

— Digital Infrastructure

# Coming together so that together we grow more

The new GDMcom Group



Since 1 January 2024, there has been a new force on the telecommunications market: the GDMcom Group. It provides the entire range of services in VNG's Digital Infrastructure division, from planning and installation to support and documentation of customised telecommunications solutions for customers in the B2B and B2C sectors.

## FROM SERVICE PROVIDER TO FULL-SERVICE PROVIDER

GDMcom has been leveraging its extensive experience in critical infrastructure for 25 years now. The documentation of gas networks and pipeline rights was once the core business. Today, this know-how as well as expertise in network security and communication technology brings considerable advantages in the expansion of fibre optics. "With this mix of services, we deliver significant added value for the Group and for our customers," says Managing Director Dirk Pohle. "Especially as the GDMcom Group now covers the entire value chain in the digital infrastructure sector – from planning to construction, operations management, documentation and end customer business."

The bundling of all players under one organisational roof at the start of 2024 has created the structures for more efficient collaboration. "We are a full-service provider – for a wide variety of infrastructures," says Dirk Pohle. "Whether gas, electricity, chemicals or telecommunications, we offer a comprehensive portfolio." And Pohle emphasises another advantage of forming the group: while other providers have to form consortia, bidding and joint ventures for major projects, the GDMcom Group can offer all the required expertise from a single source. "This is quite unique, especially in the telecommunications market."

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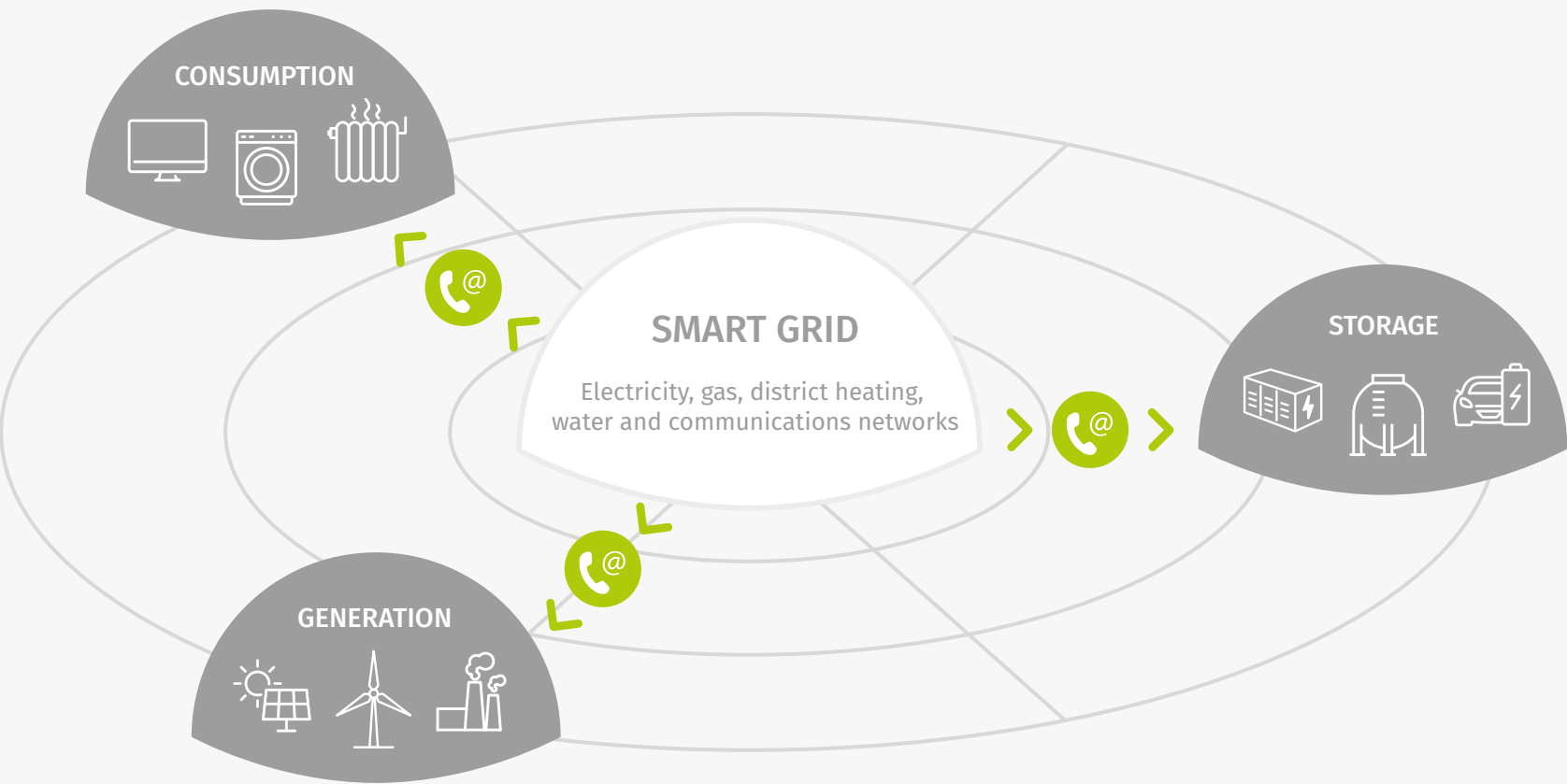
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# Broadband for the energy transition

Broadband expansion is essential for the energy transition. This is because the efficient balancing of energy generation and consumption requires the exchange of large volumes of data. Smart grids digitally link energy producers, grid operators and consumers in order to balance supply and demand in real time. Without high-performance data communication, they are neither practical nor economical. Smart home and smart metering solutions that optimise energy consumption in buildings also require reliable broadband connections.



## Critical infrastructure – secure!

The physical proximity and cooperation within the VNG Group results in valuable synergies in the area of fibre optic expansion. The IT supporting the gas infrastructure comes with high-security technology. What we know from secure firewall protection is also used for the fibre optic network.

And sometimes the literal proximity to the gas grid business is an advantage: the super-fast data highways of the fibre optic backbone network are often laid by GDMcom along gas pipes. With great advantages - the routes are well documented and are located in areas monitored for security. And where there is a gas pipeline, there is little risk that an excavator will accidentally cut through a data line.



15

locations  
in Eastern Germany.

370

employees  
work for the GDMcom Group.

## REGIONAL ROOTS AS A SUCCESS FACTOR

With 13 locations in Eastern Germany, the GDMcom Group is firmly rooted in its home region. “Our employees work and live here. They pay taxes and are members of local organisations,” says Pohle. “That’s why we are also so present here locally.” An expression of this local commitment is the offer of a wide range of traineeships, particularly in the fields of telecommunications, civil engineering and IT.

## EXTENDED USE OF NETWORK EXPERTISE

The telecommunications market will change over the next few years. Broadband expansion should be largely completed by 2030. “Based on our expertise in this field, we definitely see growth potential in other areas such as electricity and heating networks,” says Dirk Pohle in relation to the future potential for GDMcom.

Coming together so that together we grow more – for the GDMcom Group, this is not just a slogan, but a strategic step into the future.