas, whilst at the same time keeping a close eye on the pace of developments. This is because the pace and progress of the transformation depend on many factors and market players. As a responsible energy supplier, we are faced with the daily task of developing practical and sustainable solutions in the energy industry in the three-way tug-of-war between security of supply, economic efficiency and environmental compatibility.

A commitment that brings us together

The VNG mission statement provides us with guidance in this regard, setting out our overarching objective: “We provide energy when and where it is needed.” This mission statement combines two key aspects: securing the energy supply and transforming the energy system in line with the needs of our customers. It shapes our approach to the established natural gas business as well as our investments in the business segments of the future, particularly in the fields of hydrogen and biogas.

Open to innovation and with a sense of proportion, we are forging our own path, consistently bringing together the needs of our customers and the requirements of the energy transition. Over the next few years, between 200 and 300 million euros are to be invested annually in the roll-out of biogas and hydrogen infrastructure as well as in the development of the ONTRAS H2 start-up network, which forms a key component of the nationwide hydrogencore network.

200 to 300 million euros

annually should flow into implementation of the strategy in the coming years





Strong for the region

Our headquarters in Leipzig and our company history forge a close link between VNG and the region. This is why we are particularly committed to eastern Germany. Our business activities and infrastructure play a key role in supporting key industries in the region, such as the chemical, glass and steel sectors, thereby helping to secure regional economic growth and prosperity.

This commitment extends beyond energy supply; through the VNG Foundation and the Central German Foundation for Science and Education, we support projects for the public good, research projects, educational initiatives and the start-up scene.

This makes VNG not only a reliable pillar of the gas-based energy sector but also – both now and in the future – a dependable force for the economy and society in eastern Germany.

Gas expertise from a single source

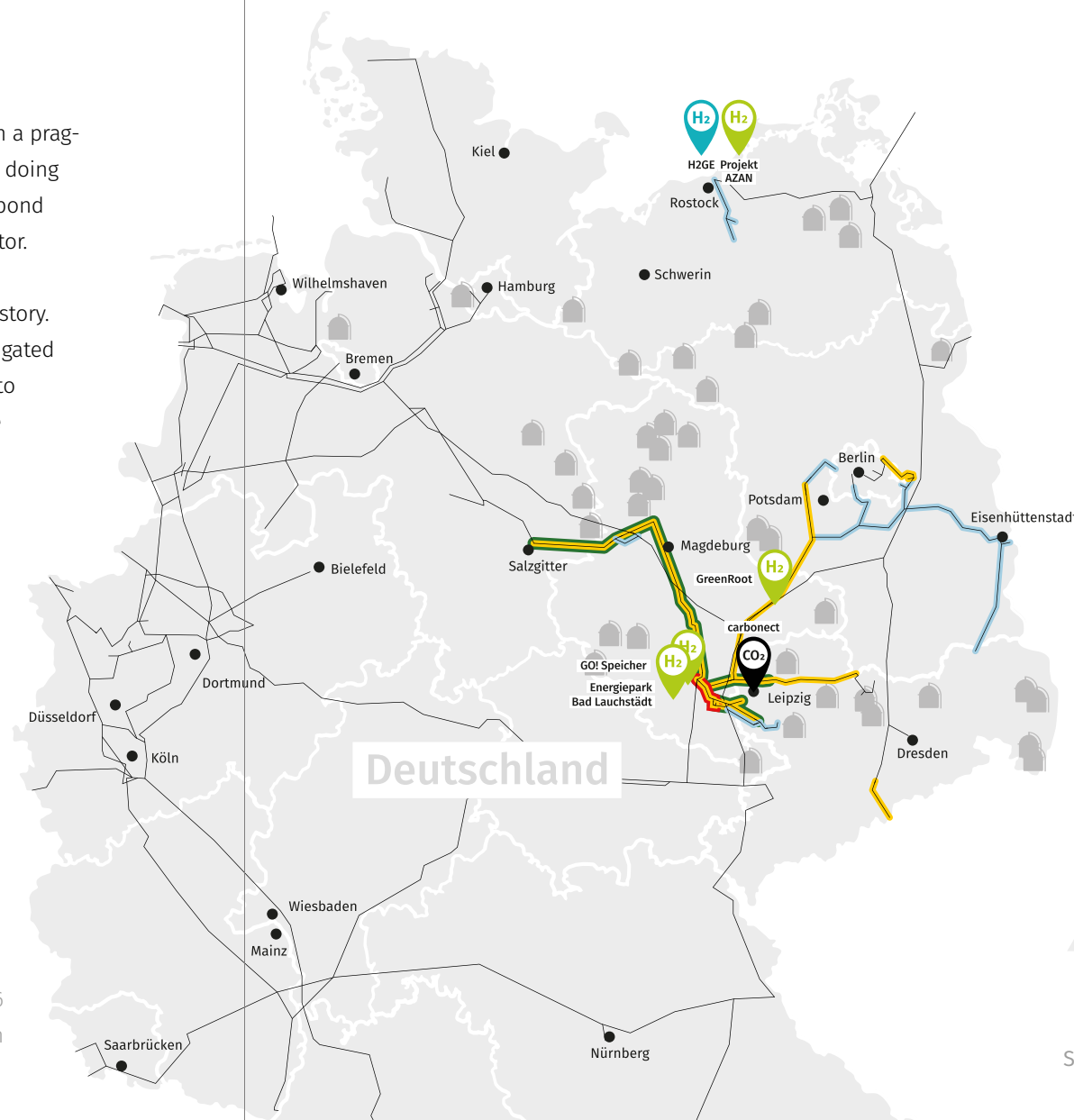
VNG has decades of experience and extensive expertise in all aspects of gas-based energy carriers. As a B2B partner, our business areas cover virtually the entire gas value chain – from import and production, through transport and storage, to trading. We offer municipal utilities and industrial companies reliable access to energy. Our transmission network and underground storage facilities guarantee a high level of supply security. We are systematically developing this expertise, and VNG is now also one of the largest biogas producers in Germany.

