

# What Nord Stream 2 needs for approval

The Nord Stream 2 pipeline under the Baltic Sea could pump billions of cubic metres of Russian gas to the EU, but deliveries cannot start without approval from German energy regulator BNetzA

— Existing Nord Stream pipeline    - - - Nord Stream 2 (awaiting approval)



**Sep 10, 2021:** Russian state-run energy firm **Gazprom** announces completion of Nord Stream 2 pipeline, after months of construction delays due to U.S. opposition

**Nov 16:** Germany's **BNetzA** says Gazprom-owned pipeline operator – Swiss-based **Nord Stream 2 AG** – needs German subsidiary before project can be approved

**Nov-Dec:** Transfer to new subsidiary could take two weeks

**2022:** BNetzA has about two months to complete pipeline study. Energy watchdog requires subsidiary to have its own assets, premises, staff and corporate services

**Feb-Mar:** Possible start of review by EU Commission – process could take another two to four months to express its opinion

**Spring/summer:** Nord Stream 2 – originally scheduled for completion in Dec 2019 – could finally go online

**Nord Stream's existing capacity of 55 billion cubic metres – equivalent to half Germany's annual gas usage – will be doubled by Nord Stream 2**