



US sanctions over Nord Stream 2 beneficial to Poland, EU: dep FM

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The US sanctions imposed on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline will be beneficial not only to Poland, but also to the entire EU, said deputy FM Paweł Jabłoński in his interview for the Polish Press Agency PAP.

"For a long time, Poland has been arguing that support for Russian gas projects is in fact support for Russia's policy of aggression," Mr Jabłoński stated.

The deputy FM added that the US policy as regards Nord Stream 2 is becoming more effective, recalling in this context that the US has already imposed sanctions on companies involved in the project, and now more fines are being prepared.

"It is worth noting that this is a cross-party project, because both Republicans and Democrats support it," Mr Jabłoński said.



“We can only express regret that some German politicians do not understand the threat of Nord Stream 2”, the deputy FM said, pointing out that their stance is “very egoistic, and anti-EU in substance”.

In the opinion of Paweł Jabłoński, the whole project is of the same nature, as the construction of the gas pipeline may serve Russia as a tool to blackmail Ukraine as regards energy sources, and, as a consequence, lead to a change in Kiev's policy over the project.

“The physical threat to the EU and strengthening of Russia are the real effects of the pipeline,” he said.

In early June, two US senators, the Republican Ted Cruz and Jeanne Shaheen from the Democrat Party, presented a draft bill that provides for the extension of US sanctions to companies involved in the construction of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline. New restrictions are also due to apply to those companies that provide ships for other types of pipe-laying works.

Further sanctions will also be imposed on any insurance companies which insure the vessels in question and on companies handling pipeline certification before putting it into service.

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