Building TAP, the European Section of the Southern Gas Corridor

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TAP & the Southern Gas Corridor

TAP is over **85% complete**, including all engineering, procurement and construction (end Feb 2019).
Greece Construction Progress

- **Pipes in the ground**: 98%
- **Reinstatement**: 90%
- **Kipoi compressor station**: 83%

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Albania Construction Progress

- **Fier Compressor Station**: 77% complete (ongoing)
- **Landfall works**: 6th Session of the Group of Experts on Gas, UNECE
- **Reinstatement**: 85% complete
- **Pipes strung**: 100% complete
Italy Construction Progress

- **Pipeline Receiving Terminal excavation works & building foundation**: ongoing
- **Micro-tunnel exit area**: ongoing
- **The micro-tunnel boring machine began drilling**: ongoing
- **Stringing & welding**: ongoing
Operational & Commercial Readiness

TAP is proceeding in its build up, putting operational procedures in place to be ready both to support commissioning activities and delivering first gas in 2020.

Main Achievements

- Full operability assurance and review under way to secure the most efficient operations of the asset;
- Maintenance, asset integrity build ongoing and on schedule;
- Alert management processes defined;
- Processes and procedures (QHSE & transportation services) under development;
- Maintenance contracts with local TSOs in Greece, Albania and Italy signed or under negotiations;
- Submitted the TAP Network Code to the host country National Regulatory Authorities

Upcoming milestones

- Operational assurance and design verification;
- Training operations and maintenance personnel;
- Integrity and maintenance plans, aligned with Southern Gas Corridor stakeholders;
- Emergency response and crisis management plans;
- Mechanical completion, commissioning and facility start-up;
- Implementation of the Independent Transmission Operator (ITO) Roadmap;
- Interconnection Agreements with adjacent TSOs.
Social & Environmental Investment

TAP is investing in over 230 projects in Greece, Albania, and Italy:

- **Greece:** utility vehicles
- **Albania:** planting 1,000 trees
- **Italy:** supporting a football team
- **Greece:** building playgrounds
- **Albania:** renovating several schools
- **Italy:** cleaning marine litter
Facilitating Connections in South Eastern Europe and beyond…
VIDEO
https://vimeo.com/314800760
Reinstated land in Korça, Albania, May, 2018
Farmers growing leek

Thank you!