

Media Review details

- During the scoping phase, an initial Media Research was conducted by the consultant. Both regional and national journals reflected the project development and the environmental permitting process. The written mass media covered several topics related to the project such as:
- Technical aspects – brief description of the project components and the pipeline route
- Financing aspects – project costs and potential sources for financing
- Environmental and social aspects – environmental permit procedure, public debates announcements and information on landowners impacted by the project.

The public debate organised in Tuzla (km 0 of the pipeline) back in December 2017 within the environmental permitting process has been recorded and is publicly available on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOBNIN-vqUo>. Local mass media also reflected the outcomes of this public debate – Mangalia TV news - <https://www.mangalia.tv/transgazului-i-s-a-infundat-conducta-la-tuzla-dezbatere-publica-despre-conducta-pentru-preluarea-gazului-din-marea-neagra/> (accessed on 28.05.2021).

In general, the mass media coverage is positive and the articles that have been published during 2017 – 2018 were mainly about explaining the project and informing the public at large about the project setup. The images below are snapshots from different online newspapers where the project development was reflected:

Table 1 – Media Review snapshots

<p>Investment costs and brief project description</p> <p>Source: Jurnalul 2018 August 21st, https://jurnalul.ro/bani-afaceri/transgaz-va-investi-360-de-milioane-de-euro-pentru-realizarea-conductei-ce-va-prelua-gazele-din-marea-neagra-784354.html, accessed on 28.05.2021</p>	
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<p>Environmental permit procedure was reflected in several local and national newspapers, especially when announcing the public debates.</p> <p>Sources: Profit, https://www.profit.ro/povesti-cu-profit/energie/transgaz-a-cerut-acord-de-mediu-pentru-conducta-care-va-prelua-gazele-din-marea-neagra-de-la-tarm-din-tuzla-16651231</p>	<p>The screenshot shows a news article from Profit.ro. The main headline is 'Transgaz a cerut acord de mediu pentru conducta care va prelua gazele din Marea Neagră de la tarm din Tuzla'. Below the headline is a photograph of an offshore oil rig at sea during sunset. The article text is partially visible, mentioning 'Comitetul regional de mediu și gazele naturale Transgaz, companie controlată de statul român, cu peste 50% din acțiuni' and 'După la faza de studiu pentru Protecția Mediului (DMP), sală de lucru de lucru a șantierului de lucru pentru proiectul construcției subterane Tuzla-Podisor, care ar urma să fie încheiată pe scurt dintr-o parte în zona offshore de gaze naturale din Marea Neagră și sistemul regional de transport, investiție de peste 170 milioane euro, cu termen de finalizare estimat pentru anul 2021.'</p>
<p>Information on land occupancy and the official governmental decision relate to this topic were also published both at national and regional level. For example, in Constanta County, the list of impacted persons was published in one of the local newspapers.</p> <p>Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial intelligence, April 2020- https://financialintelligence.ro/ministerul-mediului-proiect-de-hg-privind- aprobarea-ocuparii-temporare-de-catre-transgaz-a-unui-teren-de-20083-pentru-conducta-de-transport-gaze-naturale-tarmul-marii-negre-podisor/, accessed on 28.05.2021 Ziua de Constanta January 2019, https://www.ziuaconstanta.ro/stiri/deschidere-editie/expropriieri-in-judetul-constantina-pentru-proiectul-conducta-tarmul-marii-negre-podisor-cine-este-pe-lista-i-681973.html, accessed on 28.12.2021 	<p>The screenshot shows a news article from Ziua de Constanta. The main headline is 'Expropriieri în județul Constanța, pentru proiectul „Conducta Tarmul Mării Negre - Podisor”. Cine este pe listă (I)'. Below the headline is a photograph of a green agricultural field. The article text is partially visible, mentioning 'Pe lista de a fi expropriați pentru proiectul Podisor din județul Constanța s-a aflat în total 100 de persoane care au fost anunțate în scris să se prezinte la sediul Agenției de Expropriații pentru a semnifica că au acceptat preluarea terenurilor care vor fi necesare pentru proiectul de construcție a conductei de gaze naturale din Marea Neagră și sistemul regional de transport, investiție de peste 170 milioane euro, cu termen de finalizare estimat pentru anul 2021.'</p>

High officials from Romania expressed their support for the project

Source: Financial Intelligence August, 14th 2020
<https://financialeintelligence.ro/orban-conducta-tuzla-podisor-va-asigura-conectarea-la-brua-la-sistemul-national-si-european-de-transport-a-gazului-natural-care-urmeaza-sa-fie-extras-din-marea-neagra/>, accessed on 28.05.2021



Information related to the associated facility – the investments on gas extraction from Black Sea – have been published especially in the last 2 years when one of the investors decided to withdraw and the Romanian authorities are considering acquiring the shares of this company.

