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LESSONS FROM LAST GAS CRISIS

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(from recent gas crisis)

at market level:

- Long-term contracts preferable;
- Solidarity & trust b/n companies;
- Freedom for cross-country transactions;
- Diversifying of routes, suppliers, options...
- Ensuring reverse flow option.





(from recent gas crisis)

at EU level:

- Introduction of regulatory mechanisms;
- Enhancing the internal gas infrastructure;
- Binding agreements with transit countries
- Early Warning Mechanism with Supplier (EU-Russia Declaration of 20 March 2009)
- Encourage investments in upstream.





(from recent gas crisis)

at political level:

- As less as possible involvement;
- Binding international mechanism;
- Energy Charter Role in the above;
- Discourage protectionism; and encourage solidarity between European consumers





(from recent gas crisis)

on Russia- Ukraine relations:

- Each consumer must pay the fair price;
- Transit fees fixed on internationally recognised methodology;
- More political will for commercial benefit;
- Under sea direct connection seems more expensive but also more reliable.



Crisis management in Slovakia

- a successful case-

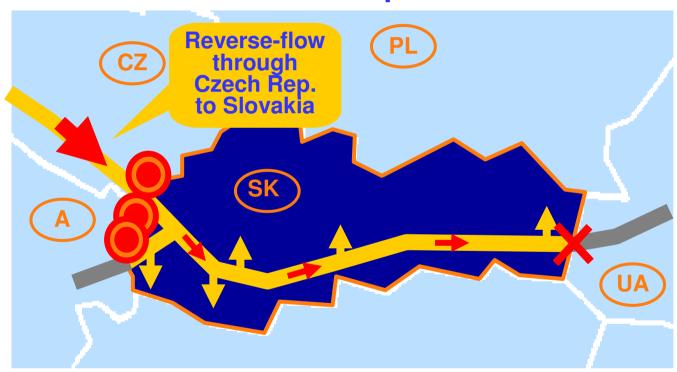
Normal operation



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Start of cross-border cooperation

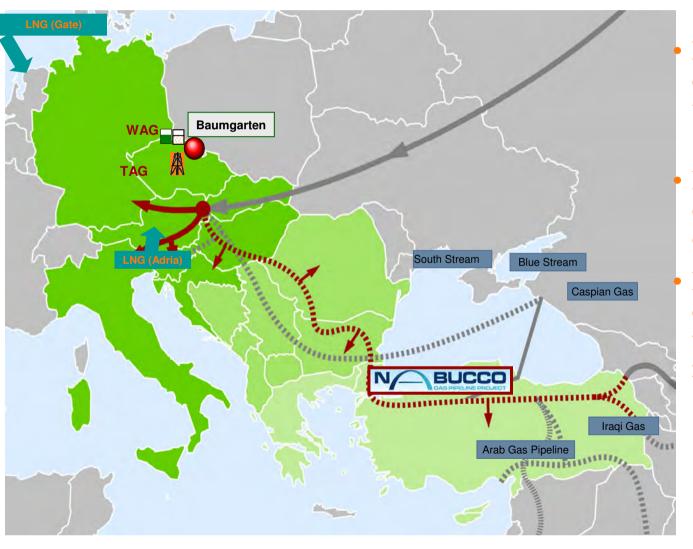


Diversification possibilities

Poland Germany / Czech Republic Political Interest to get connected to Baumgarten Connection to liquid markets Link from Jamal to SK? Connection to Jamal via Germany / Czech Republic **Ukraine** Large storage capacity in the western part. Strategic cooperation SK/UA? **Austria/Italy** Hungary Baumgarten Hub Bridge-head for Nabucco / South Stream Reverse-flow to Connection of storages SK,CZ?

Transit to Italy

OMV's initiatives to cope with the challenges



- Further development of underground gas storages
- Diversification of the portfolio of suppliers
- Projects to diversify the transportation routes
 - Nabucco GasPipelineProject
 - LNG



Recent geopolitical challenges and European expectations

- Central Asia: yesterday and today;
- Central Asia to Russia & China;
- Iran & Azerbaijan behaviour;
- Nabucco: dream or reality





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