

Ukraine-Slovakia Pipeline Deal Should Go Ahead Despite Protests – EU Official

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Political turmoil will not stop Ukrainian and Slovak authorities from going ahead with a reverse-flow pipeline deal designed to reduce Ukraine's reliance on Russian gas, Europe's Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger said Thursday.

"We have a draft memorandum of understanding due to be accepted by the governments over the next few days. I am confident that it will be possible despite the developments in Kiev," Oettinger told reporters.

European Commission officials and Ukraine's energy minister said last month a deal to ship gas from the European Union through Slovakia to Ukraine was all but agreed and just needed to be signed by both sides.

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