VNG has been actively shaping the development of the hydrogen economy for many years. We see ourselves as pioneers in both technology and business. At the *Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park*, we are carrying out pioneering work as part of a consortium with other companies. In addition, plans are to be developed for further industrial clusters in eastern Germany. Thanks to its expertise and networks, VNG plays a key role in the regional economy.

Change is in our DNA

VNG combines technological expertise with a pragmatic focus on solutions, as we have been doing for almost 70 years. This enables us to respond quickly to developments in the energy sector.

Change has always been a part of VNG's history. Since our foundation in 1958, we have navigated various economic systems and continued to evolve throughout. This also applies to the technology for handling gaseous energy carriers: first town gas, then natural gas – and now also biogas and hydrogen. This experience of dealing with change strengthens our ability to be prepared for the pressures of change and to respond constructively to new challenges.



Projects for green gases (excerpt)

H₂ transport projects

- ONTRAS H₂ start-up network – approx. 600 km
- Green Octopus Central Germany – approx. 300 km
- H₂ line *Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park*
- H₂ line with ONTRAS as point of contact
- H₂ core network (as per approval from 22 October 2024)

Sites

- Biogas facilities of Balance Erneuerbare Energien GmbH

Further information:
vng.de/en/future-projects

Business Area

Trading & Sales



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The decentralised sales structure brings our products and services directly to our customers. We're there on the ground.



— Reliable delivery in a dynamic environment

Leveraging markets to secure supply

As a gas importer and wholesaler, VNG Handel & Vertrieb GmbH (VNG Trading & Sales) offers a wide range of gas products and energy-related services to more than 400 municipal utilities, distributors, power plants and industrial customers. Together with its subsidiaries, the company reliably supplies customers in Germany, Poland, Italy, Austria and the Czech Republic with natural gas and biomethane.

Flexibility in a dynamic market

The gas market remains dynamic. Geopolitical events, weather-related factors and global demand often have an impact in the short term. For VNG, one thing remains the top priority: ensuring a secure supply of gas to its customers.

The procurement portfolio of VNG H&V proved to be stable and resilient in the year 2025. This was due to long-term supply contracts with, amongst others, Norway and Algeria as well as a partnership with EnBW in the LNG sector. Gas sales in the Trading & Sales business area rose significantly during the financial year to 411 billion kilowatt-hours.

