

The Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) consortium is closing in on preparations to start commercial operations, it said four and a half years after the construction of the gas pipeline started.

The Trans Adriatic Pipeline is essentially complete and has been filled with natural gas from the Greek-Turkish border up to the receiving terminal in southern Italy, TAP said in a statement.

The interconnection point between the gas pipeline and the Italian natural gas network is expected to be completed and ready to transport gas by the middle of November, TAP added.

Connecting with the Trans Anatolian Pipeline (TANAP) at Greece's border with Turkey, TAP stretches across northern Greece, Albania and the Adriatic Sea before reaching Italy's coast.

TAP is part of the Southern Gas Corridor, which also comprises the South Caucasus Pipeline (SCP) crossing Azerbaijan and Georgia, and TANAP.

The shareholders of TAP are BP, Azerbaijan's state company Socar and Italy's Snam with 20% each, Belgium's Fluxys with 19%, Spain's Enagas with 16% and Swiss-based Axpo with 5%.

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