

Algeria, Niger and Nigeria sign MoU for Saharan gas pipeline

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Algeria, Nigeria and Niger have signed a memorandum of understanding to build a natural gas pipeline across the Sahara desert, Algeria's energy minister Mohamed Arkab said late last week.



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The three countries agreed in June to revive decades-old talks over the project, a potential opportunity for Europe to diversify its gas sources.

Arkab told reporters after the signing ceremony that the three countries will continue talks to achieve the project as quickly as possible.



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\$13bn project

The Trans-Saharan gas pipeline is an estimated \$13bn project that could send up to 30 billion cubic metres a year of supplies to Europe.

According to Algeria's Ennahar TV, the pipeline is expected to span around 4,000km. It has been slated to start in Warri, Nigeria, and to end in Hassi R'Mel, Algeria, where it would connect to existing pipelines that run to Europe.

The idea was first proposed more than 40 years ago and an agreement signed between the countries in 2009, but progress stalled.

Algeria exported 54 billion cubic metres of gas in 2021, mainly to Italy and Spain.

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