

# France Urges Germany to Scrap Russia Gas Pipeline Over Navalny

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Several European countries have criticized the pipeline, saying it will increase German and EU dependence on Russia for critical gas supplies. **Clemens Bilan / EPA / TASS**

France on Monday urged Germany to scrap a major gas pipeline project with Russia in protest over the detention in Moscow of opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

"We have always said we have the greatest doubts on this project in this context," European Affairs minister Clement Beaune told France Inter radio.

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Asked specifically if France wanted Berlin to drop the project, Beaune said: "Indeed, we have already said this."

The United States as well as several European countries such as Poland have criticized the

