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EASTRING is a brand-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.

The EASTRING project is a bi-directional gas pipeline interconnector of an annual capacity between 208,000 GWh to 416,000 GWh (ca. 20 billion m<sup>3</sup> to 40 billion m<sup>3</sup>), between Slovakia and the external border of the EU on the territory of Bulgaria, e.g. Turkey or Black Sea coast. Technically it will connect existing gas transmission infrastructure in Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

EASTRING will offer direct and most cost-effective transmission route between West EU liquid hubs and the Balkan region/Turkey - 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/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.

Planned SK-HU-RO Pipeline Routing Planned Pipeline Routing Option A Planned Pipeline Routing Option B Planned Pipelines Existing Pipelines



416,000 GWh (ca. 40 billion m<sup>3</sup>) of annual capacity in phase two

## Secures gas supply for 100% of all Balkan countries' and Romania consumption

## WHAT STANDS EASTRING FOR

- Connection of the transmission systems of Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria;
- Bi-directional connection between Europe and natural gas reserves of the Caspian region and the Middle East;
- Full compliance with all EU rules and The European Union's Third Energy Package;
- Obtained a status of a Project of Common Interest in 2016;
- Obtained CEF funding for the Feasibility Study for the Eastring project in an amount of EUR 1 mil. in 2017;
- Delivery of the Feasibility Study for the Eastring project in 2018

**4** countries in Central

and South-eastern Europe connected directly

846 – 1,029 km of gas pipeline length according to the selected routing variant (SK 19 km, HU 102 km, R0 651/725 km and BG 257/0 km)