The Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP):
Connecting markets – facilitating growth

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Health and safety, TAP’s #1 priority

Since the inception of TAP, its people in all three host countries have

✓ worked a total of 32.9 million man-hours
✓ and driven a total of 94.8 million km

Without the occurrence of serious incidents.
The Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project: over 79% completed

Length: 878km (105km offshore)
Diameter: 48” onshore 36” offshore
Operation: built-in physical reverse flow
Capacity: can expand from 10bcm/a to 20 bcm/a
Potential: facilitating further interconnections
TAP, the European leg of the Southern Gas Corridor

A 3,500km and US$40 bn value chain, addressing energy challenges in Europe
TAP’s legacy: Infrastructure as Driver for Growth

Upgrade of local infrastructure:

- access roads and bridges in Albania were refurbished, upgraded and/or constructed; second phase ongoing

- partnership with 3 commercial ports in Greece: Thessaloniki, Kavala, Alexandroupolis
TAP’s legacy: Cultural Heritage as Tourist Attraction

Given the rich cultural heritage of its host countries, TAP:

- has conducted cultural heritage studies and management plans in preparation for its ESIAs
- is working closely with relevant authorities in each country

In Greece specifically:

- TAP has concluded 400+ archaeological rescue excavations and trial trench investigations, with 2 of them ongoing
- multiple archaeological findings and remnants of human activity from the Neolithic to the post-Byzantine period have been brought to light
- scientific knowledge is enriched and the tourist product upgraded
TAP’s legacy: Upgrade of Services via Procurement

As a major FDI, TAP:

✓ invests millions in the procurement of goods and services
✓ carefully selects its contractors and suppliers to meet high standards
✓ provides them with both financial benefits and invaluable expertise
✓ generates direct and indirect employment
✓ inspires/finances upgrade of services, e.g. this hotel owner in Serres
TAP’s legacy: Value-adding Social Investments

Over €55 million in TAP’s SEI programme, addressing and promoting several SDGs:

✓ quality of life
✓ socio-economic development and support of livelihoods
✓ environmental protection and sustainability
✓ education and training

More than 200 initiatives across the three countries, e.g.:

✓ MENA project and Hotel Management scholarships in Italy
✓ "Destination, Safety"; "Thriving Land"; and "Works of Inspiration" projects in Greece
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