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## **MOST OF EUROPE IS FINE WITHOUT RUSSIAN GAS**

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*But the end of the supply contract through Ukraine at the end of this year could prove costly for Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.*

The contract for Russian gas is toxic. The gas is replaceable. Lets move on.

Thats the logic many European officials have adopted as a multibillion dollar deal keeping Russian gas pumping through Ukraine into the European Union nears expiration at years end. And the data shows theyre broadly right: The EU can generally go elsewhere for that gas.

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