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## **GASPOOL holds information workshops on new Cooperation Agreement**

### **Number of participants at customer events continues to rise**

Berlin (Germany). In 2015 GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH has again kept market participants informed about developments by holding its 7th round of customer forum events around Germany.

The market area manager's Balancing Group Manager Forum was attended by more than 100 interested parties, up from 83 in the previous year. The English-language session also attracted more participants. A rising number of attendees also came together at the Network Operator Forum events, which were held in Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Berlin. Overall, representatives of 260 network companies gathered to learn about current market developments, compared to 220 network operators in 2014. These numbers show that the customer forum events have again proven to be an established meeting point for the industry.

A special focus of this year's events was the German regulator Bundesnetzagentur's new GaBiGas 2.0 ruling on gas balancing and the associated changes, which are implemented by way of the so-called Cooperation Agreement VIII. All presentations are available for download from the GASPOOL website at [www.gaspool.de](http://www.gaspool.de).

The market area manager has hosted annual customer forums across Germany in the first half of summer since 2009 to inform network operators and balancing group managers active in its market area about current developments and the changes affecting the administration of balancing groups which are required to be implemented by the start of each new gas year on 1 October.

#### About GASPOOL

GASPOOL Balancing Services GmbH is a Berlin-based joint venture of GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Gastransport Nord GmbH, Gasunie Deutschland Transport Services GmbH, Nowega GmbH and ONTRAS Gastransport GmbH.

The object of the company is the operation of the GASPOOL market area in Germany, which connects around 350 downstream natural gas transportation networks. Following the integration of the market area H-Gas Norddeutschland, Jordgas Transport GmbH also joined the market area cooperation.