Change is part of the business

Compared with previous years, 2025 was characterised by falling wholesale prices and lower volatility. At the same time, it became clear just how quickly circumstances can change. Geopolitical tensions, such as those in the Middle East in early 2026, are once again affecting supply, prices and expectations.

For VNG, such market fluctuations are not an exceptional occurrence but simply part of the business. The integrated model covering the entire value chain enables us to manage risks, tailor portfolios flexibly and ensure delivery capability.

Alexander Lück
is Head of Sales
at VNG H&V



Further information:
vng-handel.de/en

Diversification as a strategic advantage

A permanently stable “normal” in the gas market is not to be expected: Weather, geopolitical developments and global demand remain key factors. VNG H&V is addressing this reality with a diversified procurement strategy.

Pipeline gas, LNG imports and the European wholesale market complement one another. The additional supply from various sources is having a noticeable impact on the market and opening up new opportunities. For VNG, this means: Interpret market signals, hedge positions and act decisively.

Close to the market, close to the customer

Through VNG H&V and its subsidiaries, we supply municipal utilities, sub-distributors, industrial customers and power stations in several European countries. Our distributed sales structure delivers advice and service where they are needed.

“We are there on the ground – with our customers in Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy and Poland,” says Alexander Lück, Head of Sales at VNG H&V. Particularly in a highly uncertain environment, this proximity to customers offers a decisive advantage: It builds trust, streamlines processes and helps to identify requirements at an early stage.

Shaping the future with renewable and low-carbon gases

As the energy transition progresses, the demand for renewable and low-carbon solutions is growing. That is why our trading and sales business is consistently focused on the transformation of the gas market.

Hydrogen plays an important role in this regard, even though it is not yet economically viable in many areas. Nevertheless, VNG is taking action at an early stage. As early as 2023, VNG H&V, as a consortium partner in the *Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park*, signed Germany’s first supply contract for green hydrogen with TotalEnergies Raffinerie Mitteldeutschland GmbH.

In addition, letters of intent have been signed regarding the import of green and low-carbon ammonia, including with Norwegian partners.

With the acquisition of bmp greengas GmbH, VNG is also significantly expanding its biomethane trading operations. The aim is to offer a broad portfolio of renewable and low-carbon gases to meet a variety of customer needs.

Partnership and reliability

In a volatile market environment, customer loyalty is crucial. VNG H&V stands for transparency, reliable products and partnership on an equal footing. Modern technologies, well-designed services and a strong sales network underpin this commitment.

This success is down to the dedication of our staff. “We’re staying on course even in stormy times,” emphasises Alexander Lück. “We look after our customers – with a team that takes responsibility and is passionate about its work.”

Energy trading around the clock: Employees of VNG H&V secure trades across Europe, ensuring that energy reliably gets to where it is needed.



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European countries comprise the customer region of VNG H&V and its subsidiaries

400

municipal utilities, sub-distributors and industrial customers receive a wide range of services from VNG H&V

411 billion kWh

of gas sales in 2025

Business Area

Transport

— Energy flowing across borders

A network that brings us together

Energy must flow. At all times. Without fail. Across borders. This requires networks that connect markets, enable supply and reach people. Gas transmission networks are the invisible links in the energy supply chain – connecting import terminals, storage facilities, industry, municipal utilities and households.

Infrastructure in Eastern Germany – energy hub for Europe

ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH (ONTRAS), based in Leipzig, is an independent transmission system operator responsible for a pipeline network spanning 7,700 kilometres. This network forms the backbone of the gas supply in eastern Germany and ensures reliable transport for industry, commerce and households.

ONTRAS provides a high-performance gas infrastructure, connecting large gas storage facilities, power stations, industrial customers, regional network operators and municipal utilities with import terminals and biogas producers. The pipeline network extends across the federal states of Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. Numerous interconnection points with other network operators ensure

flexible and efficient transmission routes. With border crossing points to Poland and the Czech Republic, the network also plays a key role in European gas transport.

