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Subject: The Ukrainian crisis and gas connections between Spain and the EU

Vladimir Putin has launched a full-scale offensive against Ukraine, instigating the biggest conflict Europe has seen since the Second World War.

Of all the tools being used by the Kremlin to blackmail the European Union, one in particular stands out: energy supplies, and particularly the supply of gas on which many Member States depend. Even though it has been known for years that Europe was laying itself open to Russian blackmail, the EU has not done enough to prepare itself for this crisis.

Cuts or restrictions in deliveries of Russian gas to Europe are now more than likely. However, Spain is well placed to offset this, thanks to its high capacity for processing deliveries of LNG and its strategic position between the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

Completing the gas pipeline connection between Spain and the rest of the continent – a project that has been at a standstill for years due to lack of investment – has become imperative, therefore.

Given the strategic nature of this gas pipeline connection for the EU's political and energy independence in the face of Russian blackmail:

What steps will the Commission take, in conjunction with the Spanish and French Governments, to ensure the gas pipeline connection between Spain and the rest of the EU is finally completed?