
SERBIA BEGINS BUILDING TURKSTREAM GAS CONDUIT STRETCH

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Serbia has taken delivery of the pipes it will use to construct its section of the TurkStream pipeline to carry Russian natural gas to Europe, the country's energy minister said Tuesday.

Roughly 7,000 tons of pipes arrived Monday with some 50,000 tons more are expected to be delivered by December when the project is scheduled to be completed, Alexander Antic told a televised interview.

"Serbia becomes a transit country and it will generate revenues from it. The pipeline will enable further reindustrialization of the country," said Antic.

He said both foreign and national companies are taking part in the construction of the pipeline section from the Bulgarian border to the frontier with Hungary.

Antic said Serbia does not expect to face any financial dire straits in funding the construction of the 403-kilometer conduit.

The TurkStream is a project which will carry Russian gas via a pipeline under the Black Sea bypassing Ukraine and onward through Bulgaria, Serbia, and Hungary.

The project is the biggest-diameter offshore gas pipeline in the world laid at such depths. The deep sea pipe-laying was carried out by Pioneering Spirit, the world's biggest construction vessel.

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