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South East Europe has become one of the most important regions for Europe, regarding developments in gas infrastructure. The enactment of the Southern Gas Corridor projects, as well as the projections for increased needs for imports of gas in Europe from diversified sources, routes and suppliers have attracted the interest of investors for the region. However, facilitating gas infrastructure developments in this part of the world is very challenging, since such investments have to be realized over small and immature gas markets.

Based on lessons learned from the implementation of regulatory practices on successful gas infrastructure projects in South East Europe, the presentation elaborates on regulatory tools that can be used, with the view to facilitate the development of important infrastructure projects in the SEE, as well as the expansion of the gas market in new areas. The appropriate implementation of the proposed Gas Target Model, as well as of the EU legislation, on existing and new infrastructure projects, can transform the SEE region into a market based gas import point to the integral EU gas market.