



Viewpoints supporting Nord Stream 2

➤ Economic points

- EU cannot simultaneously pursue all three energy objectives – **supply security, affordability, sustainability** – without sufficient gas supply
- Western European gas production is depleting, while consumption remains stable: additional infrastructure is needed to address the upcoming **EU import gap**
- Nord Stream 2 supports a **competitive and integrated** internal energy market

➤ Legal points

- Nord Stream 2 must be regulated **like all comparable pipelines** in Europe: no political exceptions in favor of or against Nord Stream 2
- Nord Stream 2 **complies with EU law**, international conventions and national legislation

➤ Political points

- The EU and Russia are neighbours and **must cooperate**. This is ever more important during uncertain political times. Where would we cooperate if not in energy?
- Nord Stream 2 presents an opportunity for **long-term cooperation** to the benefit of both sides, strictly **based on EU standards**