TANAP Project: Securing the natural gas needs of Turkey and Europe
Providing SCADA and telecommunications infrastructure for the pipeline
The 1,850 km Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) will bring Azerbaijan’s natural gas directly to Europe.

ABB will deliver the SCADA, telecommunications, pipeline monitoring and security systems.

The TANAP pipeline is the largest section of the $45 billion 3,500km Southern Gas Corridor, which will transport gas from the Shah Deniz 2 field in the Caspian Sea through Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, Greece and Albania, to join the European network in Italy.

TANAP is a company formed for the execution of the project, with SOCAR of Azerbaijan, BOTAS of Turkey and BP as shareholders.

The $11 billion TANAP pipeline will interconnect with the South Caucasus Pipeline (SCPx) at Turkey’s border with Georgia and the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) at its border with Greece.

The natural gas transportation network will comprise the pipeline, compressor stations, metering stations, off-take stations, block valve stations, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA), main control centre (MCC), back-up control centre (BCC), fibre along pipeline, physical/cyber security systems, pipeline monitoring systems, internal and external telecoms and control systems, along with other related equipment and installations in Turkey.

The project consists of a 56" and 48" diameter onshore pipeline system of 1,814 km in length with a 21 km offshore section beneath the Marmara Sea comprised of two parallel 36" diameter pipelines.

The gas pipeline, which is buried a metre below ground for almost all its length, will include seven compressor stations, four measuring stations, 11 pigging stations, 49 block valve stations and two off-take stations.

The TANAP system will be fully automated with main and back-up control centres to meet the requirements of gas transmissions and associated environmental and safety considerations.

During the initial phase of operation starting 2018 the flow of 6 bcm will be delivered to BOTAS in the Esikgebir off-take, compressor station 8 will be operational.

6 bcm at Esikgebir off-take point, 10 bcm at TAP, compressor station 1 also becomes operational by 2019.

Throughput of 24 bcm and 3 additional compressor stations by 2023.

Throughput of 31 bcm & 2 additional compressor stations by 2026.

The Southern Gas Corridor projects have combined investment of $45 billion.

The gas travels across 20 districts including a 20 km section under the Sea of Marmara.

Gas leaves Georgia and begins its journey through Turkey via the new TANAP $11 billion pipeline.

Shah Deniz 2 is where the gas is produced before starting its long journey to Europe.
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Our focus throughout this project is three-fold: to ensure compliance with all health and safety regulations and business and commercial governance, to review project risks to ensure schedules are met and alignment is achieved with all third parties through good interface management and to maximise the facilities available in Turkey for local manufacture and production of key systems including local equipment rooms, cabinet build and fibre blowing, as examples,” says Martin Grady, Oil, Gas and Chemicals Hub Business Unit Manager.

Project organisation

The project will be executed from the ABB Main Execution Centre in St Neots, UK and a new TANAP project office located in Ankara.

The Ankara office will provide facilities for TANAP management and engineers which will improve the effectiveness of the data exchanges and interfaces between TANAP and ABB. This office will be retained for the life of the project and will be the focus for interfacing with TANAP during the design and testing phases of the project. It will also support the site work through the construction, commissioning and completions works.

The core engineering and management team is from ABB in the UK and Turkey supplemented by local Turkish labour.

The project will be controlled by management and lead engineers located in the ABB Ankara office, supported by the UK Main Execution Centre. ABB Turkey will have design responsibility and their designs will be overseen, validated and endorsed by the Main Execution Centre.

Safety in design

ABB will ensure that the engineering and equipment delivered is safe by design. A policy of design reviews and safety challenges will be adopted throughout the project. Design optimisation reviews will be scheduled at key stages of the design. Any subcontracted design will similarly be subjected to design reviews at key stages.

Key milestones

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Project challenges

The TANAP pipeline is the largest diameter, longest pipeline ever built in Turkey.

The project is executed in two main centres, in co-operation with a number of suppliers, with a tight project schedule. Hence project management, interface management and logistics are key elements in the successful completion of the project.

