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- European gas network 1960 1990
- Pipeline policy: some thoughts on definition
- Case Study: Russia's pipeline strategy

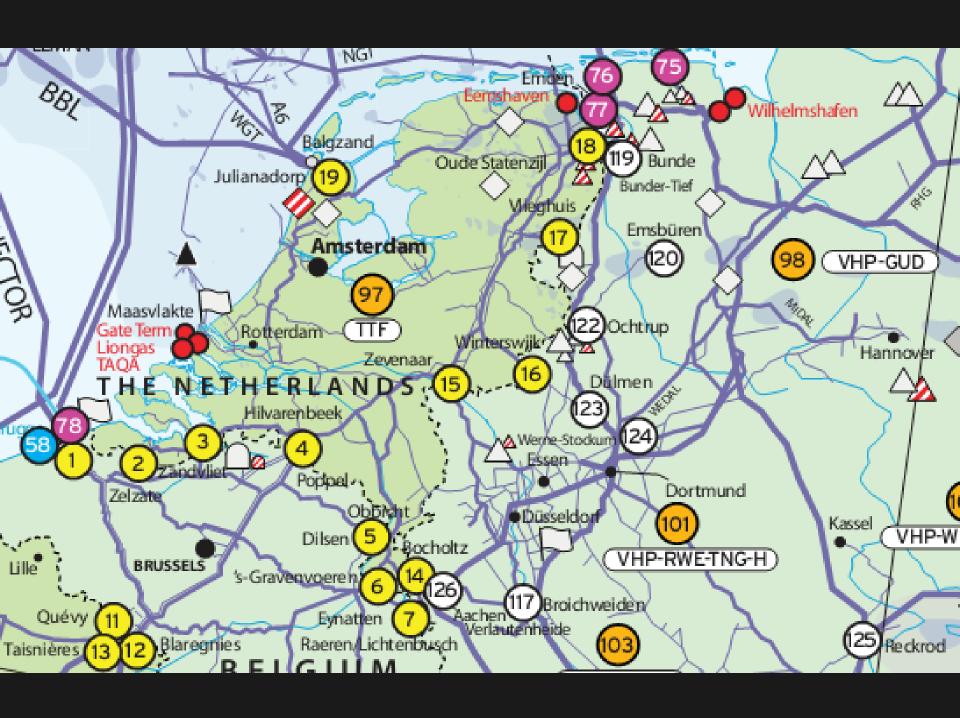
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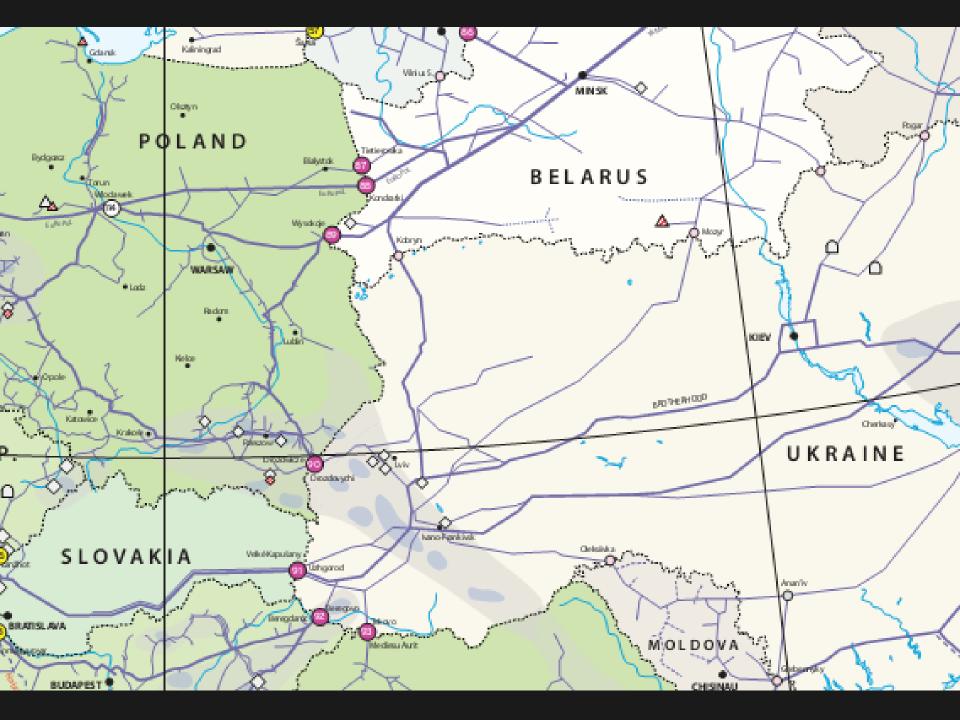
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- 1920s 1930s: first experiments with natural gas as a substitute for manufactured gas in Europe
- WW II: scarce oil, coal locally unavailable (Romania, Austria, n. Italy, sw. France, e. Poland)
- 1960s: before Dutch, Algerian, Ukrainian, Siberian, Central Asian discoveries the markets were scattered and localized.
- 1970s: rapid growth in gas use and network development
 - 1965: EU consumption of 39 bcm
 - 1975: EU consumption of 216 bcm
- wider portfolio of customers (fuel, feedstock)

