
**EU's energy relations with Eastern
Europe and Central Asia:**
an overview of EU's initiatives in the region

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- Black Sea Synergy
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 - Increasing EU security of supply: Nabucco Project
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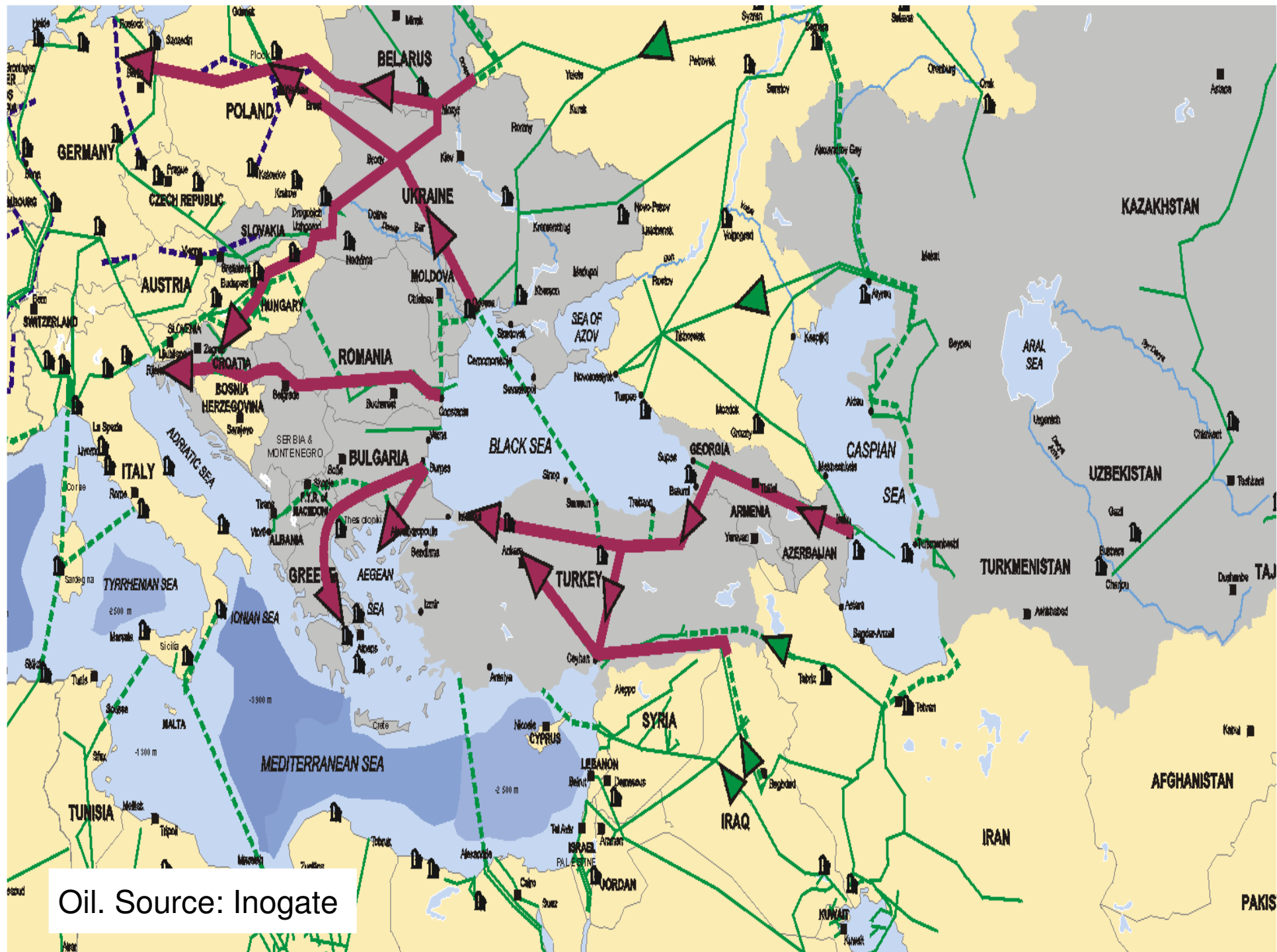
Black Sea Synergy: general overview

