

ENERGY SECURITY PROSPECTS OF THE BALKANS

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Summary: Considering that the existing routes of supplying energy to the greatest European consumers are unfavorable and not fully reliable; the Balkans is, thanks to its geographical position, seen as an alternative transit route. Such a role gives the Balkan countries a chance to improve their energy security and fight for a better stand in sharing profits and responsibilities within the co-called “Big Business” of energy sources. At the same time, the position of the trans regional energy connector should be an incentive for intra-regional cooperation in realization of infrastructural projects, which would bring about not only the improvement of energy security, but could also be a solid basis for regional consolidation in other domains, and as such, an additional guarantee for an economic revival and political stabilization of the region.

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