New supply flows – same mission

Following the cessation of Russian natural gas supplies in 2022, ensuring the security of supply in recent years has primarily meant securing sufficient natural gas for Germany. To this end, ONTRAS has optimised its network and successfully adapted it to new delivery flows. Today, gas flows mainly from the north and west – regasified from LNG or via pipelines from countries including the Netherlands and Norway. The ONTRAS network now transports almost the same volume of gas as it did before the war in Ukraine began, whilst maintaining the same high standards of safety and reliability.

With its cross-border activities and the central location of the ONTRAS line network, eastern Germany is positioned to expand its role as a central energy hub: today for natural gas and biomethane, in future increasingly for hydrogen as well.

Ralph Bahke is Managing Director of Control and Development at ONTRAS

Further information:
www.ontras.com/en

Pipelines for the future

A high-capacity natural gas network also lays the foundations for the next stage of development: the ONTRAS H2 start-up network. As part of the Germany-wide hydrogen core network, which was approved by the Federal Network Agency in October 2024, ONTRAS is building 600 kilometres of H₂ transport infrastructure. Consumers and producers in eastern and central Germany will thus be connected to import terminals and gas storage facilities. Key prerequisites for the market ramp-up of a hydrogen economy.

The ONTRAS H2 start-up network is the largest single investment in VNG’s history and a key component of its transformation strategy. 80 percent of the initial network will be created by converting existing natural gas pipelines. This makes sense both environmentally and economically, and it demonstrates the role that fossil fuel infrastructure can still play in the energy transition today.

First H₂ section now in operation

A concrete example of this transformation is the commissioning of the first section of the ONTRAS H2 start-up network for the *Bad Lauchstädt Energy Park*, in which ONTRAS is one of seven consortium partners. As part of this ‘energy transition regulatory sandbox’, ONTRAS converted 25 kilometres of former natural gas pipelines to transport hydrogen. The pipeline was commissioned on 8 April 2025, making it the first operational section of the hydrogen core network in eastern Germany. An important milestone in the transformation of the gas infrastructure: “We have been able to demonstrate here that even a gas pipeline dating from the 1980s has a place in the energy system of the future,” says Gunar Schmidt, ONTRAS Managing Director of Operations and Safety.

Infrastructure with a vision

As an independent transmission system operator, ONTRAS not only ensures reliable gas transmission in Germany but is also committed to a shared European hydrogen future. Participation in cross-border projects and initiatives such as the *Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor* and the *European Hydrogen Backbone* makes it clear that the expansion does not stop at national borders.

The aim remains clear – an efficient, reliable pipeline network in Germany forms the foundation while also serving as the link to European transport corridors. In this way, ONTRAS combines regional strength with an international outlook and contributes to security of supply, industrial competitiveness and the transformation of the energy system.

GOOD TO KNOW

Safety first

As has been the case for decades with natural gas, ONTRAS makes no exception for the handling of hydrogen: safety first. Plants and the pipeline system are designed to be H₂-ready. All relevant regulations and standards as well as applicable documents will be expanded to make allowance for hydrogen and adapted accordingly.



7,700 km

transmission network in eastern Germany operated by OTRAS

600 km

hydrogen transport network – the ONTRAS H2 start-up network for central and eastern Gernany

25 km

hydrogen line from Bad Lauchstädt to Leuna as the first section of the hydrogen core network in eastern Germany

Business Area

Storage



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Our team ensures efficiency and reliability – through a high level of expertise, state-of-the-art automation and clear safety standards.

— Flexibility for stable supply

Energy needs space

This space is created by underground gas storage facilities. As a key component of Germany's gas infrastructure, they ensure energy supply, balance demand and stabilise the system even in exceptional circumstances.

Contribution to the security of supplies

With 45 underground storage facilities, Germany has the largest total gas storage capacity in Europe. This encompasses around 23 billion cubic metres, or the equivalent of approximately 250 terawatt-hours of natural gas – around a quarter of Germany's annual consumption. In a mild and generally average winter, full reservoirs could meet demand for around two to three months. Gas storage facilities are therefore a key pillar of security of supply in Germany.

