

Croatian Government has launched a tender for the design of a gas interconnection with Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), namely the Croatian section Zagvozd-Imotski-Posusje, with associated aboveground facilities.

The future interconnection will connect gas system of Croatia and BiH, allowing the latter an alternative gas supply route, besides the one it has with Serbia. Estimated value of the tender is 330,000 and the deadline for the submission of bids is 16 March.

Earlier this week, representatives of gas company BH-Gas, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) have signed a grant agreement for the construction of gas interconnection between BiH and Croatia. BH-Gas said that the agreement would activate funds earmarked for environmental impact and feasibility studies for the interconnection project. At the same time, BH-Gas said signed a contract with a consortium led by Croatian consultancy firm Dvokut-Ecro for the preparation of a feasibility study and an environment impact study for the project. The cost of the feasibility study is 500,000 dollars, which will be financed by a USAID grant of the same amount, while the EBRD will manage how the USAID grant is being spent. In late 2018, The Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) declared the project of BH-Gas for the connection with neighboring Croatia via Zagvozd-Posusje-Travnik-Novi Travnik gas pipeline a project of strategic interest and tasked the Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry to intensify activities on its realization. The project is supported by the United States and USAID which are ready to finance the preparation of technical documentation, feasibility study, preliminary design and environmental impact assessment study.