

# Nord Stream 2 pipeline project at risk

The United States is threatening to expand sanctions against Russia's Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline to Germany by targeting companies involved in laying the final segment of the project

**Nord Stream 2:** Aims to double Nord Stream route's existing annual capacity of 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year. Critics fear pipeline will increase Europe's dependence on Russian energy supplies



■ **2015:** *Nord Stream 2* project agreement signed

■ **2018:** Pipelaying operations begin in Baltic Sea

■ **Oct 2019:** Denmark approves construction of final segment of pipeline in its waters

■ **Dec:** Swiss contractor **Allseas** suspends activity after introduction of U.S. sanctions on firms involved in pipelaying

■ **Jan 2020:** Russia's state-owned Gazprom says it will finish project on its own

■ **Jul 6:** Denmark gives permission for Russian pipelaying ships to work in its waters

■ **Jul 15:** U.S. updates powerful ***Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA)*** legislation – originally passed to enact sanctions on U.S. enemies such as Iran and North Korea – to include Nord Stream 2

■ **Aug:** U.S. considering further sanctions against pipeline, targeting investment firms, insurers and Germany's Mukran port where construction vessels are based