

A chronology of Nord Stream

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The main events in the history of the Nord Stream companies can be summarised as follows. The dates are those reported in the sources cited in this chapter and should be read together with the reservations noted there.

- * *September 2005.* * Gazprom, BASF and E.ON sign the basic agreement on the North European Gas Pipeline.
- * *Late 2005.* * The joint venture is incorporated in Zug. It is renamed Nord Stream AG in 2006.
- * *April 2010.* * Construction of the first line begins.
- * *November 2011.* * Inauguration of the first line at Lubmin.
- * *October 2012.* * The second line enters operation. Total capacity reaches 55 billion cubic metres per year.
- * *2015.* * Nord Stream 2 AG is established in Zug.
- * *April 2017.* * Gazprom and five European energy companies sign the financing agreements for Nord Stream 2.
- * *September 2019.* * Nord Stream 2 AG initiates arbitration against the European Union under the Energy Charter Treaty.
- * *December 2019.* * The United States adopts sanctions against pipe-laying vessels. Allseas suspends its work.
- * *September 2021.* * Completion of Nord Stream 2 is announced.
- * *November 2021.* * The German regulator suspends the certification procedure.
- * *22–23 February 2022.* * Germany halts certification. The United States sanctions Nord Stream 2 AG and its chief executive.
- * *March 2022.* * Nord Stream 2 AG dismisses its employees in Zug.

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- * *May 2022* * The Zug cantonal court grants Nord Stream 2 AG a provisional moratorium.
- * *August 2022* * Gas flows through Nord Stream stop.
- * *26 September 2022* * Explosions destroy three of the four lines.
- * *2024–2025* * Swedish and Danish investigations close. German prosecutors issue arrest warrants. A suspect is arrested in Italy in August 2025.
- * *2025–2026* * The Zug cantonal court confirms the composition agreement of Nord Stream 2 AG (9 May 2025). The European Union prohibits transactions involving the pipelines (July 2025). The High Court in London dismisses Nord Stream AG's claim against its insurers (July 2026).

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