Gas interconnection

Gas bridge between Asia & Europe (Nabucco)

STATES INVOLVED
Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Turkey

PROJECT PROMOTER
Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH

BASIC TECHNICAL DATA
Length: 3,900 km (including feeder line to Turkish/Iraqi border)
Capacity: 31 bcm/y

BUDGET
Total project cost: € 7.9 bn (currently under revision)
Total EEPR activities cost: € 400 m of which:
Promoter(s): € 200 m
EEPR support: € 200 m (funding rate of 50%)

EEPR ACTIVITIES\ 1 TIMETABLE
Start date: 2009
End date: 2012

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
European Commission, DG ENER
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/eepr/index_en.htm
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OBJECTIVES
The Nabucco project covers the construction of a natural gas pipeline from the eastern border of Turkey to Austria, crossing Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary. It will connect Europe with the world's largest natural gas deposit in the Caspian/Middle East region. The main gas suppliers are expected to be Azerbaijan, Iraq and Turkmenistan.

PROJECT IMPACT
The Nabucco gas pipeline is an element of the Southern Corridor strategy, enhancing security of supply for Europe. It will allow a diversification of gas suppliers and delivery routes, as well as bringing substantial amounts of new gas from gas-affluent Caspian and Middle East sources. Countries in South-East Europe will also get access to secure and stable gas deliveries which will boost the penetration of gas on their territory.

Gas users will benefit from increased competition on the EU gas market.

ACTIVITIES (CO-FINANCED UNDER THE EEPR) IN BRIEF
The EEPR supports tendering procedures and the procurement of long lead items (line pipe, bends and valve) for the construction of the pipeline.

STATE OF PLAY OCTOBER 2013
The project's preparatory activities are mostly completed (procurement preparation, environmental authorisation and engineering). Project promoters were not selected in the context of the commercial negotiations with the gas producer (Shah Deniz in Azerbaijan) to secure the necessary shipping agreements. Project promoters are evaluating the commercial option for the project.

1. Activities co-financed under the EEPR