

On the morning of 1 January the new gas pipeline connecting borders with Bulgaria and Serbia, representing the extension of the TurkStream gas pipeline has been officially commissioned by Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic during the ceremony in Gospodjinci. At the opening, Director of Serbian gas company Srbijagas Dusan Bajatovic said that up to 6 million cubic meters of gas would flow into Serbia through the new gas pipeline that day, adding that Serbia's distribution network will be supplied from three points: Paracin, Pancevo and Gospodjinci. He said that there is no doubt that the pipeline's capacity will be used at 100 %. Previously, Serbian media reported that the first quantities of gas via the pipeline flowed into Serbia on 30 December. The length of the main gas pipeline through Serbian territory is 403 kilometers. It enters Serbia in Zajecar and exits it at Horgos. The first section goes from the Bulgarian border to Cuprija, the second from Cuprija to the Danube, the third from the Danube to Zrenjanin and the fourth from Gospodjinci to Subotica. Bajatovic said that the project of the gas interconnection Nis-Dimitrovgrad-Sofia and the plan of the construction of the Belgrade-Banja Luka gas pipeline would also be worked on. President Vucic said that the gas was procured at the price of 155 dollars, with much lower transport costs than through the other gas pipeline that the country had been supplied through up till then.