

Serbian Ministry of Environment said that it has approved the environmental impact study for the project for the construction of the extension of TurkStream gas pipeline through Serbian territory, connecting Bulgarian and Hungarian borders.

In early March, Gastrans, a joint venture of Serbian Srbijagas and Russian Gazprom, has invited binding bids for booking the capacity of the Serbian section of TurkStream gas pipeline extension. Companies which have placed non-binding bids in the market test carried out last year are now invited to submit binding bids for gas transit between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2039. The total volume of available annual capacity is 395.2 GWh/day at the Bulgaria interconnection and 271.02 GWh/day at the interconnection with Hungary. The deadline for the submission of binding bids was 18 March.

Also in March, the Serbian Energy Agency (AERS) has given a final approval for the construction of Serbian section of TurkStream gas pipeline that will connect Bulgarian and Hungarian borders and the start of its construction is expected to start in April. Serbian section of the TurkStream pipeline should become operational in 2020.