- Regional cooperation launched by the EU in 2007
 - Objectives:
 - provide additional value to existing initiatives in the area
 - reinforce the impact of existing cooperation instruments/ regional initiatives
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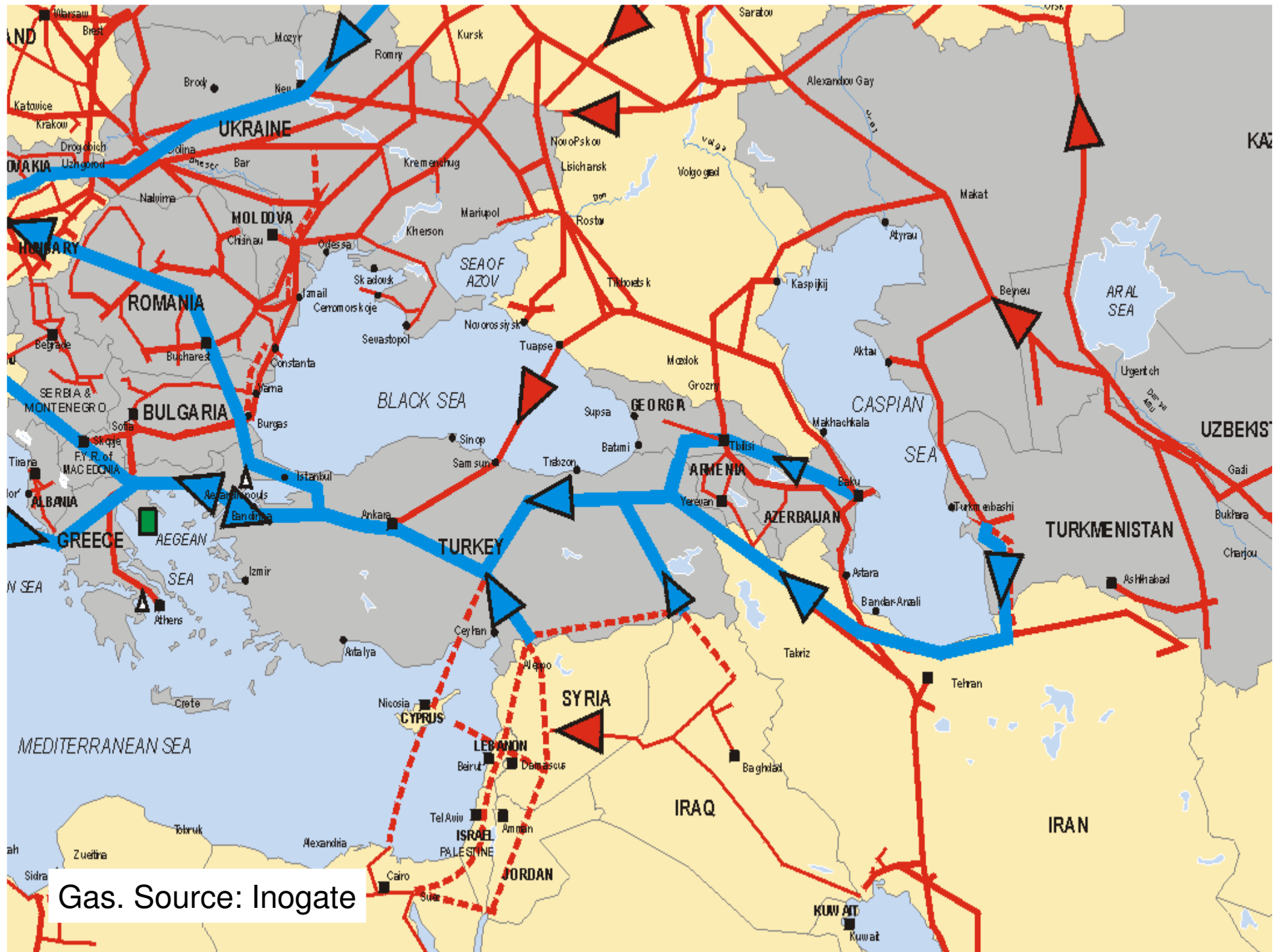
Black Sea Synergy: areas of cooperation.
Example of energy

The strategic importance of Black Sea

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Oil. Source: Inogate



Gas. Source: Inogate

Black Sea Synergy: areas of cooperation.

Example of energy

- Enhance EU's relations with energy producers and transit countries
 - EU supports:
 - research in energy field
 - the modernization of energy infrastructures
 - the development of a new trans-Caspian trans-Black Sea energy corridor
 - Extension of the Trans- European Network (TEN-T) and TRACECA programs
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Black Sea Synergy: instruments for reinforcing the cooperation

- **Specific:**

- Baku Initiative
- ENP

- **General:**

- the expansion of the Energy Community Treaty
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EU-Russia : Energy Relations

- Energy Charter and the Transit Protocol
 - EU-Russia Energy Dialogue
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Energy Charter and the Transit Protocol

- European Energy Charter (1994) provides the political, technical and legal foundations for East-West cooperation in the energy sector
 - EU and Russia signed the Energy Charter
 - BUT: Russia did not ratify the Transit Protocol
 - Art.8: if ratified, the Gazprom pipeline capacity would be opened for transit for third country suppliers
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EU-Russia Energy Dialogue

- Bilateral energy dialogue launched in 2000
 - Goal:
 - securing Europe's access to Russia's oil and gas reserves
 - Assumption of growing interdependence
 - Current structure of the Energy Dialogue
 - a real breakthrough is still lacking
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Enlargement negotiations with Croatia and Turkey

- Croatia:
 - implementing the *acquis*
 - efforts done in terms of security of energy supply
 - efforts to be made in terms of energy efficiency/renewable energy sources/regulatory capacity
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Enlargement negotiations with Croatia and Turkey

