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ONEO as a partner in the European TRANSGEO project – exchange on geothermal potential in Ampfing, Bavaria

Hanover, October 30, 2025. **ONEO is a partner in the European TRANSGEO research project and is committed to the sustainable use of abandoned wells for geothermal energy production. ONEO recently presented the results in one of the pilot regions: In Ampfing (Bavaria), there is the possibility of reusing an existing well for geothermal use.**

ONEO is a partner in the European research project TRANSGEO (Transforming abandoned wells for geothermal energy production), which is dedicated to the sustainable use of abandoned oil and gas wells for geothermal energy production. The aim of the project is to reuse existing infrastructure from the fossil fuel industry in Central and Eastern Europe in a climate-friendly way, thereby contributing to the heat transition in Europe.

TRANSGEO is funded by the European Union's Interreg Central Europe program. A total of 11 partner organizations from Germany, Austria, Croatia, Hungary, and Slovenia are working together to systematically assess the potential for reusing existing wells. Plans include a transnational assessment of suitable sites, site-specific feasibility studies, the development of a web-based tool for assessing potential, and a joint strategy for the use of geothermal resources.

One of the eight European pilot sites is located in Ampfing (Bavaria), where ONEO has already conducted a feasibility study on geothermal energy use. Initial results show promising potential: the geological conditions could not only cover local heating needs, but also be relevant for broader regional supply.

In August 2025, Ernst Burgschwaiger and Max Svetina from ONEO presented the project to Mayor Josef Grundner at Ampfing Town Hall. They explained the project's goals, methods, and expected results. The focus was on reusing the existing borehole and assessing the geothermal potential. Mayor Grundner showed great interest and asked specific questions about the technical implementation and possible implications for the community. The discussion served as a transparent exchange about future developments in the field of geothermal energy. With its commitment in Ampfing, ONEO is making an important contribution to the energy transition and the sustainable use of existing resources.

More information: https://oneo.eu/#projecttransgeo and https://www.interreg-central.eu/projects/transgeo/

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About ONEO

ONEO is an energy company based in Hanover and Vienna that develops and implements innovative concepts for sustainable energy production based on existing oil and gas production infrastructure. With its three business areas Production Optimisation, Deconstruction and Renaturation, and Sustainable Solutions, ONEO has committed itself to contributing to the energy transition. ONEO is an independent company under the umbrella of the investment company Shorelight Partners. Shorelight invests in assets and technologies that deliver significant and measurable reductions in CO_2 emissions. To this end, Shorelight works with companies along the entire energy value chain in Europe. Specific areas of interest include the reuse of conventional energy infrastructure, electrification, grid resilience and advanced biofuels.

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