

Construction works on the submarine section of the Omisalj-Zlobin gas pipeline, which will transport gas from the LNG terminal on Krk Island, are nearing completion, announced Croatian natural gas transmission system operator Plinacro.

The statement from the company said that it laid pipes on the bottom of the Tihi Kanal near Omisalj on Krk Island, thus completing the most demanding works on the 750 meters long underwater section of the pipeline. This was technically the most complex part of the entire 16.7 kilometers of newly built gas pipeline. Construction of the pipeline started in December last year and it should be completed by the end of 2020, as planned.

After the completion of the construction of the first compressor station in Croatian gas transmission system in Velika Ludina, this is the second largest project of Plinacro's third investment cycle launched in 2018. The project was supported by the European Commission and received a grant of over 16 million euros for the costs of construction. The future LNG terminal on the Adriatic island Krk will have a capacity of 2.6 billion cubic meters of natural gas per year and it should be commissioned in 2021. It will deliver gas to Croatian national transmission gas network, as well as to neighboring countries: Slovenia, Italy, Hungary, Serbia and Montenegro. The completion of gas interconnection with Bosnia and Herzegovina will also enable gas exports to this country.