

**PCI** PROJECT  
OF COMMON  
INTEREST



**EASTRING PIPELINE  
CONNECTING MARKETS**



## EASTRING PIPELINE – CONNECTING MARKETS

EASTRING is a new pipeline project for Central and South-eastern Europe which represents an important step towards 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).

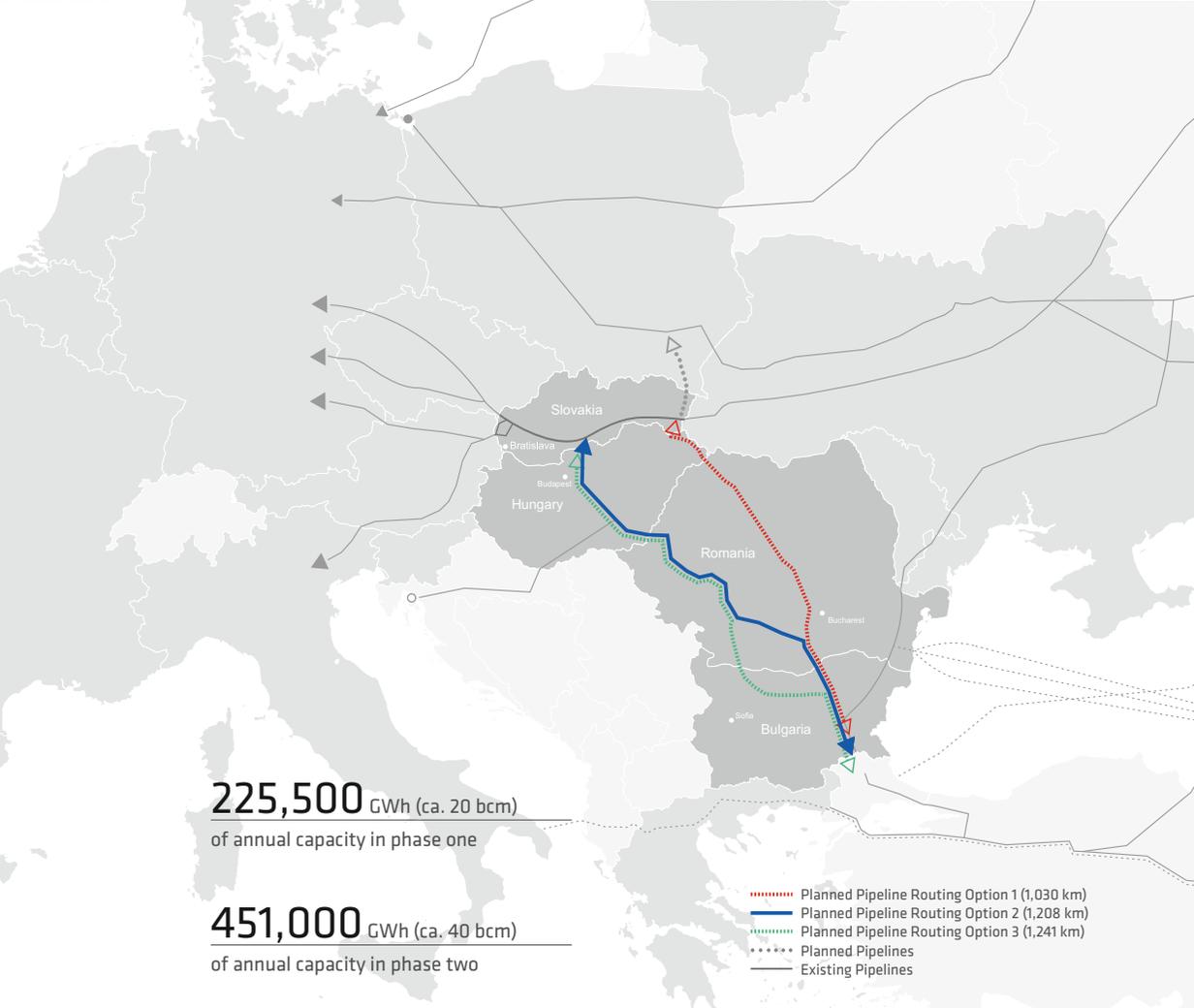
EASTRING is a bi-directional gas pipeline interconnector of an annual capacity between 225,500 GWh and 451,000 GWh (ca. 20 bcm up to 40 bcm), connecting Slovakia with the external border of the EU in Bulgaria through the territories of Hungary and Romania.

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 the potential to become a highly liquid region offering gas from various sources. By offering an opportunity to diversify of transmission routes as well as supply sources, it will enhance the security of supply in the broader region, especially in the countries of 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 the 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.

## EASTRING PIPELINE – CONNECTING EUROPE

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).



**225,500** GWh (ca. 20 bcm)  
of annual capacity in phase one

**451,000** GWh (ca. 40 bcm)  
of annual capacity in phase two

- ⋯ Planned Pipeline Routing Option 1 (1,030 km)
- Planned Pipeline Routing Option 2 (1,208 km)
- - - Planned Pipeline Routing Option 3 (1,241 km)
- ⋯ Planned Pipelines
- Existing Pipelines

### WHAT STANDS EASTRING FOR

- More than three years of effective cooperation between TSOs from Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia working together for European energy security
- Bi-directional connection between main European gas hubs and the 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 beginning of 2025

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

**1,208** km of pipeline length  
recommended pipeline routing (option 2)

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