Sources:

- G4Media, October 30, 2020 - <https://www.g4media.ro/ministrul-energiei-romgaz-vrea-sa-preia-50-din-perimetrul-de-gaze-neptun-deep-din-marea-neagra-detinut-in-prezent-de-exxonmobil-compania-americana-si-a-anuntat-anul-trecut-intentia-de-a-se-retrage.html>, accessed on 28.05.2021
- Jurnal July 2017 - <https://jurnalul.ro/bani-afaceri/economia/conducta-transgaz-de-la-marea-neagra-distruge-plaja-virgina-de-la-tuzla-746917.html> - information that is not accurate since it informs people that Transgaz pipeline will destroy the beach in Tuzla, which is not the case.



Ministrul Energiei: Romgaz vrea să preia 50% din perimetrul de gaze Neptun Deep din Marea Neagră, deținut în prezent de ExxonMobil / Compania americană și-a anunțat anul trecut intenția de a se retrage din România

Information on selection process and the selected company for the construction works for the pipeline

Source: Romania Libera February 23rd 2021,
<https://romania.europalibera.org/a/conducta-c%C4%83tre-europa-a-gazului-din-marea-neagr%C4%83-cost%C4%83-rom%C3%A2nia-1-6-miliarde-de-lei-banii-vor-ajunge-%C3%AEen-turcia-/31117945.html>, accessed on 28.05.2021

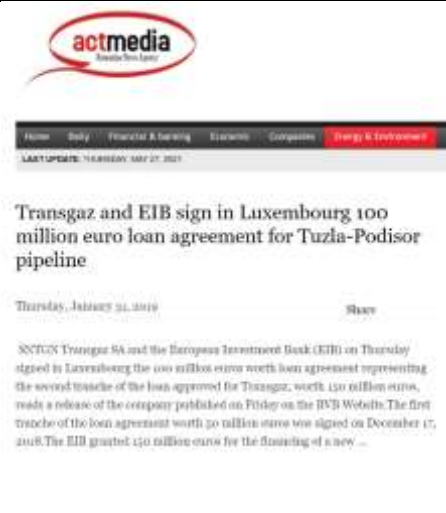



Bombăla spre ca. 2021 de proiect transporta gaz extract din Marea Neagră (Imagie Europa. De sus în jos: Reuters, D. Tuzla, (Imagie Gazeta.ro).

Compania turcă Kalyon a câștigat licența pentru extracția gazului prin care gazele extrase din Marea Neagră ar putea ajunge în casele românilor, dar și ale europenilor. Potrivit unor documente oficiale consultate de Europa Liberă, România ar putea produce mai mult decât consumul său din 2020.

Asociații de distribuție a energiei și Constanța de transport gaze naturale (Tuzla-Mări Negre - Podisor) a fost publică pe piața financiară publică de acțiuni (Bursa București) în aprilie 2020.

Tirina turcă Kalyon lasat Savaaj ve Tuzla Aracılık Şirketi va putea să dețină de la început de la început construcția pe care România intenționează să transporte în rețeaua națională și europeană gazele naturale extrase din Marea Neagră. (1)

<p>Information related to the project have also been published in international journals, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balkan Energy - http://balkanenergy.com/tag/tuzla-podisor/ • ActMedia - https://www.actmedia.eu/energy-and-environment/transgaz-and-eib-sign-in-luxembourg-100-million-euro-loan-agreement-for-tuzla-podisor-pipeline/79404 • Emerging Europe - https://emerging-europe.com/business/transgaz-launches-tender-for-black-sea-gas-pipeline/, etc. 	 <p>The screenshot shows the ActMedia website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main article title is "Transgaz and EIB sign in Luxembourg 100 million euro loan agreement for Tuzla-Podisor pipeline". The date is "Thursday, January 31, 2019". The article text begins: "SOCIETATII Transgaz SA and the European Investment Bank (EIB) on Thursday signed in Luxembourg the 100 million euro worth loan agreement representing the second tranche of the loan approved for Transgaz, worth 130 million euros, made a release of the company published on Friday on the BVB Website. The first tranche of the loan agreement worth 30 million euros was signed on December 17, 2018. The EIB granted 130 million euros for the financing of a new ..."</p>
<p>International NGOs such as Bankwatch also published information in ENG language related to the project. The information was related to project financing scheme and a brief technical description.</p> <p>Source: Bankwatch, 2019 https://bankwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/State-capture-gas-report.pdf in ENG and https://bankwatch.ro/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Capturarea-statului-raport-gaze-naturale1.pdf in ROM</p>	 <p>The cover is yellow with the title "State Capture" in large black font. Below the title, it reads: "A case study about natural gas exploitation and transportation in Romania". At the bottom, it says "DATE: October 2019".</p>