

As of 1 October Serbia will become a gas transit country, because then it should start supplying Hungary and central Europe with Russian natural gas via TurkStream pipeline, said Director of Serbian state-owned gas company Srbijagas Dusan Bajatovic.

Bajatovic said that, in the first year, the available capacity towards Hungary and central Europe will be 6.5 billion cubic meters, which would later be increased to 8, and ultimately 10 billion cubic meters of gas per year. This will be made possible by the completion of compressor station on the Serbian section of the pipeline, which is expected in June or July. Regarding the gas interconnection with Bulgaria (Dimitrovgrad-Sofia pipeline), Bajatovic said that it will be completed by mid-2022, but the exact amount of gas that will be supplied via this connection remains to be seen.

He also said that Srbijagas is ready to help with the construction of gas pipeline in the Republic of Srpska (RS) that will connect Belgrade and Banja Luka. In Serbia, the company will continue to expand gas network with planned pipelines Belgrade-Valjevo-Loznica and Leskovac-Vranje.