

# The future of metropolitan Zurich's gas infrastructure



**What role will be left for gas distribution networks to play in a virtually climate-neutral world? In search of an answer, EBP conferred with all of the relevant stakeholders in the framework of a dialogue project.**

Our energy and climate policies have shifted rapidly as we expand our efforts to achieve a more sustainable supply and use of energy. In August 2019, the Swiss Federal Council passed a resolution stipulating that Switzerland is to become climate-neutral by 2050. What impact will such ambitious climate goals have on Switzerland's existing gas distribution networks? Analyses of this issue in the media often seem contradictory. EBP launched a dialogue project on the impact that energy policy changes can be expected to have on city and municipal gas distribution pipelines so as to establish a basis for developing smart strategies and avoiding stranded investments. A total of 15 stakeholders – including suppliers, scientists and municipal, cantonal, and federal representatives – joined one another to assess the facts, voice their opinions and issue recommendations.

The project results include an expert report and a convenient guide for suppliers and municipalities.

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## Client

Metropolitan Zurich Association, Canton of Zurich, Canton of St. Gallen, EnergieSchweiz and BaslerFonds

## Facts

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| Period                         | 2017 - 2020     |
| Project Country                | Switzerland     |
| Dialogue participants          | 15 stakeholders |
| Swiss gas distribution network | 18,000 km       |

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