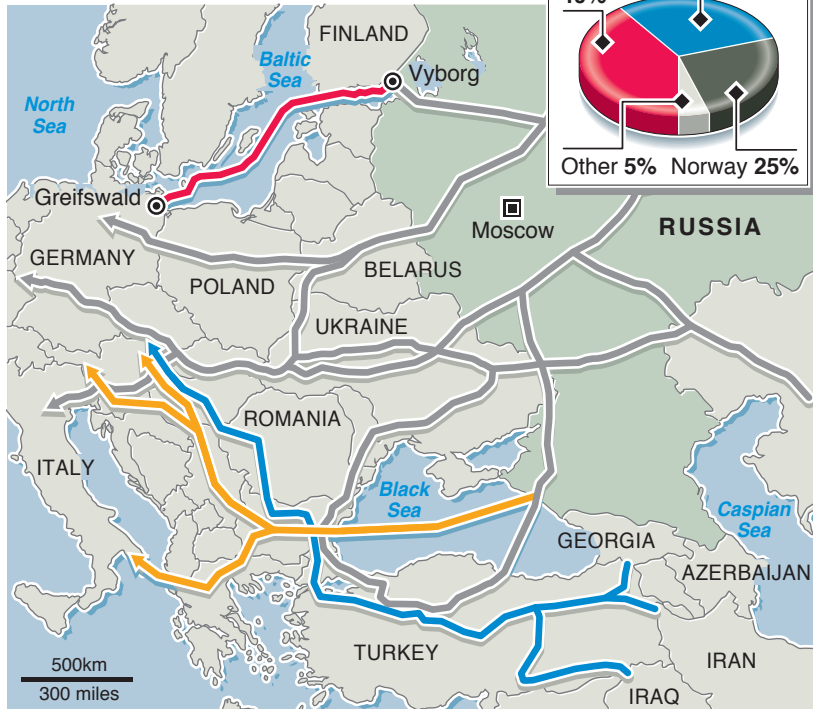
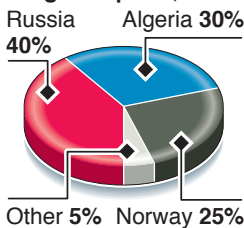


Russia readies gas pipeline to the West

Russia is preparing to launch a major new pipeline to pump natural gas directly to Western Europe via the Baltic Sea, bypassing nations such as the Ukraine. The \$12 billion Nord Stream pipeline is expected to come online by October, with a second parallel link completed in 2012

Nord Stream pipeline: Length 1,224km.
Will eventually carry up to 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year, equal to 12 nuclear power plants

EU gas imports, 2010



— Existing major Russian gas pipelines to Europe

South Stream
Proposed Russian gas pipeline, due for completion 2015

Nabucco pipeline
EU-backed proposal to transport Middle East gas directly to Europe, bypassing Russia. Due by 2017