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The Polish gas TSO - Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and the Danish gas TSO - Energinet.dk are investigating the possibility of establishing a connection between the Polish and the Danish gas transmission systems – the so called Baltic Pipe project.

With the assistance of the consortium of consultants; Rambøll Danmark A/S and BSiPG GAZOPROJEKT S.A., and their subconsultant E&Y the Parties intend to perform the Feasibility Study for the project by the end of 2016.

The overall objective of the Feasibility Study which has been initiated, is to recommend the optimal scenario of the possible connection, to determine the efficient definition of the project from the commercial and technical point of view and providing a solid basis for next steps regarding the implementation of the Project – engineering phase and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

In 2015, both TSOs have been granted EU aid under the Connecting Europe Facility Programme (CEF) to perform a study “Feasibility Study regarding the PCI Poland - Denmark interconnection Baltic Pipe”.

The Baltic Pipe project is indicated on the European Commission list of the PCI projects (Projects of Common Interest), adopted on Nov 18 2015.

The main objectives of the PCI project Baltic Pipe are to further strengthen supply diversification, market integration, price convergence and security of supply in primarily Poland and in Denmark and secondly in the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Baltic region:

- integrating the Danish-Swedish and Polish gas markets by means of supply competition and bidirectional trading, secondly with a view to include planned interconnections to the CEE (via PL-CZ, PL-SK, PL-UA interconnections) and Baltic States (via PL-LT interconnection),
- strengthening regional security of supply through supply diversification - enabling new sources of gas supply to enter the market,
- increasing the competitiveness on the regional gas markets and facilitating price convergence between the markets,
- possibility of new players' entrance and potential increase in gas demand in the impacted regions,
- improvement in technical reliability of gas supply for customers by diversifying the imported gas supply directions.

The Baltic Pipe project is considered by both TSO's in a comprehensive way, and includes a study of a possible offshore connection from Norwegian offshore gas system to Denmark. GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and Energinet.dk have requested Gassco AS., the operator of the Norwegian offshore gas system, to perform a pre-feasibility study.



Gas Transmission Operator GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. is a strategic company for the Polish economy, responsible for the transmission of natural gas and the management of the most important gas pipelines in Poland. GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. is also the owner of Polskie LNG S.A., a company established to build the winouj cie LNG terminal.

As part of its 2015-2025 investment scheme, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. is planning to build over 2,000 km of new gas lines in western, southern and eastern Poland. Further expansion of the domestic transmission system, including construction of new gas pipelines being part of the North-South Gas Corridor, as well as construction of interconnections with Lithuania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, will enhance Poland's energy security and contribute considerably to the development of the European transmission system.

In 2009-2015, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. completed an investment plan consisting in the construction of over 1,200 km of new gas transmission lines in north-western and central Poland. The projects implemented by the company and the physical and virtual reversal on the Yamal pipeline have translated into a significant increase in technical import opportunities on routes other than from the East.

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Energinet.dk is the Danish electricity and gas transmission system operator. The main task is to maintain the overall short-term and long-term security of electricity and gas supply. Energinet.dk owns, operates and constructs the large gas pipelines and makes them available on equal terms to the enterprises that produce and transport the gas.

Energinet.dk owns the gas transmission pipelines and the related meter and regulator stations in Denmark. The gas transmission system consists of 924 km pipeline. Energinet.dk also owns the Lille Torup and Stenlille gas storage facilities.

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GAZ-SYSTEM is a strategic company for the Polish economy. It is responsible for the transmission of natural gas, manages the most important gas pipelines in Poland and owns the President Lech Kaczyński LNG Terminal in Świnoujście.

As part of the 2015-2025 investment programme, GAZ-SYSTEM is constructing over 2000 km of new gas pipelines in the western, southern and eastern parts of Poland. Over a dozen new gas pipelines are under construction within the North-South Gas Corridor and the compressor station in Kierżyn Kościelny, as well as interconnections with Lithuania and Slovakia. Onshore gas pipelines are planned to connect the planned FSRU floating terminal in the Gulf of Gdansk with the national transmission system. The LNG Terminal in Świnoujście is also being extended, as a result of which the regasification capacity of this facility will be increased by more than a half.

The company is also implementing one of the most important infrastructural projects in the country - the Baltic Pipe project which consists in the construction of a two-way offshore gas pipeline connecting Poland and Denmark, expansion of the local transmission network and three gas compressor stations.

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