Our subsidiary, VNG Gasspeicher GmbH (VGS), operates storage facilities in Bad Lauchstädt and Bernburg. Together with the Etzel storage site, VGS

markets a total storage capacity of around 31 terawatt hours, making it the third-largest gas storage operator in Germany.

Stability for the network and the market

Gas storage facilities provide the flexibility to balance procurement and consumption at different points in time. They balance out seasonal fluctuations, stabilise network pressure and provide a reliable buffer against short-term market changes, such as those caused by weather conditions or geopolitical crises. At the same time, they offer market participants the opportunity to store gas flexibly and use it as required. Gas storage facilities thus contribute to price stability and the proper functioning of gas markets.

Madlen Geyer is Head of Marketing and Finance at VGS



Further information:
www.vng-gasspeicher.de/en

Gas storage The key to the energy transition

With the increasing integration of renewable energies into the energy system, storage systems are also gaining in importance. In particular, cavern storage facilities could be used for hydrogen storage in the future, thereby supporting the transformation of the energy system. In contrast to electricity, gas can be stored easily in large quantities over long periods of time. Gas storage facilities thus act as a bridge between volatile generation and constant consumption. For example, electricity from renewable energy sources such as wind power or photovoltaics can be used in electrolyzers to produce hydrogen. In the long term, this can be stored in suitable gas storage facilities and retrieved as and when needed – for example, to generate renewable electricity even during periods of low sunlight and wind.

More than just capacity

VGS customers enjoy additional flexibility across the entire gas value chain.

Transmission system operators use storage facilities to buffer balancing energy and control reserves. This keeps the network pressure stable – even when the load fluctuates significantly. Industrial customers and power station operators use storage solutions to optimise their production processes and respond flexibly to short-term spikes in demand.

For traders, speed is key. Short lead times, flexible storage and withdrawal options and proximity to European trading markets make it possible for them to capitalise on market opportunities quickly and effectively.

Reliability and efficiency are ensured by highly qualified teams at our sites, state-of-the-art automation technology and an integrated quality and safety management system. Day after day.

VGS operates Europe's fourth-largest cavern storage facility in Bernburg.



3rd
third largest gas storage
operator in Germany

31 TWh
marketable storage
capacity of VGS



Business Area

Biogas



We continuously strive to combine economic growth, reliably facility operation and concrete benefits for the respective regions.

— Renewable. Storable. Flexible.

Underestimated energy from the region

Biogas and biomethane supply renewable energy – regardless of the weather. They improve energy security, reduce emissions and complement the energy system. For VNG, they are a key component of the VNG 2030+ strategy.

Biogas from a single source

BALANCE Erneuerbare Energien GmbH (BALANCE) bundles VNG's activities related to the production of biogas and biomethane. As one of Germany's leading plant operators, BALANCE develops and operates biogas and biomethane plants at 40 sites across northern and eastern Germany.

The approach is integrated: regional biomass and agricultural residues, modern technologies and reliable operation. This is how electricity, heat and biomethane are produced from renewable resources. BALANCE combines operational experience with the clear aim of making a significant contribution to the energy transition and the decarbonisation of the energy system.

Regional value creation

BALANCE works closely with agricultural businesses in the region. The biomass required – including maize, plant residues and agricultural by-products such as slurry or dried chicken manure – comes mainly from farms within a 25-kilometre radius of the plants. This strengthens local economic cycles and generates added value in rural areas.

At the same time, biogas production follows the principles of the circular economy in that the remaining fermentation products are returned to the fields as fertiliser. Energy generation and agriculture are effectively intertwined in a way that is both sustainable and resource-efficient.

Volker Klinkert
is Managing Director
of BALANCE



Further information:
www.balance-vng.de

More than just electricity

Biogas facilities provide more than just electricity. Combined heat and power plants generate additional heat that can be used directly on site, for example via local heating networks serving towns, neighbourhoods or industrial estates. Biogas therefore opens up new prospects for the heating transition, particularly in rural areas. Where district heating is not an option, locally generated heat from biogas provides reliable solutions based on renewable energy.

Growth with a sense of proportion

BALANCE's growth strategy is based on three key strategic priorities: the targeted expansion of biogas feed-in, a systematic increase in the flexibility of electricity generation and the local use of heat.

