



RESOLUTION:

Nord stream II pipeline project to be stopped

Adopted at the YEPP Council in Bucharest, Romania on the 21st of May 2016

Recognising that:

- In September 2015, Russia's Gazprom formed a consortium of European energy firms including Uniper SE, BASF/Wintershall Holding GmbH and Royal Dutch Shell, to develop the Nord Stream II pipeline - the Baltic undersea pipeline to Germany - which would allow Russia to bypass Ukraine completely from 2019;
- On the 18th November 2015, in the State of the Energy Union report, the European Commission raised its concerns about the political, not economical, motivation to building a north stream pipeline, which is against European solidarity.
- On 21 December 2015, Naftogaz of Ukraine submitted complaint to the Energy Community Secretariat against the Nord Stream II, which advances two types of claims: the project's potential non-compliance with the regulatory framework of the Energy Community as well as its incompatibility with the proper functioning of the Energy Community gas market due to the significant competition concerns it poses;
- On March 7th, 2016 Heads of nine EU governments sent a letter addressed to European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker objecting the Nord Stream II construction, stating that it can pose certain risks for energy security in the region of central and eastern Europe;
- The EPP-group has taken a strong position against Nord Stream II, - Manfred Weber stated the proposed pipeline would undermine the EU's foreign and security goals by increasing dependence on Gazprom, Russia's gas export monopoly.
- On May 9th, 2016 members of the European Parliament expressed grave concern over the North Stream II project at the debates "Impact of Nord Stream II on the gas market in the CEE region" during plenary session, stating that it is against objectives of the Energy Union strategy and will reduce solidarity among EU member states.



Acknowledging that:

- Nord Stream II would neither contribute to the diversification of gas supplies to the EU nor provide access to the new sources of gas;
- Nord Stream II would increase European countries dependence on Russian gas and be deeply damaging for the whole Eastern Europe, in particular Slovakia and Ukraine;
- Nord Stream II pipeline would allow Russia to bypass Ukraine completely from 2019. It would deprive Ukraine of USD 2.2 billion annual transit fees;
- Nord Stream II contradicts the EU's foreign policy, security and goals of the Eastern Partnership, the format of relations between the EU and its eastern European neighbours Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

YEPP calls on:

- The European Commission and Energy Community Secretariat to stop the launch of the planned Nord Stream II project, as it stands against the principles of Energy Union, EU legislation and energy security priorities;
- The EU member states, which are involved in the project, to adhere the critical strategic objectives of the EU's Energy Union - energy security, solidarity and trust;
- The EU member states to lead a cohesive policy towards Russia, independent from the particular interests of individual states and companies
- Finally, YEPP calls to search for instruments of energy policy, which will lead to increase energy security, which will not further strengthen the dependence on dominant suppliers for key raw commodities that will bring benefits to the common energy interests of the whole European Union.