

Today was estimated that Serbia should speed up the activities on realization of project of the gas pipeline Niš- Dimitrovgrad accordingly with beginning of the reform in Srbijagas. As reported on the website of the Ministry of Energy www.merz.gov.rs about this project , Director at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the region of Central and Eastern Europe, Jean-Marc Peteršmit and Assistant Minister of Energy Sector Dejan Trifunovic talked about the project in Belgrade.

The pipeline Nis- Dimitrovgrad should be funded from part of the EBRD loan for Srbijagas 150 million approved in 2010, which is not fully utilized.

According to earlier information , the EBRD's requirement was that reforming of Srbijagas should start before the money has been diverted . Serbia and Bulgaria signed an agreement on the construction of a two-way pipeline for connecting gas networks in March 2010.

The investment for construction of the interconnection pipeline 180 kilometers long should have been between 100 and 120 million euros , but Bulgaria has provided 60 million euros for the construction of its shares from the EU grant .

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