There are also a number of geographical challenges:

- High altitude regions with short construction season - only 110 days in mountainous areas.
- Large sections of the pipeline’s route is very remote and rugged.
- The altitude of the onshore route varies between 2,500 m and sea level.
- The pipeline will have to cross many natural and human-made obstacles, including mountains with steep slopes, marshes, roads, railways, existing pipelines and the congested Dardanelle Straits.

This is the first time that the leak detection system will be deployed for a subsea water crossing.

In addition, there is a climate that moves between extremes of hot and cold, a lack of infrastructure in some areas with the added challenge of security unrest in the surrounding region.

![Project organisation](image-url)
ABB project scope

ABB will deliver SCADA, telecoms, pipeline monitoring, security systems and install fibre optic cables to transmit data along the pipelines. The pipeline will be controlled and automated by ABB’s world-leading System 800xA process automation system. The software solutions will integrate with the SCADA systems and the telecoms that control the gas flows, detect leakages or intrusions and make closed circuit television (CCTV) coverage available for safety and security purposes.

ABB scope of supply for TANAP:
- SCADA
- Telecom systems: WAN/LAN, CCTV, towers, VSAT, PAGA, radio systems, weather observation system
- Pipeline monitoring system (PMS) including fence intrusion detection system (FIDS), buried intrusion detection system (BIDS), pipeline intrusion detection system (PIDS) & leak detection system (LDS)
- Fibre optic cable network
- Main control centre and back-up control centre buildings
- 57 off local equipment rooms (LERs)
- Uninterruptible power supply (UPS) systems
- Operator training system (OTS)

Control
System 800xA offers all the necessary pipeline control functions as standard and integrates them in a leading edge system that can be easily upgraded so that it continues to be state-of-the-art. The controllers make use of ABB’s redundant network routing protocol – the backbone of System 800xA’s network technology – to increase the robustness of the control system, and also offer a broad set of communication modules to connect with third-party devices, thereby increasing its versatility.

particularly important is the feature called point of control (PoC): a function that was added to System 800xA and deployed on the BTC and SCP pipelines. PoC allows the transfer of authority to operate parts of the pipeline to be passed between central and local HMIs, while automatically maintaining the integrity of the system. Using PoC, the engineers are able to quickly and safely transfer control from the central control room to local operational staff on request. The central control room retains a view-only access until the transfer is transferred back. This standard feature of System 800xA sets it apart from many of its contemporaries.

Telecoms systems
Running alongside the SCADA system are the telecom systems, which are separate from System 800xA, but integrated where required. Both control and telecom systems data are carried along a fibre-optic backbone that runs the length of the pipeline. This takes the form of one 48 core and two 96 core fibre-optic cables installed in high-density polyethylene ducts.

As well as these standard functions, there are a number of back-up communications available such as TETRA radio, used by emergency services and satellite phones for unmanned stations that are off the mobile phone grid. There are also meteorological networks at the compressor stations.

Leak detection and pipeline monitoring
The most important and sophisticated of the telecom systems is leak detection and pipeline monitoring. This shares information with ABB’s System 800xA through firewalled connections, but is separate from it, with its own dedicated servers. Leak detection is carried out directly using distributed acoustic sensing (DAS), which relies on the fact that sound waves hitting a cable cause minute changes in the optical properties of the fibre contained within it, as do changes in temperature. Laser pulses sent down a cable can report these changes using a technique known as coherent optical time domain reflectometry (COTDR), and algorithms on the servers can interpret the data, pinpoint where the leak has occurred and verify it using other data, such as the pressure wave that usually accompanies a break in the line.

Intruders are detected in the same way as leaks, with laser pulses. All the pipeline’s stations, manned and unmanned, are surrounded by fences, and all the fence lines and surrounding areas are fitted with a fibre-optic cable that are automatically monitored 24 hours a day.

