



Press release
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ENGIE and GASAG sign long-term contract to build and operate distributed energy infrastructure for new low-carbon smart district in Berlin

ENGIE and GASAG have been awarded a major project for distributed energy, mobility solutions, digitalisation and comprehensive services in Germany, within the scope of the “*Das neue Gartenfeld*” (“The New Gartenfeld”) low-carbon smart district project located in Spandau, a district located in the North-West of Berlin.

The objective of the “The New Gartenfeld” project is to convert a former cable factory site into a sustainable district of the future, resolutely *avant-garde* with innovative concepts around mobility, energy and digitisation as well as a collaborative approach with its residents, set to reach 10,000 by 2029. To achieve this pioneering project, ENGIE and its local partner GASAG have joined forces to install, link and operate a highly-efficient distributed energy infrastructure, and will provide mobility and energy supply services.

In particular, these will include:

- design, construction and operation of district heating plants and heat pumps, along with the associated urban network for distribution to all buildings through a 20-years offtake contract as well as the construction and operation of cooling plants;
- preparation of facilities for the arrival of hydrogen in the longer term in replacement of natural gas;
- development of renewable energy sources, with the installation of photovoltaic panels, including on housing buildings’ rooftops;
- installation of electric vehicle charging stations, a carpooling scheme, and real-time management of parking spaces;
- installation of the district’s digital network using the latest technologies and the supply of an application to, in particular, facilitate residents’ e-mobility, monitoring of energy production and consumption and maintain a social network in the neighborhood.

More than 3,700 apartments, 600 business premises and extensive communal areas and facilities are currently under construction on the 31 hectare site. With its sustainable design that incorporates the supply of renewable energy sources and digitisation services, “The New Gartenfeld” will abate 1,100 metric tons of CO₂ annually, 10 years ahead of Germany’s climate targets for districts and cities.



This long-term project (20+ years) is fully in line with ENGIE's roadmap to accelerate the energy transition by focusing in particular on renewable energy and distributed energy infrastructure solutions.

Cécile Prévieu, ENGIE's Executive Vice President in charge of Energy Solutions activities, said: *"We are very pleased to have been selected with our partner GASAG for this emblematic and long-term project in Berlin, to build a new low-carbon smart district with low energy consumption. This major contract illustrates the relevance of our distributed energy infrastructure solutions in support of low-carbon districts and cities in which we are a key player, to lead the transition to a carbon-neutral economy."*

ENGIE has been present in Germany for nearly 25 years where it counts 5,000 employees and offers solutions supporting a sustainable energy future, from renewable energies to energy efficiency solutions, including design, construction and operation of smart buildings and energy systems.

To learn more about "The New Gartenfeld": <https://www.burohappold.com/projects/the-new-gartenfeld/#>

About ENGIE

Our group is a global reference in low-carbon energy and services. Together with our 170,000 employees, our customers, partners and stakeholders, we are committed to accelerating the transition towards a carbon-neutral world, through reduced energy consumption and more environmentally-friendly solutions. Inspired by our purpose ("raison d'être"), we reconcile economic performance with a positive impact on people and the planet, building on our key businesses (gas, renewable energy, services) to offer competitive solutions to our customers.

Turnover in 2020: 55.8 billion Euros. The Group is listed on the Paris and Brussels stock exchanges (ENGI) and is represented in the main financial indices (CAC 40, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe) and non-financial indices (DJSI World, DJSI Europe, Euronext Vigeo Eiris - Eurozone 120/ Europe 120/ France 20, MSCI EMU ESG, MSCI Europe ESG, Euro Stoxx 50 ESG, Stoxx Europe 600 ESG, and Stoxx Global 1800 ESG).

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About GASAG

GASAG AG, with its subsidiaries, is a leading network operator, energy service provider and producer with a focus on the Berlin-Brandenburg region. In addition to the supply of natural gas and green electricity for hundreds of thousands of household and commercial customers and an increasing green electricity generation, the companies in the GASAG Group offer a wide range of energy services – for builders, housing companies and single-family home owners.