



Resolution on Transatlantic Energy Security and LNG Cooperation

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The International Democracy Union affirms that enduring energy security is a strategic pillar for democratic resilience. Russia's use of energy as a weapon is now undeniable: the EU's share of Russian gas imports fell dramatically from 45% in 2021 to 19% by 2025, following the REPowerEU plan and reinforced by Commission measures aiming for a complete phase-out of Russian gas by the end of 2027. In total, the EU has spent over €100 billion on Russian gas since 2022, underlining the urgency of eliminating this dependency.

Frontline EU member states accurately warned that reliance on Russian gas would be exploited for political leverage. Despite sharp reductions, some countries - especially Hungary and Slovakia - continue to import Russian oil and gas under derogations granted for landlocked states, and these imports in 2025 exceeded pre-invasion levels. Hungary was the EU's largest importer of Russian fossil fuels as of October 2025, paying Russia €258 million that month alone. However, new EU legislation will require the cessation of all Russian gas imports with no new contracts after 2026 and short-term contracts ending by December 2027.

The IDU welcomes strengthened transatlantic energy cooperation, exemplified by the recent US–Greece LNG agreement. Under this deal, Greece will import up to 2 billion cubic meters of US LNG annually beginning in 2030, both for its own use and onward supply to Ukraine and other European states. This approach leverages US supply and EU infrastructure, ensuring not just resilience against external pressure but concrete alternative routes for vulnerable partners such as Ukraine.

The IDU urges the United States and EU to move toward structured, predictable coordination - joint LNG infrastructure planning, shared investment, storage coordination, and long-term transparency on contracts. A unified strategy is essential to end the cycle of crisis. Europe's transition from Russian energy must be absolute and irreversible; credible unity and robust cooperation across the Atlantic are the surest guarantees of affordable, reliable, and politically secure energy for decades to come.