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## Regional attitudes towards the supply of energy and natural gas in Germany

In a representative survey, the opinion research institute forsa questioned around 1,500 people from Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Saxony regarding the challenges when supplying energy and the development of the natural gas infrastructure. The interviews were conducted from 26 May until 17 June 2016.\* The background is the in planning construction of the European Gas Pipeline Link (EUGAL) through the aforementioned federal states.



### ENERGY SUPPLY: THE PUBLIC PRIMARILY WANTS AFFORDABILITY AND RELIABILITY

Generally speaking, people in these federal states are concerned about the costs. In total, 70 percent of those surveyed said that it is very important that energy remains affordable for everyone. 62 percent emphasized that the energy supply must be secure and reliable at all times. For 41 percent, it is also important that energy is produced in an environmentally friendly manner.

Against the backdrop of the energy revolution and the phasing out of nuclear power, natural gas plays an important role for the public. 62 percent believe that a secure supply of gas is either important or very important.

It is very important that:

Electricity and energy remain affordable for everyone

70%

A secure and reliable supply is guaranteed at all times

62%

Energy is produced in an environmentally friendly manner

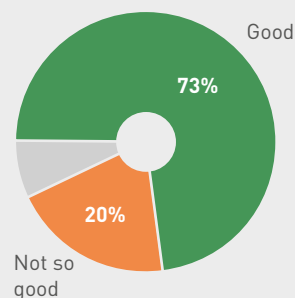
41%

### EUROPEAN CONNECTIONS AND FALLING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION NECESSITATE ADDITIONAL PIPELINE CAPACITIES

The vast majority (73%) of people in Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Saxony are in favor of developing the European network, as a result of which countries such as Poland and the Czech Republic can be supplied with more natural gas from Western Europe than before.

In view of the falling domestic production of natural gas in Germany and the other EU states, 68 percent of people also said that they are in favor of additional transport capacities being put in place to supply Germany with natural gas straight from the countries of origin.

Future network development to involve our Eastern European neighbors more closely in the gas supply process is:



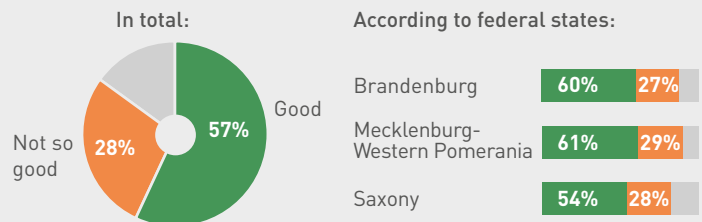
\* The figures in the graphics are percentages. Missing responses to make up 100 percent = "Don't know".

# Network development in Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Saxony

## NEW PIPELINE PROJECT RECEIVES BROAD SUPPORT IN ALL STATES INVOLVED

A clear majority (57 %) of people in Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Saxony supports plans to build a new European natural gas pipeline through their federal state.

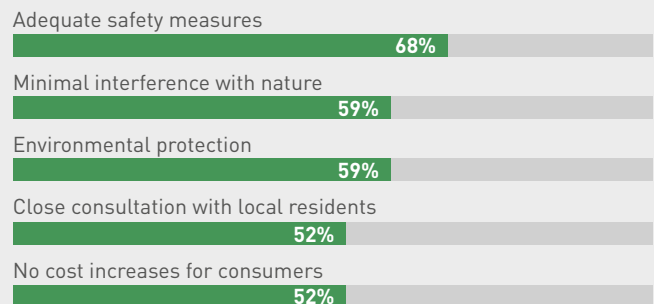
Percentage of people who find the plans for the new European natural gas pipeline:



## KEY CONSIDERATIONS WHEN BUILDING THE PIPELINE: SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Safety is a matter of top priority! According to more than two thirds of those surveyed, safety is the most important consideration when building a new natural gas pipeline of this type. Around 60 percent of those surveyed said it is very important that the project interferes with nature as little as possible and that the environment is protected. At the same time, around half (52%) emphasized that the project should be in planning in close consultation with local residents and that the costs for consumers should not increase.

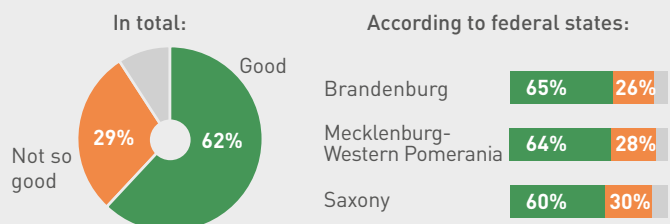
When building the new natural gas pipeline, the following are very important:



## STRONG EUROPEAN DOMESTIC MARKET: GREATER IMPORTANCE FOR ONE'S OWN FEDERAL STATE

Over 60 percent of people would welcome it if their federal state played an important role in strengthening the European domestic market as a result of the new natural gas pipeline being built. Furthermore, the majority of people are convinced that their federal state will benefit from the in planning development of the natural gas infrastructure.

Percentage of people who regard their federal state having a more important role in European gas transport:



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