Formative years of transnational links

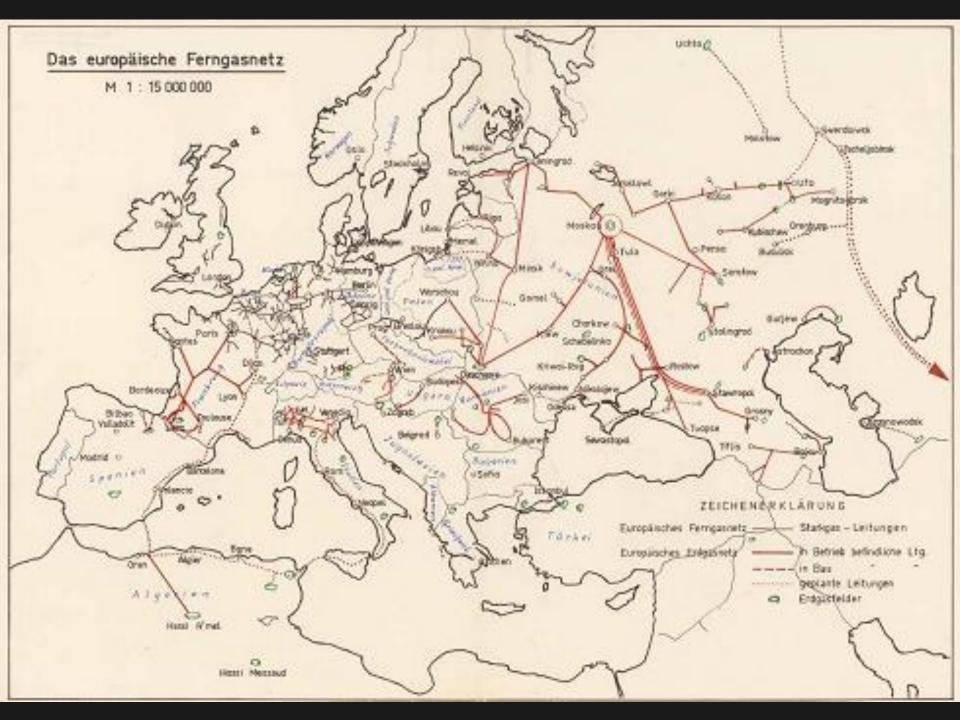
- 1966: Groningen Germany, Belgium (1967)
- 1967: Groningen Belgium,
 Ukraine Czechoslovakia
 (1944: Ukraine Poland)
- Gas interaction between polically similar countries
 - Netherlands ,W. Germany, Belgium, France (NATO, ECSC, EURATOM)
 - SU, Czechoslovakia, Poland (COMECON)





Formative years of transnational links

- Late 1960s: gas emerges as an "European issue"
 - Competition between Dutch, Libyan and Algerian gas
 - Two pan-European pipelines planned
 - Algeria Spain France Britain
 - Algeria Italy
 - First LNG projects on stream (Britain, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Spain)
 - The SU steps in...



