

03.05.2019**RELEASE****Transgaz obtained the right to start the works to the pipeline accommodating the Black Sea gas and connecting it to the NTS and BRUA**

The National Gas Transmission Company Transgaz SA obtained the right to start the works to the gas project of common interest "Black Sea - Podisor Pipeline for taking over Black Sea gas" as a result of the fact that the Ministry of Energy had issued the Comprehensive Decision no. 4/25.04.2019.

According to the provisions of Regulation (EU) no. 347/2013 – the comprehensive decision represents the decision or the set of decisions made by an EU Member State authority or authorities, except for law courts, establishing if a project promoter is granted or not the authorization to achieve the project. In the case of the pipeline to take over Black Sea gas the project promoter is the National gas transmission company Transgaz SA.

Mr. Ion Sterian, Transgaz' Director General, mentioned in his statement that the project of common interest in the gas field "Black Sea Shore – Podisor pipeline for taking over Black Sea gas" strengthens the company's strategic role both in the European and national energy infrastructure.

"Considering the full and consistent completion of the authorization process necessary for the achievement of the project of common interest, of the stakeholders engagement plan and the issue of the Comprehensive Decision, Transgaz, as the promoter of the Project for the construction of the pipeline to take over gas from the Black Sea obtained the right to actually start the works for the construction of the gas transmission pipeline. Thus, the company reinforced its role and position in the European and national energy infrastructure sector".

The route of the project follows the general direction from South-East towards West crossing the counties of Constanța, Călărași and Giurgiu.

On the territory of the county of Constanta the pipeline is located on the administrative territory of the localities: Tuzla, Costinești, Topraisar, Amzacea, Mereni, Chirnogeni, Cobadin, Peștera, Rasova.

On the territory of the county of Călărași, the pipeline is located on the administrative territory of the localities: Borcea, Jegălia, Perișoru, Dragalina, Ștefan Vodă, Cuza Vodă, Grădiștea, Independența, Alexandru Odobescu, Ciocănești, Dorobanțu, Ulmu, Lupșanu, Mânăstirea, Frăsinet, Curcani, Mitreni, Radovanu, Crivăț.

On the territory of the county of Giurgiu, the pipeline is located on the administrative territory of the localities: Hotarele, Greaca, Isoarele, Prundu, Băneasa, Călugăreni, Stoenesti, Schitu, Iepurești, Ghimpați, Bulbucata, Letea Nouă, Clejani, Bucșani.

The project includes the following investment objectives:

- The gas transmission pipeline Black Sea Shore – Amzacea, 308.4 km long, made up of two sections:
 - Black Sea Shore – Amzacea pipeline, 32,5 km long with a diameter of 1200 mm;
 - Amzacea – Podișor pipeline, 275,9 km long, with a diameter of 1000 mm;
- The pig receipt-launching station located at km 32.5 in the area of the Amzacea locality;
- Technological node for the interconnection with the T1 transit pipeline;
- Technological node for the interconnection of the National Gas Transmission System in the Vlașin area;
- Interconnection with the Gas Compressor Station Podișor.

Along the pipeline route 20 block valve stations will be installed as well as 10 cathodic protection stations located in the block valve stations.

The total estimated value of the project is EUR 360.4 million and the estimated completion deadline is 2021.

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