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Under the REPowerEU plan¹, the EU aims to phase out its dependency on Russian fossil fuel imports, including natural gas. The share of EU gas imports coming from Russia has already reduced from 45% in 2021 to 15% in 2023.

The EU-Azerbaijan energy cooperation contributes to this goal. Gas supplies from Azerbaijan to Europe through the Southern Gas Corridor have increased by more than 40% since 2021. Azerbaijan exported 8.1 billion cubic meters (bcm) of gas to Europe in 2021, and 11.4 bcm in 2023, increasing from 2% to 4% of total EU gas imports. It has been instrumental in avoiding the worst effects of the energy crisis and diversifying away from Russian fuels. In this sense, Azerbaijan has acted as a valuable energy partner for the EU.

The Southern Gas Corridor that supplies the Georgian, Turkish, and EU markets is only connected to Azerbaijan's Shah Deniz gas field, not to the whole of Azerbaijan's national gas system. Therefore, the Southern Gas Corridor does not transport Russian gas to Europe.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/repowereu-affordable-secure-and-sustainable-energy-europe_en