- Initiator: Austria
 - No coal
 - A forerunner of European gas industry
 - ÖMV struggling to meet demand
 - The Brotherhood ppl passing just 16 km away from Austrian network
 - Established cooperation with CS over joint development of border-situated large gas field
- The SU lacks spare export capacity

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- Austrian reaction: new series of negotiation with the SU.
 - Austrian steel company VÖEST will provide the SU with large-diameter steel pipes in exchange for rerouting the pipeline
 - Germany (the supplier of the pipes) decided not to back up the plan, despite strong Bavarian support
 - The Soviets finally agree after Austria getting closer to EEC.

- 1968: Soviet supplies to Austria come on stream
- 1970: agreements with Italy and Germany (Ost Politik)
- 1973: First Soviet deliveries to Germany, GDR also linked to the system
- 1974: First Soviet deliveries to France
- All through the same pipeline

Changes of 1970s

- Reconsideration of energy policies
 - environmental opposition to coal
 - Economical opposition to nuclear
 - Political opposition to oil
- Reconsideration of Dutch export policy
- North Sea deliveries on stream

Changes of 1970s

- With new suppliers the gas markets became regionalized and possibly globalized
 - Gas-to-gas competition
 - Consumer competition (LNG)
- 1970s/1980s:
 - Iran revolution
 - Deteriorating East-West relations (Afghanistan, Reagan)

- Different actors, different perspectives, different motives
- Characteristic features:
 - Yes/no nature of the decision making
 - Long-term planning and consequences
 - Both economic and politic factors

Producing country:

Economy-based political decision on a connection with a consuming state(s).

Supplies to GDR through CS (avoiding transit)

Transit country:

Economy-based political decision on whether to become a transit country or not.

- Austria x Azerbaijan, Pakistan

Consuming country:

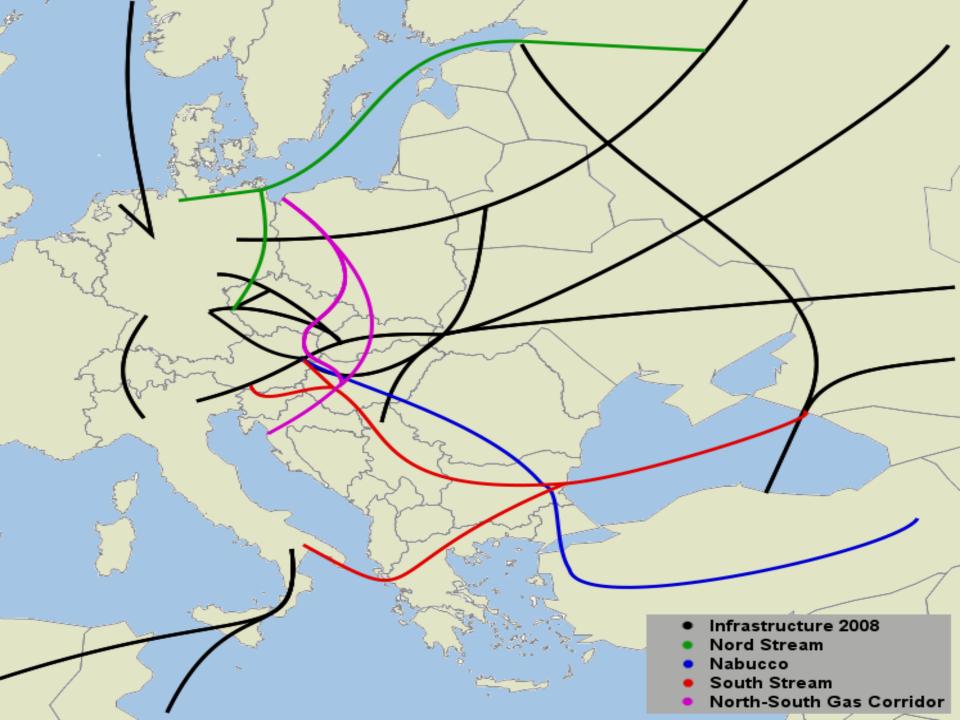
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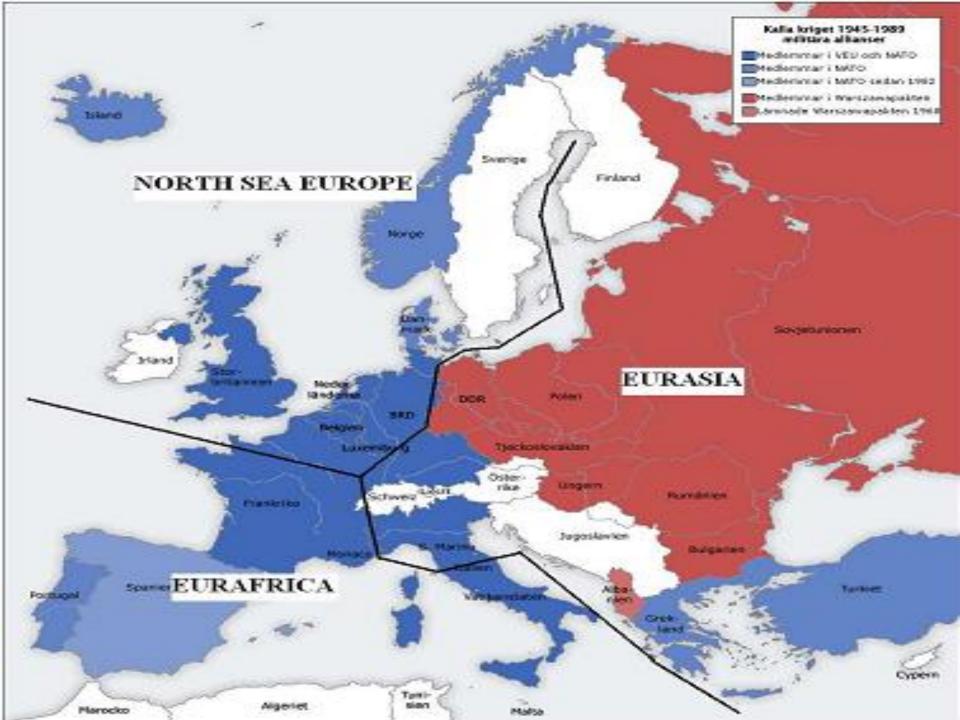
- Austria, the Czech Republic, the Nabucco states x Germany, Poland,

