

REPower Regulation to phase out Russian gas imports

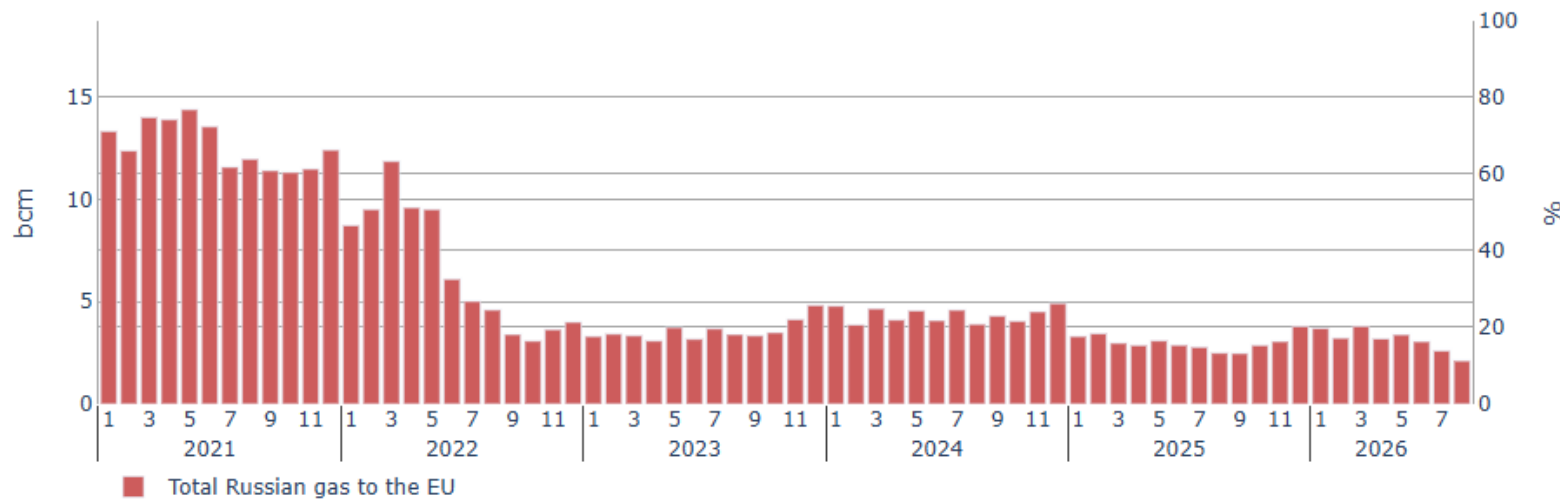
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REPowerEU achievements

Russian gas (pipelines + LNG) to the EU



Source: European Commission based on ENTSO-G and Refinitiv

- Between August 2022 and January 2026, **gas demand reduction by around 19% (80 bcm/year)**
- Since 2021, EU installed **260 GW of renewable capacity** (204 GW solar PV and 57 GW wind), leading to **EUR 5.6 billion in savings of gas**.
- Diversification:** Norway and the US as biggest gas suppliers; partnerships with reliable gas suppliers.



