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REGULATORS APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF CAPACITY FOR TAP EXPANSION

Milan, November 8, 2022 - The Regulatory Authorities of Albania (ERE), Greece (RAE), and Italy (ARERA) jointly approved the rules for the first binding phase of the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) incremental capacity process.

The process is run in coordination among adjacent Transmission System Operators TAP, SNAM Rete Gas, and DESFA, according to Regulation (EU) 2017/459. It is aimed at allocating long-term incremental capacity at existing or new Interconnection Points (IPs) along TAP route and will increase gas volumes imported to Europe.

The concerned IPs are: Kipoi (TR-GR), Komotini (GR), Nea Mesimvria (GR), Kucove (AL), Relievi Roskovec (AL), Fier (AL), and Melendugno (IT).

The incremental project foresees four possible expansion levels at entry Kipoi (minimum, limited, partial and full), depending on the booking level, leading to a possible full expansion up to 27 MSm³/d.

The binding phase shall be launched on the 14th of November and bids can be submitted in January 2023.

TAP is part of the Southern Gas Corridor, transporting natural gas to Europe from the Shah Deniz II field in Azerbaijan. Connecting with the Trans Anatolian Pipeline at the Greek-Turkish border, TAP crosses Northern Greece, Albania, and the Adriatic Sea before coming ashore in Southern Italy to connect to the Italian natural gas network.