Overall, pipeline policy is a degree to which economy matters in the decision making process, ranging from purely economicaly motivated pipelines such as Groningen – Germany to purely politicaly driven projects such as CS-Austria connection.

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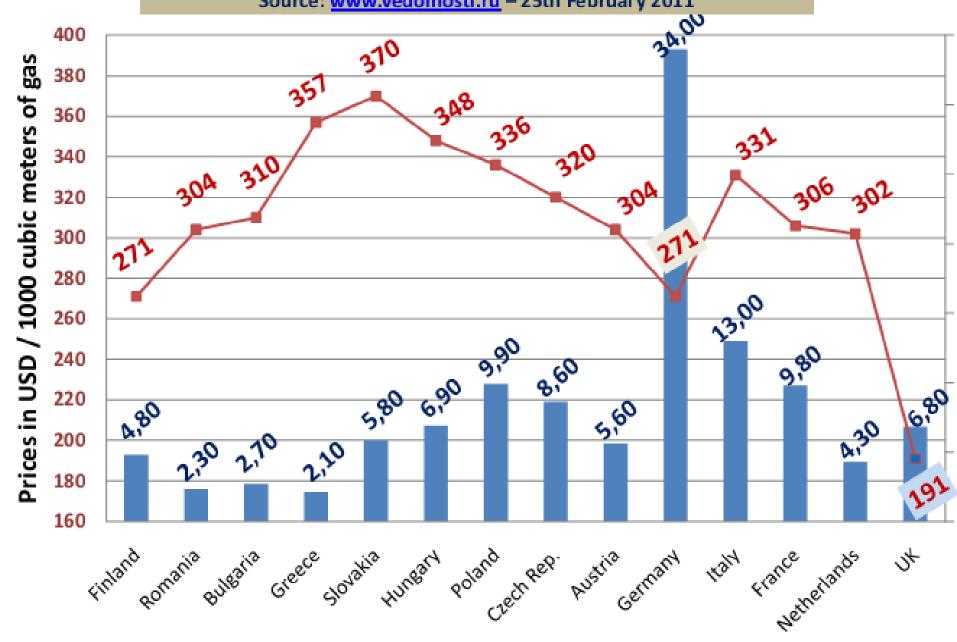






Gazprom gas prices for EU – 2010

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