- Turkey

- implementing the *acquis*
 - efforts done in terms of energy efficiency
 - BUT, important progress still to be made:
 - renewable energy
 - independence of the regulatory authorities
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Increasing EU security of supply: Nabucco Project

- Nabucco's *raison d'être*:

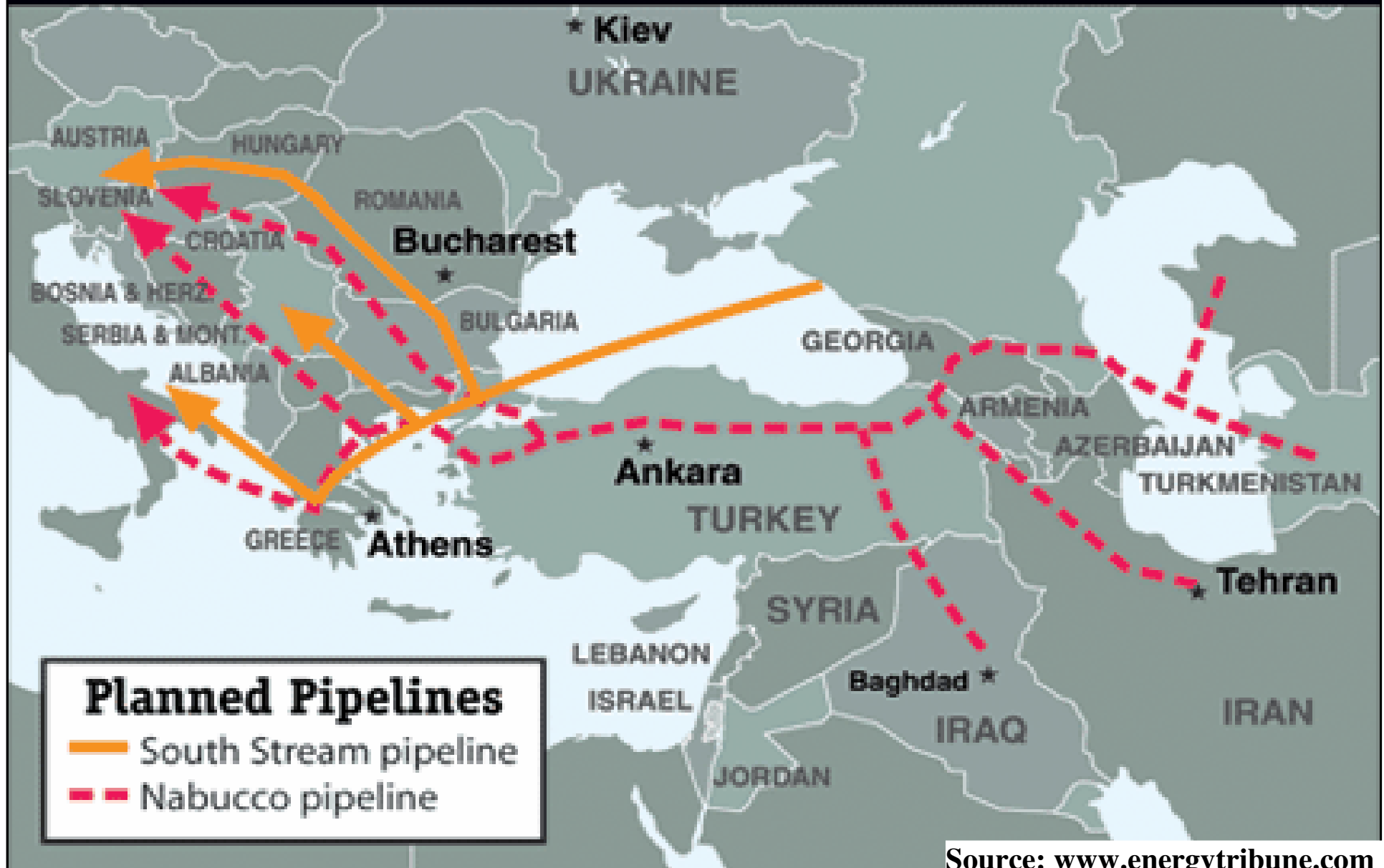
EU's dependency on Russian gas

- some CEECs Member States are 100% dependent
- no diversification (sources/routes)
- some exceptions: France (nuclear)

- Problems raised by this dependency

- the 2006 'wake up call'
 - question of Russian resources
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Competing Gas Pipeline Import Routes from Caspian, and Middle East into Southeast Europe



Source: www.energytribune.com

Problems

Nabucco's supply sources

Short term

- Shah Deniz gas field in Azerbaidjan
- Turkmenistan

Long term

- Kazakhstan
 - Egypt (Arab Gas Pipeline)
 - Iraq (Ekas field)
 - Russia (Blue Stream Pipeline)
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Thank you for your attention!

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