



# **Transit of Russian gas to Europe across western CIS countries: legal / regulatory frameworks**

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## **Western CIS Countries: transit risk factors**

- **Lack of progress on gas sector reform:**
  - **low transparency, non-payment, cross-subsidisation, gas theft**
- **No physical separation between transit & domestic transportation**
- **2008 crisis and uncertain recovery (ability to pay further reduced)**
- **Politicisation of gas relations**
- **Impossibility to prove transit interference due to absence of independent monitoring (ECT failure)**

**Risks stem from the inability / reluctance to pay prices increasing towards European levels & the ability to interfere with transit**



# A time-line of interruptions of transit across, & supply to, western CIS, & supply to Europe

## Transit and/or supply (to CIS) interruptions:

- The 1990s
- **February 2004\*** - Belarus
- **January 2006\***, March 2008, **January 2009\*** - Ukraine
- January 2006 - Moldova
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## Supply interruptions (to Europe):

- February 2004 (<2 days)
- January 2006 (3 days)
- January 2009 (2 weeks)

*\* Denotes those supply interruptions to the CIS that caused transit interruptions to the EU*

**EU gas transit security is a function of western CIS gas supply security**