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Naftogaz, Orlen deliver first 100 mln cubic meters of American LNG to Ukraine in 2026

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NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine in partnership with Polish state-owned concern Orlen has delivered the first batch of American LNG in 2026 with a volume of almost 100 million cubic meters, the company's Board Chairman Serhiy Koretsky has said.

"The first batch of American LNG in 2026 is already in Ukraine (...). Almost 100 million cubic meters were delivered to the terminal in Poland's Swinoujscie at the end of January and have already entered the Ukrainian GTS," Koretsky wrote on Facebook on Wednesday.

According to him, additional gas volumes are extremely important during the period of extreme frosts and terrorist Russian attacks on energy infrastructure.

He explained that the delivered batch is sufficient for a month of winter consumption for approximately 700,000 families.

"In total, in 2026 we plan to import up to 1 billion cubic meters of LNG from the U.S. to Ukraine," the Naftogaz head emphasized.

He added that the next batches of American gas have already been contracted and will be delivered to Ukraine in February-March this year.

"We are working systematically with international partners so that Ukraine has the resource for stable passage through winter under conditions of constant attacks on gas and energy infrastructure. Thank you to our partners from Orlen," Koretsky wrote.

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As reported, in November 2025 Naftogaz Group and Polish energy concern Orlen finalized agreements on the supply of 300 million cubic meters of American liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Ukraine in the first quarter of 2026, with total imports of American LNG expected at 1 billion cubic meters next year. By the end of 2025, deliveries of 600 million cubic meters of American LNG were expected.

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Three US LNG corridors now feed Ukraine's shattered energy system.



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LNG cargo from US. Source: DTEK

A Greek joint venture has signed its first deal to supply American liquefied natural gas to Ukraine—through the same Southeastern European pipeline network that for decades carried Russian gas in the opposite direction.

Atlantic Sea LNG Trade, a company formed by Greek construction group Aktor (60%) and state gas supplier DEPA Commercial (40%), will deliver up to 1 TWh (~89 million cubic meters) of BP-supplied LNG to Ukraine's Naftogaz starting in March, [the company announced](#) on 30 January.

"Greece had been at the end of a pipeline of a Russia-dominated energy supply system. Today, Greece becomes a launch point, the entry into Europe for American energy trade."

The gas will arrive at Greece's terminal near Athens and travel northward through Bulgaria, Romania, and Moldova into Ukraine's system via what officials call the "Vertical Corridor"—five countries' gas operators working in sequence to push American gas from the Mediterranean to Ukraine, [Reuters reported](#).

It is the same Trans-Balkan pipeline infrastructure that once moved Russian gas southward into Europe. "Greece had been at the end of a pipeline of a Russia-dominated energy supply system. Today, Greece becomes a launch point, the entry into Europe for American energy trade," US Energy Secretary [Chris Wright said](#) at an Athens energy conference in November.

Three new routes

The March delivery follows a separate shipment of roughly 100 million cubic meters of American LNG [that Naftogaz received](#) through Poland's Świnoujście terminal in late January, in partnership with Polish state energy company Orlen. Naftogaz CEO **Serhii Koretskyi** said that volume alone could heat approximately 700,000 families for a month during extreme cold.

Naftogaz plans to import up to 1 billion cubic meters of US LNG in 2026.

Together with contracted deliveries through Lithuania, Ukraine now has three parallel routes for American gas—none of which existed two years ago.

Naftogaz plans to import up to 1 billion cubic meters of US LNG in 2026 overall, Koretskyi stated. In 2025, US LNG deliveries reached 600 million cubic meters, with another 300 million cubic meters contracted for the first quarter of 2026.

Vertical Corridor

The “Vertical Corridor” is a northbound gas route designed to move LNG landed at Greece’s Revithoussa terminal through Bulgaria and Romania, then via Moldova into Ukraine—a supply line that reduces reliance on Russian-linked transit and strengthens regional energy security.



Map: Euromaidan Press; ground control via DeepStateMap · Created with Datawrapper

The Vertical Corridor: American LNG arrives at Greece's Revithoussa terminal and travels north through Bulgaria, Romania, and Moldova into Ukraine—reversing the flow of pipelines that once carried Russian gas south. Map: Euromaidan Press

Ninefold increase

Russia destroyed 60% of Ukraine's gas production capacity in 2025 through 24 combined strikes on Naftogaz facilities. The company's deputy supervisory board chair, **Natalia Boiko**, said production in 2025 could fall more than 30% below the previous year's levels.

Ukraine's total gas imports in 2025 hit 6.5 billion cubic meters—a ninefold increase over 2024.

Trending Now

If attacks continue, Ukraine may need to import roughly 4.4 billion cubic meters by the end of March 2026—at a cost of approximately €2 billion (\$2.36 billion), **Bloomberg reported already in October**.

Ukraine's total gas imports in 2025 hit 6.5 billion cubic meters—a ninefold increase over 2024, according to **ExPro Consulting estimates** published in January 2026. Naftogaz alone **imported more than 5.5 bcm**, using its own funds alongside loans from the EBRD, the EIB, Norway, and Ukrainian banks.

The longer game

The Greek joint venture's first commercial deal is the beginning of a much larger shift. Atlantic See LNG Trade has already secured a long-term supply agreement with US producer Venture Global starting in 2030, covering 700 million cubic meters annually over 20 years. Ukraine and Romania have expressed interest in buying up to 3.7 billion cubic meters from the venture between 2030 and 2050, **DEPA said**.

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Naftogaz **signed a memorandum** with Atlantic See LNG Trade in November, extending cooperation through 2050. In late December, Ukraine and neighboring countries **launched two additional routes** within the Vertical Corridor framework, expanding the pipeline network's capacity.

Greek Prime Minister **Kyriakos Mitsotakis** put the shift plainly at the November conference: "Most of the gas that now comes into Greece does not stay in Greece." The EU's ban on Russian gas imports—set to take full effect by **late 2027**—makes the corridor not just a wartime emergency route but a permanent fixture of Europe's redrawn energy map.

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