

Moldova's Commission for Emergency Situations authorizes purchasing by Energocom of natural gas for left bank of Dniester, electricity for right bank

1 February 2025, Chişinău - The Commission for Emergency Situations (CSE), chaired by Prime Minister Dorin Recean, today approved a string of measures necessary for the use of a 30 million euro grant, provided by the European Union, to support both banks of the Dniester river against Russian energy blackmail. The grant is meant to ensure the supply of natural gas to consumers on the left bank of the Dniester until February 10, as well as the purchase and delivery of electricity for consumers on the right bank.

According to the CSE's decision, the Energocom stock company will purchase natural gas, amounting to 20 million euros, from authorized trading platforms in the European Union and Ukraine, under market conditions. Subsequently, the Energocom company will ensure the transmission of natural gas, based on a delivery schedule agreed with Tiraspoltransgaz Ltd company, in energy units, not exceeding a daily value of 3 million cubic meters, equivalent in MWh.

The payment for the gas transportation service will be made by Energocom, according to the tariffs approved by the National Energy Regulatory Agency (ANRE). After delivery, Energocom and Tiraspoltransgaz will draw up a Handing Over-Receiving Act.

Moreover, Energocom will purchase electricity for the right bank of Dniester, amounting to 10 million euros, from authorized trading platforms in the European Union and Ukraine. The import and deliveries of natural gas and electricity, as well as the transportation and distribution services of natural gas and electricity will be carried out with the enforcement of exemption from value added tax (VAT).

The CSE directive also stipulates that entities delivering natural gas, thermal energy, electricity and managing the respective networks in the eastern districts of Moldova will supply exclusively to protected consumer categories, including household

consumers, medical institutions, education institutions and power plants. All information in this regard was requested by Chişinău and received last night from Tiraspol with disaggregated data of consumers.

It is worth mentioning that EU is providing Moldova with emergency support for the country's energy security. In this regard, the government of Moldova and the European Union signed a non-reimbursable financing agreement worth 64 million euros. Thirty million euros of this sum is meant for purchasing gas and electricity on both banks of the Dniester, and 34 million euros represent financial assistance to Moldova's government. The money will come in two installments.