REPower Gas Regulation

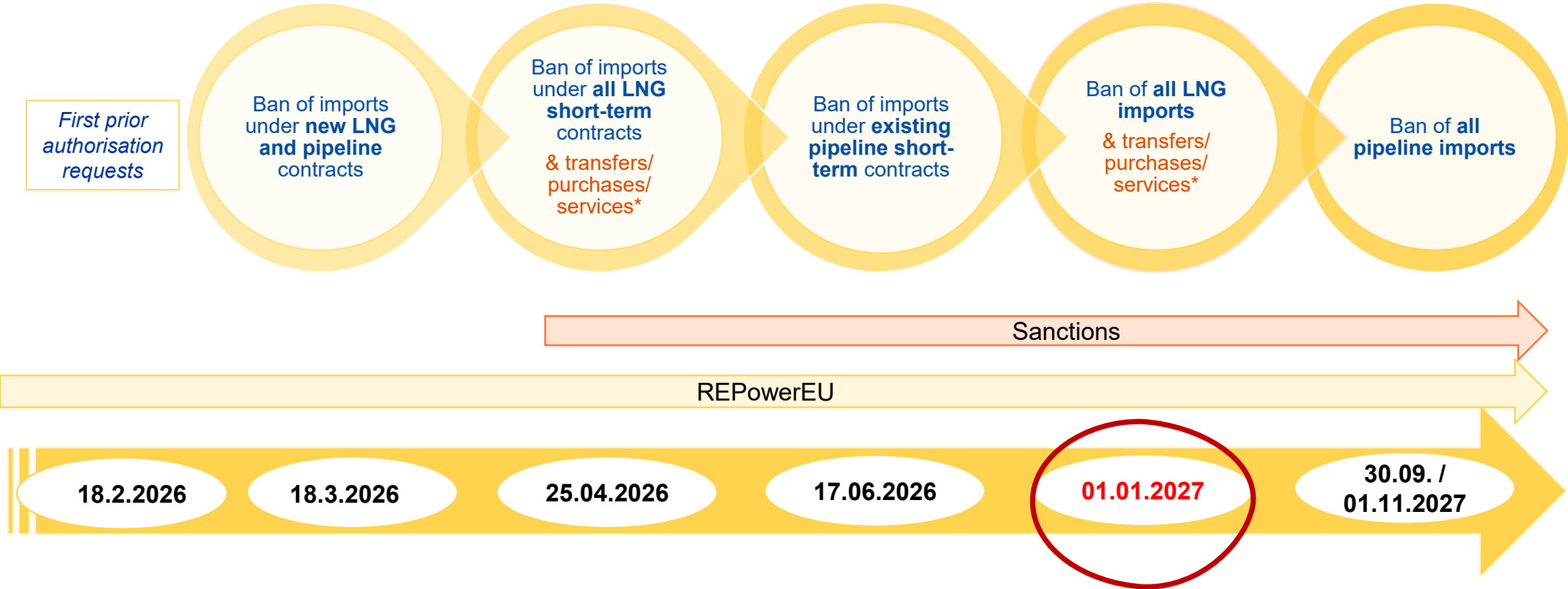
Securing the Union's energy security by:

- a **stepwise prohibition** of imports of natural gas from the Russian Federation
- rules to effectively **implement and monitor the prohibition** and phase-out of oil imports from the Russian Federation → **prior authorization**
- provisions to better **assess the security of energy supplies** in the Union



Phase-out timeline under REPower Gas Regulation

Entry into force: 03.02.2026



*updated following 21st sanctions package: flexibility provided to RU LNG transfers to third countries



Work to facilitate implementation

Guidance for prior authorisation – updated on 5 August to include two new Q&A (28 and 29) on gas transit through third countries and gas storage in Ukraine:

- **Gas transit through a third country:** no prior authorisation.
- **Gas storage in Ukraine:** Prior authorisation is required. In cases where the origin of the gas has already been verified within the Union, it does not appear warranted to require detailed proof of the country of production again.

9 workshops to support authorising authorities (Member States); including joint workshop with the industry on 24 April

Tool developed to monitor prior authorisation of Russian gas imports during transition, until the final prohibition of all Russian imports (LNG and pipeline);

Active exchanges with authorising authorities and market players to address implementation challenges

Monitoring

- **RU gas contracts.**
- **LNG vessels,**
- **Pipeline gas,** in particular via third countries.

Next steps on REPower Gas Regulation

Next steps implementation

- ▶ Upcoming import bans: long term contracts for LNG and pipeline gas.
- ▶ Continue the outreach with Member States and the regional cooperation (CESEC).

Later on...

- New ACER report in July 2027;
- Deadline for MS to set a penalties' regime on 4 February 2028;
- Commission's report to EP and Council on 4 February 2028.

Thank you for your attention!

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