

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>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 	

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%AEn-turcia-/31117945.html>, accessed on 28.05.2021



Bombăla speră ca din 2023 să poată transporta gaz extrădit din Marea Neagră înspre Europa. De acum până atunci România trebuie să găsească o soluție.

Compania turcă Kalyon a câștigat licitația pentru execuția conductei 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 necesarul său din 2025.

Asociații de distribuție a energiei și Conducătorii de transport gaze naturale (Tirorul Mării Negre – Podisor) a fost publicat pe piața financiară publică de acțiuni (Bursa București) în aprilie 2021.

Tirorul turcilor Kalyon însoțit de Tirorul Americani Sibici și petru LAO de rețeaua de la petru a contractat conducta pe care România intenționează să transporte în rețeaua națională și europeană gazele extrase din Marea Neagră. (1)

Information related to the project have also been published in international journals, such as:

- 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.



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.

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

