

Project description:

Project title: Doing Energy Transition? A Contribution to the History of Natural Gas Supply in Austria, 1945 to ca. 1980

Austria was the first country in Western Europe to have Soviet natural gas flowing through its pipelines. But how did the so-called “Russengas” [Russian gas] reach consumers in households, trade and industry in the 1960s? What role did regional energy suppliers such as NIOGAS and Austria Ferngas AG play in this? And what lessons can be learned from these historical energy transitions for the challenges of the current “Energiewende”? These are the questions that environmental historian Robert Groß will pursue in 2022 as part of a fellowship awarded to him by EVN AG on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

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