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## The Rivalry between the Pipeline-Projects Turkish-Stream and East-Med

...and it's geopolitical Impacts

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**USPA NEWS** - On 20th March 2019, in Tel Aviv, the cornerstone for an Energy Triangle, managed by Israel, has become laid: The Israeli-claimed Leviatan-Sea-Gas-Field at the coast of Northern Israel, Lebanon and Southern Syria - should become connected with the help of a so called East-Med-Pipeline into Europe. These pipeline is planned to run from the Levantine Basin over Greek-Cyprus and Crete into Greece - to get connected there with the Poseidon- and the IGB-Pipeline. Over these both pipelines it should supply Israeli-claimed Sea-Gas from Greece into Italy. And Italy is defined to be the access to whole Europe for these Sea-Gas-Shipments.

At the signing-ceremony on 20th March 2019 in Israel's Tel Aviv the US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, has participated. Because the Geopolitics of the USA judges Israel as the only safe state into the Eastern Mediterranean Region - and favours it as a result of this judgement: In order to avoid a dependence of Europe's Industrial States upon Turkish, Russian or even Iranian Gas. In strict obedience to these US-american judgement, the European Union has announced these US-backed Israeli enterprise as a Project of common interest. As a consequence of these stance, Turkey is to become kicked out of these game about Europe - as a market for its own Gas.

Facing the estimated resources of Sea-Gas within the basin of Turkish-claimed Sea-Territories within the Eastern Egean "" not at least in concern to Turkish-Cyprus "" these game is about multi Billions of Dollars: Multi Billions of Dollars, which could become invested by Turkey, into research and development in the field of High Technology, with the goal to become a leading Nation - of Future-Patents on Key-Technologies.

But already on the 11th October 2016 the Turkish President Recep Erdogan and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin have signed "" exactly here in Istanbul - a contract to construct together the Turkish-Stream-Pipeline. And exactly on 19th November 2018 the construction of these Turkish-Russian enterprise - has been finished up to Istanbul: Where these historically cornerstone of a Turkish-Russian cooperation has become celebrated by the both Presidents, Erdogan and Putin.

These Turkish-Stream-Pipeline should run directly from Istanbul into Bulgaria, and over these through to Serbia and Hungary, up to Austria's Vienna "" where there is a center for a Europe-wide Gas-spreading since decades. These Turkish-Russian-Joint-Venture-Enterprise could even gain on importance, if Turkey and Russia would maybe in Future exploit Sea-Gas-Resources - to become discovered in the Turkish Egean around Turkish-Cyprus - and alongside the coast of Syria. In concern to Syria both are cooperating deeper and deeper "" anyway.

In these Sea-Region Turkey will face an Israeli Navy armed with most modern Germany-made Submarines. But with a backing of Russia, Turkey could receive maybe Russia-made Submarines - of even a much higher quality.

Out of the point of view of the speaker, the battle about the Energy-Supremacy over Europe, and the Heavy-Industries of its Economy, will become decided between these both competing pipeline-projects - within the South of the Mediterranean Sea: On the Southflank of Europe, between its cost belt - from Athen to Sicilia.

As a result of core-goals of the NATO-Strategy, the speaker is sceptic, in concern to the German-Russian North-Stream-Pipeline-Project, planned to run from Vyborg in Russia, at the Finnischer Gulf, into Greifswald in North-East Germany. The whole NATO is based since its very founding upon the geopolitically concept of Halford MacKinder: To define it as the highest priority - to split Germany from Russia. And Germany as a defeated state of the Second World War and further more captured within the Corset of the Union, will most likely not have the power to resist in these case - against the NATO and the EU.

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So Europe has to chose: Between Israel as it's Gas-Sources under US-Protection "" or Turkey (and maybe even Iran) with Russia in it's - or their back. Germany seems to have still chosen: And to have ruled for Israel and the USA "" instead of Turkey and Russia: Right now participating on the Israeli Air-Force's military exercise "žBlue Flag" - as a military ally - of Israel and the USA - within exactly these the Middle-East-competition.

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