

# Minister Backs Nabucco

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Azerbaijan's best bet for piping natural gas to Western Europe from the Caspian Sea is the Nabucco West project, Industry and Energy Minister Natick Aliyev said Tuesday ahead of a formal decision.

Aliyev's comment comes as the government is preparing to decide between Nabucco West or the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline, which would take a southern route into Italy.

Nabucco West would take a northern route from the Turkish-Bulgarian border to Baumgarten, Austria. Its shareholders are Austria's OMV, Germany's RWE, Hungary's MOL through pipeline operator FGSZ, Turkey's Botas, BEH of Bulgaria and Romania's Transgaz.

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