

**MAY 9 - Europe Day** is an annual celebration of peace and unity on the Old Continent. The date has a special significance because it marks the historic day of 1950, when the statement of the French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman was issued, proposing a plan for economic cooperation between France and Germany, the forerunner of the European Union. The date of May 9 does not only represent the emergence of this project that changed the life and history of Europe, but also the anniversary of the great community of all citizens of the European Union, a day of the joy of living together in peace and quiet, a day of the desire of solidarity, even if this year, unfortunately, we are all facing a difficult period marked by the COVID 19 pandemic.

An additional proof of the symbolic importance of this day for Romania is the fact that on 9 May 1877, the State Independence of Romania was proclaimed. That is why, today is a multiple celebration and an opportunity for all of us to pay tribute to the generations of fighters and heroes who sacrificed themselves for justice, freedom, unity and independence.

SNTGN TRANSGAZ SA, the technical operator of the National Gas Transmission System in Romania, will act prudently to comply with all the commitments undertaken for the implementation of strategic investment projects in the development of the gas transmission infrastructure, to ensure compliance in terms of efficiency, transparency, safety, non-discriminatory access and competitiveness with the national strategy on dispatching and gas transmission, research and design in its field of activity, in compliance with European requirements and standards.

It is already a well-known fact at European level that TRANSGAZ is a factor of energy stability in the region. The development and achievement of projects that would create main gas transmission pipelines with a significant regional impact is the desideratum of a Romania truly involved in defining the European energy policy. The strategic investment projects in the gas transmission infrastructure, where BRUA phase 1 is the most eloquent example in this regard, prove in the most concrete terms Romania's European commitments.

This European and Romanian holiday is all the more special for TRANSGAZ in 2020, as this year we celebrate 20 years since the establishment of our company, 20 years since we are a reliable partner and a company that proudly raised Romania's flag on the map of Europe and of the entire world!

Happy Europe Day! Happy Anniversary, Romania! Happy Anniversary, TRANSGAZ!