

# Moldova Approves 3M Cubic Meter Gas 'Loan' to Transnistria

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Moldova will supply 3 million cubic meters of natural gas to the Moscow-backed separatist region of Transnistria as a temporary solution to its energy crisis, officials announced Monday.

The move follows the European Commission's [pledge](#) of an emergency assistance package worth 30 million euros (\$31.5 million) to Moldova. The funds are intended to help restore electricity and heating in Transnistria over the next two weeks.

Moldova's Prime Minister Dorin Recean [said](#) the temporary gas supply would last Transnistria until the end of January, ensuring pressure is maintained in its gas system, according to broadcaster TV-Nord. He added that from Feb. 1 to Feb. 10, an EU grant of 10 million euros would be used to purchase discounted natural gas for electricity generation as part of an "emergency intervention."

Transnistria's Kremlin-backed leader, Vadim Krasnoselsky, [said](#) the gas could reach the

region by the end of the week, “barring any physical interference by Moldovan officials,” and referred to the supply as a “loan.”

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The European Commission said Moldova could purchase gas from suppliers in Ukraine or the European market.

During a visit to Kyiv on Saturday, Moldovan President Maia Sandu discussed energy solutions with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who said Ukraine was ready to supply coal to fuel a major Transnistrian power plant. The European Commission said that option was being “explored.”

Russia’s Gazprom halted gas supplies to Transnistria on Jan. 1 due to an outstanding debt of \$709 million.

Moldova accused Russia of orchestrating a humanitarian crisis in the predominantly Russian-speaking region to destabilize the country. The Kremlin blamed Moldova and Ukraine for the disruptions.

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