











## EASTRING PIPELINE - CONNECTING MARKETS

EASTRING is a new pipeline project for Central and South-eastern Europe which represents an important step to the Single European Market in the vision of the Energy Union and is included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU list of projects of common interest (PCI projects).

EASTRING is a bi-directional gas pipeline interconnector of an annual capacity between 208,000 GWh up to 416,000 GWh (ca. 20 bcm up to 40 bcm), connecting Slovakia with the external border of the EU in Bulgaria through the territory of Hungary and Romania.

EASTRING will offer a direct and most cost-effective transmission route between West EU liquid hubs and the Balkan region/Turkey (e.g. Balkan Gas Hub) – an area with a potential to be a highly liquid region offering gas from various sources. By offering the opportunity for diversification of transmission routes as well as supply sources, it will enhance the security of supply in the broader region, especially in the countries of the South-eastern Europe.

EASTRING will be open for natural gas from well-established as well as alternative sources. It will bring gas from new sources from Caspian/eastern Mediterranean/Black Sea/Middle East region. At the same time, it will provide South-eastern Europe with gas from European gas hubs. The whole capacity will be available to any shipper or supplier.

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EASTRING is supported by the European commission and all countries on the route of the new pipeline. The support has been expressed in several memoranda of understanding between Slovakia and Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary (on the intergovernmental and/or company level).

## WHAT STANDS EASTRING FOR

- More than three years of effective cooperation between TSO's from Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia working together for European energy security
- Bi-directional connection between main European gas hubs and natural gas reserves of the Caspian, Eastern Mediterranean, Black Sea and the Middle East region
- Project of Common Interest with full compliance with EU rules supported by European Commission
- Delivery of the Feasibility Study in 2018 and launch to commercial operation of phase one at the end of 2024



Secures gas supply for 100% of all Balkan countries and consumers

1,027 – 1,238 km of pipeline length according to the selected routing variant