

# Manage meters digitally with *pixometer*

**Köln, 13.01.2017 | Digital does not necessarily mean smart. Besides all mechanical meters, even newly installed digital meters in Germany will have to be read manually in the future. Only a few are actually smart meters.**

## **Scanning replaces typing**

An alternative to fully manual reading and typing is scanning via camera, offered by the start-up *pixolus*: Scanning of meter values of power, gas, water and heat meters via smartphone or tablet is available for iOS and Android based devices. Based on image recognition, mechanical and digital meters are detected automatically and quickly. Latest functional addition is the scanning function for counters with rolling LCD displays including detection of the OBIS code. The meters themselves can be easily identified by barcode readers. A document photo is kept for reference.

## **Upvaluation of customer apps and workforce management tools**

Utility companies can use *pixolus*' image recognition in customer apps and workforce management tools. For example, Yello, rhenag and Stadtwerke Kaiserslautern already offer their customers the convenient scanning function in their apps. *pixolus* has partnered with established players like BTC, Lovion and Bittner + Krull. For example, EWE, Gelsenwasser and wesernetz Bremen use *pixolus*' OCR technology.

## **Digital solution instead of paperwork**

With *pixometer*, *pixolus* now also offers a cloud solution for meter reading. Besides small and medium-sized utilities, the product targets home administrations and landlords, meter reading providers and energy data management. Users first set up their meter data via web portal at <https://pixometer.io>. The meter readings can then be captured with smartphones or tablets. The readings plus additional information like date, time and reference photos, are synchronized again into the web portal and can be exported into their own systems for further use.

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