Feeding biomethane into the grid opens up new marketing opportunities beyond electricity generation and helps stabilise revenues, particularly in view of expiring support schemes. Highly flexible combined heat and power plants make it possible to use biogas when the energy system needs it. They create added value through market and system services, such as those designed to meet peak demand.

Local heat utilisation begins at the point where biogas is converted into electricity. The heat generated in this process can be fed directly into local heating networks in towns and regions.

This focus makes BALANCE more resilient to regulatory changes and lays the foundations for integrated growth across the entire biogas value chain.

Biogas: taking it a step further

Biogas is an energy carrier with a bright future. Biogas facilities are evolving into flexible energy hubs. In addition to biomethane, the focus is shifting to new applications: the use of carbon dioxide from processing, biorefinery concepts and, in the future, hydrogen as well.

VNG and BALANCE are committed to biogas for the long term. As a reliable source of energy. As a driver of regional economic growth. And as an essential component of a stable, low-carbon energy system.

BALANCE was founded in 2006. Today, its 208 employees work to make renewable energy available – by feeding 846 gigawatt-hours of biomethane into the network each year.



40

sites in northern and eastern Germany are operated by BALANCE

241 MW

the total installed rated thermal output of all biogas facilities

227,000

households could be theoretically supplied with renewable energy for a year

GOOD TO KNOW

Further growth with a new partner

With CVC DIF coming on board as a strategic partner in 2025, VNG has laid the groundwork for the next phase of growth at BALANCE. With the sale of 49 percent of the shares to the infrastructure division of the global asset manager, BALANCE gains additional financial and strategic leeway for the targeted expansion and further development of its business activities.

Together, VNG and CVC DIF are strengthening BALANCE's competitiveness and driving forward its development into an integrated, high-performance biogas platform. The partnership thus contributes directly to the VNG 2030+ corporate strategy and underlines the ambition to establish renewable gases as a cornerstone of a secure and low-carbon energy supply.



Business Area

Digital Infra-structure

— New perspectives through digital infrastructure

From molecules to data

The Digital Infrastructure business area brings together the VNG Group's digital infrastructure activities under the GDMcom Group. Our range of services covers fibre-optic backbone infrastructure and fibre-optic distribution networks, offering services in the areas of planning, construction, operation and documentation.

Infrastructure remains a responsibility

Digital networks form the foundation of modern societies. They connect people and businesses, ensure the supply of goods and services, and facilitate economic activity and growth. This responsibility also shapes VNG's self-image as an operator of critical infrastructure. In this role, we apply our experience in the energy sector to the digital world. For example, we are building an integrated infrastructure and services business centred on fibre optics.

The Digital Infrastructure business area is strategically expanding VNG's portfolio to include a forward-looking growth area. Thanks to its high-performance fibre-optic infrastructure and a comprehensive range of services covering the entire value chain, VNG is establishing itself as a valued player in the telecommunications market. At the same time, we are strengthening our role as a reliable partner for towns and businesses in the region.

We are a full-service provider for a wide variety of infrastructure solutions.

Dirk Pohle is Managing Director of GDMcom

Further information:
www.gdmcom-gruppe.de

One business area – one strong player

As part of the VNG 2030+ Group Strategy, VNG has been systematically developing its Digital Infrastructure business area since 2022. The operational activities in this area are consolidated within the GDMcom Group. Under its umbrella, the company is developing a comprehensive range of digital Infrastructure in the backbone and FTTx sectors – from planning and construction through to operation, support and documentation for clients in both the B2B and B2C sectors.

The organisational restructuring as the GDMcom Group has, since the start of 2024, established clear lines of responsibility and streamlined decision-making processes. “We are a full-service provider and work on a wide variety of infrastructure projects on a day-to-day basis. Whether it be energy, industrial or telecommunications infrastructure: We plan, document and manage networks, all under one roof. This pooling of expertise is a real advantage, particularly in the telecommunications market,” says Dirk Pohle, Managing Director of GDMcom.

