

Tender for design and construction of the gas pipeline "South Stream" in Bulgaria was canceled because the interested companies were not satisfied with the set deadlines for submission of documents. The company "South Stream - Bulgaria" announced that a new tender for the selection of the best bidder will be announced.

Construction of the pipeline, which is estimated at 3.5 billion euros, is the largest public procurement in Bulgaria in recent years.

Tender for contractors was announced by the company "South Stream - Bulgaria" on 31 October, which was founded by the Russian "Gazprom" and the Bulgarian Energy Holding. In the stipulated period of 15 days, seven consortiums applied to tender, which are mainly consisted of Russian, German, Austrian and Turkish firms, according to Bulgarian media. Bulgarian Prime Minister Plamen Oresharski and Managing Director of "Gazprom" Alexey Miller officially marked 31 October as a start of construction of the Bulgarian section of the pipeline, length of 540 kilometers.

The construction of the pipeline with a total length of 2,385 kilometers, nine European countries supports and complete work through Bulgaria should be completed in December 2017.

The first volumes of natural gas through Bulgaria are expected in December 2015.

Construction of gas pipeline "South Stream", which provides transport up to 63 billion cubic meters of Russian gas to central and southern Europe, is estimated at 15.5 billion euros. According to estimates of "Gazprom", sites in Russia, where gas will be transported, have stocks for 250 years.

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