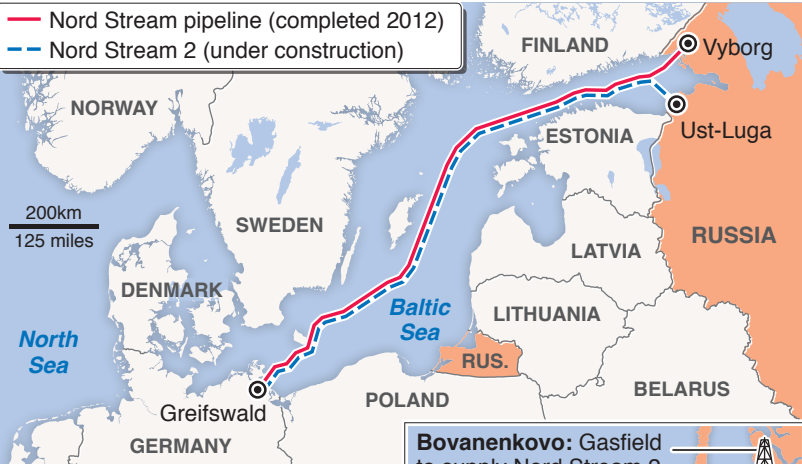


U.S. threatens sanctions on Nord Stream 2

The United States is considering imposing sanctions on Russia's Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline to Germany, a project that critics say could be used by the Kremlin as a political weapon



NORD STREAM 2

- **Length:** 1,200km
- **Capacity:** 55bcm* of gas per year. Pipeline composed of twin parallel lines, each with capacity of 27.5bcm
- **Pipeline diameter:** 1.4m
- **Expected completion:** End 2019
- **Cost:** \$11 billion

Opponents of scheme fear Russia will use pipeline to increase control over European energy supplies.

New link could help Russia bypass traditional export route via Ukraine, denying Kiev lucrative transit fees

