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Poland and Ukraine Sign Gas Deal

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Polish and Ukrainian state gas pipeline operators signed an agreement on Wednesday to look into expanding their capacity to transport gas between the two countries, the Polish pipeline group Gaz-System said in a statement.

Poland, along with other Central and Southeast European countries, gets most of their gas from Russia and wants to cut dependence on it, particularly as the crisis between Ukraine and Russia could affect deliveries this winter.

Gaz-System and its Ukrainian counterpart Ukrtransgaz will do a feasibility study to see whether to expand their gas pipeline systems, Gaz-System said.

Poland is already connected to Ukraine's gas system through a pipeline going though the village of Hermanowice in southeastern Poland near the border with Ukraine. The pipeline has a transit capacity of up to 1.5 bcm of natural gas per year.

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