



Nord Stream 2

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## Press Release

# Gas filling of the first Nord Stream 2 string started

**[Zug, Switzerland – 4-Oct-21]** As of October 4, the gas-in procedure for the first string of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline has started. This string will be gradually filled to build the required inventory and pressure as a prerequisite for the later technical tests.

Previously, the first string of the pipeline underwent pre-commissioning activities to assure the pipeline integrity. This included the internal inspection by special devices (pipeline inspection gauges), as well as external visual and instrumental surveys of the pipeline. Nord Stream 2 will inform about further technical steps in due time.

The pipeline is built and independently certified according to applicable technical and industry standards to ensure reliable and safe operations. Pre-commissioning steps for the second string are ongoing.

### **About Nord Stream 2**

Nord Stream 2 is a pipeline through the Baltic Sea, which will transport natural gas over more than 1,230 km from the world's largest gas reserves in Russia via the most efficient route to consumers in Europe. Nord Stream 2 will largely follow the route and technical concept of the successful Nord Stream Pipeline. The new pipeline will have the capacity to transport 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year, enough to supply 26 million European households. This secure supply of natural gas with its low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will also contribute to Europe's objective to have a more climate-friendly energy mix with gas substituting for coal in power generation and providing back-up for intermittent renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.

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