Experience in critical infrastructure

The GDMcom Group has over 25 years’ experience in the operation of critical infrastructure. What began with the documentation of gas networks is now continuing in the roll-out of fibre-optic networks – particularly in the areas of network security, route planning and documentation.

A clear advantage stems from the efficient use of existing infrastructure, as fibre-optic routes often run alongside existing, precisely documented gas pipelines. This improves safety and reduces the risk of failures.

Fibre-optics for energy, the economy and regions

High-performance broadband networks are a key pre-requisite for the energy transition. Smart grids, smart metering and data-driven control systems require stable and secure data communication – fibre-optics provide an essential foundation for this.

At the same time, this boosts digital inclusion and local economic development. VNG’s involvement in this business area therefore also includes providing gigabit-capable fibre-optic connections to residential and business customers.

Regional roots, with a focus on the future

With 15 locations in eastern Germany, the GDMcom Group is firmly rooted in its home region. Its close relationship with its customers and partners, such as local authorities, municipal utilities and local industry, is a key factor in its success. Training, skills development and a long-term commitment to the local community good performance for the business area.



400

employees work for the GDMcom Group

6

active FTTx projects as part of regional broadband expansion

— Regional value contributions

Responsibility that makes a difference

VNG is based in eastern Germany. This is where our roots lie. This is where we make decisions. And this is where a significant part of our value is created.

As a group of companies headquartered in Leipzig, we take responsibility for a region undergoing change – economically and socially. Our role extends beyond day-to-day operations. Through infrastructure, investment and jobs, we are securing supplies, boosting industrial value creation and creating long-term prospects in central and eastern Germany.

This effect is measurable. A regional study by Conoscope GmbH¹ estimates the direct and indirect economic contribution of our business activities in eastern Germany in the 2024 financial year at around €1.07 billion. Every job within the VNG Group supports a further three jobs through regional links. In addition, there are extensive regional supply chains and partnerships as well as significant tax and duty payments. Value is created within the region – and benefits the region directly.

¹ Conoscope GmbH, VNG site analysis, 2025, internal.

Based in Leipzig with regional impact

The Saxon city is more than just our headquarters. From here, we manage a corporate network that ensures the supply of gas and drives forward the transformation of the energy system. This is where strategic decisions, investments and partnerships are made – with a direct impact on employment, infrastructure and economic development in eastern Germany.

Our strong regional roots are central to our identity. We don't view security of supply and transformation in abstract terms but in a local context. Our infrastructure forms the backbone of industry, local communities and households. At the same time, we are laying the groundwork for new value creation – for example, by expanding renewable and low-carbon gases and sustainable infrastructure.

Strengthening society, shaping the future

A strong region needs more than just economic stability. It requires commitment, solidarity and participation. That is why we regard social responsibility as an integral part of everything we do.

Our commitment is rooted in everyday life: in voluntary work, in clubs and associations, and in initiatives promoting education, culture, health and sport. These structures encourage interpersonal dialogue, strengthen democracy and foster a sense of community. We support them in a deliberate and targeted manner, because social cohesion is the foundation for innovation, long-term regional development and quality of life.



Long-term commitment
and a clear focus

Through our partnership with the VNG Foundation and the Central German Foundation for Science and Education, we are strategically and sustainably pooling our social commitment.

The VNG Foundation has been active in eastern Germany since 2009. Its funding is focused on civil society, the public good, democracy, the arts, culture, grassroots sport and health. Since 2024, the Central German Foundation for Science and Education has been fostering links between the worlds of science, business and civil society. It supports students, assists academic institutions and promotes the transfer of knowledge. This creates opportunities for skilled workers, innovation and regional development.

Showcasing culture,
strengthening identity

Through VNGart, we have been providing a platform for east German art and photography since the 1990s. The collection now comprises over 1,100 works. Through regional exhibitions and publications, it showcases creative diversity, opens up new perspectives and thereby strengthens cultural identity.

Responsibility with an eye
to the future

Our regional value contributions are not merely an addition to our core business; they form part of our role as an operator of critical infrastructure, as an economic player and as a member of society. By safeguarding the energy supply and shaping the transformation of the energy system, we take responsibility for our local region. This is how we combine economic strength, social commitment and strategic foresight – both today and in the future.

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