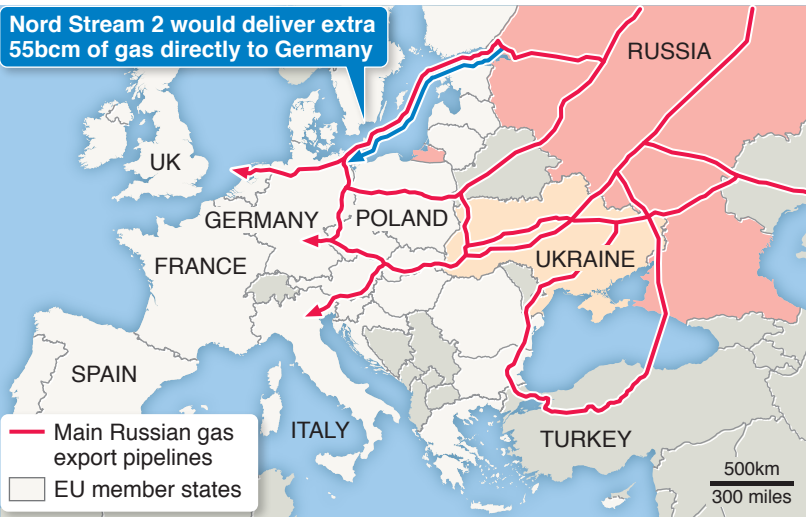


Sanctions could block Nord Stream 2 pipeline

The United States has threatened sanctions against companies in Austria, France, Germany and the Netherlands that are involved in the Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline linking Russia and Germany

Nord Stream 2 would deliver extra 55bcm of gas directly to Germany



Critics fear pipeline would increase Europe's reliance on Russian gas. Countries such as Ukraine also stand to lose lucrative transit fees

EU NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION BY YEAR

Billion cubic metres (bcm)

