

Forth List of Projects of Common Interest with Bulgarian participation

The projects with Bulgarian participation, included in the Forth list of projects of common interest, are part of two European priority corridors for trans-European energy infrastructure:

- **Priority Corridor North-South Electricity Interconnections in Central Eastern and South Europe (“NSI East Electricity”) including the following:**

ELECTRICITY PROJECTS

- 3.7 Cluster Bulgaria—Greece between Maritsa East 1 and N. Santa and the necessary internal reinforcements in Bulgaria, including the following PCIs:
 - 3.7.1 Interconnection between s/s Maritsa East 1 (BG) and s/s N. Santa (EL)
TSO EAD is the promoter of the project. Updated information of the project status can be found [here...](#)
 - 3.7.2 Internal line between s/s Maritsa East 1 and s/s Plovdiv
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 - 3.7.3 Internal line between s/s Maritsa East 1 and s/y Maritsa East 3
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 - 3.7.4 Internal line between s/s Maritsa East 1 and s/s Burgas
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- 3.8 Cluster Bulgaria — Romania capacity increase (currently known as “Black Sea Corridor”), including the following PCI for Bulgaria:
 - 3.8.1 Internal line between s/s Dobrudja and s/s Burgas
TSO EAD is the promoter of the project. Updated information of the project status can be found [here...](#)
- 3.23 Hydro-pumped electricity storage in Yadenitsa
NEK EAD is the promoter of the project. Updated information of the project status can be found [here...](#)

➤ **Priority Corridor North-South Gas Interconnections in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe ("NSI East Gas") including the following:**

GAS PROJECTS:

6.8 Cluster of infrastructure development and enhancement enabling the Balkan Gas Hub, including the following PCIs:

6.8.1 Interconnection Greece–Bulgaria (currently known as "IGB") between Komotini (Greece) and Stara Zagora (Bulgaria) and compressor station at Kipi (Greece).

The Promoter of the project is the joint venture company ICGB AD that is owner of the project and future owner of the IGB gas pipeline with a share of 50% for BEH EAD (50%) and the other 50% for the Greek-Italian company IGI Poseidon (50% DEPA S.A.; 50% Edison SpA). Updated information of the project status can be found [here...](#)

6.8.2 Rehabilitation, modernization and expansion of the Bulgarian transmission system

Bulgartransgaz EAD is the promoter of the project. Updated information of the project status can be found [here...](#)

6.8.3 PCI Gas interconnection Bulgaria—Serbia (currently known as "IBS") [6.10 on the 3rd PCI list]:

The Promoter of the project Gas interconnection Bulgaria—Serbia [IBS] for the BG territory is the Ministry of Energy, for the Serbian territory it is Serbijagas, under signed Memorandum of Understanding from Dec 14, 2012 updated on Jan 19, 2017.

The reverse gas interconnection is 170 km long from the town of Novi Iskar, Bulgaria, to the town of Nis, Serbia, 62.2 km of which are on the Bulgarian territory with a pipe DN 700 mm diameter.

Phase 1 of the project was completed on Dec 31, 2015, funded under a direct grant procedure under OP "Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy" 2007-2013.

The following basic activities have been carried out: developed, coordinated and approved final Detailed Development Plan; certified by a Consultant under article 166, para 1 from the Law on Spatial Planning investment project – stage FEED, coordinated by the Ministry of Energy and submitted for coordination to all competent authorities; carried out consultancy

activities in preparation for acquisition of real rights - owners' survey (current register) and prepared assessments by independent licensed evaluator; most of the rescue archeological excavations carried out within the limits of the pipeline's easement.

Phase 2 of the project is foreseen to be funded under OP „Innovations and Competitiveness“ 2014-2020. In March 2018 Ministry of Energy applied under the OP “Innovation and competitiveness” 2014-2020 for grant for technical assistance to complete the preparatory work, needed to start the construction of the gas interconnection Bulgaria - Serbia. The Project was approved for grant funding, a contract was signed on May 17, 2018. Construction permit is the expected final result after the execution of all envisaged project activities.

On May 17, 2018 in the framework of the Western Balkans Summit, a Joint Statement on the implementation of the IBS project between the Ministers of Energy of Bulgaria and Serbia was signed, in which the Bulgarian side declared its intention to designate, with the consent of the EC, the Bulgartransgaz transmission system operator EAD as the promoter of the project and the operator of the future gas pipeline on Bulgarian territory.

In 2018-2020, actions were taken to designate Bulgartransgaz EAD as a promoter of the project on Bulgarian territory. Updated information of the project status can be found [here...](#)

6.20 Cluster increase storage capacity in South-Eastern Europe, including the following PCI for Bulgaria:

6.20.2 Chiren UGS expansion

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