Corporate communication
The telecoms network supports corporate communications and it also carries multiple safety and security systems such as public address/general alarm, CCTV, access control and intruder detection. Dedicated and physically separate local area networks are provided for the PMS, SCADA, security, corporate and telephony systems where each network has its own pair of cables in the backbone ducts.

Security
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Cyber security
TANAP is critical infrastructure and therefore needs to be secure from cyber-attacks. ABB uses a defence-in-depth approach that involves multiple layers of security controls placed throughout the system. Cyber security is an important factor in all phases of the system lifecycle and it is an integral part of the SCADA and telecoms solution. ABB addresses it at each stage on a project – from design and development to operations and maintenance.
Work packages

ABB has the responsibility for the design and management of its own and other subcontract packages. The project execution strategy for other packages is to place a number of major subcontracts where the subcontractors will provide fully engineered and tested packages to meet project specifications and requirements under ABB management.

Design and system integration
ABB will engineer the SCADA requirements and coordinate the internal supply and external procurement of components where required and then fully integrate and test the systems at their works.

Engineered packages
The main packages are:

– Buildings
– Local equipment rooms
– Fibre installation
– Pipeline monitoring system and intruder detection system
– Operator training, leak detection and pipeline application systems
– Telecoms
– SCADA

Interface management
Interface management is a key discipline for successful project execution. It is essential that all interfaces on the project, both internal and between third parties, are identified and managed.

Fibre cable installation
The design, permitting requirements and installation of the fibre-optic cable along the length of the pipeline and along the E90 highway will be subcontracted. An experienced and approved subcontractor will undertake this specialist task. The approved subcontractor will be managed and supervised by ABB.

Main control centres
The design, permitting, construction and commissioning of the main control centre and other buildings will be subcontracted to an approved Turkish construction contractor experienced in the construction of buildings to the standards and specifications required on the project. The building will be subcontracted as a turnkey contract such that the subcontractor will take the building to a habitable state and will obtain the habitation certificate.

SCADA & telecoms local equipment rooms
Once the FAT is completed, the equipment will be installed in the local equipment rooms and shipped to site for installation, completions and commissioning. All local equipment rooms for TANAP will be built by an ABB subcontractor in Ankara, Turkey. The integration of the UPS, fire & gas suppression, internal cabling and the installation of telecoms and SCADA cabinets, along with the free issue cathodic protection equipment, will all take place at the subcontractor’s premises.
ABB in oil and gas

ABB is a pioneering technology leader in electrification products, robotics and motion, industrial automation and power grids serving customers in utilities, industry and transport & infrastructure globally. For more than four decades, ABB is writing the future of industrial digitization. With more than 70 million devices connected through its installed base of more than 70,000 control systems across all customer segments, ABB is ideally positioned to benefit from the Energy and Fourth Industrial Revolution. With a heritage of more than 130 years, ABB operates in more than 100 countries with about 135,000 employees including over 7,500 dedicated oil and gas employees in 40 countries. ABB employs 8,500 scientists and engineers, invests more than more than $1.5 billion annually in R&D and collaborates with 70 universities worldwide.

ABB in Azerbaijan

ABB maintains a large established engineering and technical support centre in Bridge Plaza, Baku. The Baku office expanded to support the significant upstream and midstream projects in the region, employing more than 100 people at its peak. Local resourcing lies at the core of ABB philosophy in Azerbaijan. The local management & sales teams are fully staffed by Azeri nationals. These teams are in-turn supported by the engineering team who also employ a high proportion of local resource. The service operation, managed from Bridge Plaza in Baku hosts an engineering support and small projects centre that works across multiple assets in the region. This ensures that our customers have support and the right skills locally, whenever they need it.

The ABB installed base in Caspian Region:
- 14 parallel projects across 3 countries
- 7 major oil & gas platforms, 2 major pipelines (1780km), 2 world class terminals with tanker loading
- Largest 800kVA Integrated Control and Safety System in the world (270,000 I/O points)
- Huge electrical installation across all sites
- 6 strategic or major ABB customers, plus 8 international EPCs
- Set-up of service / healthcare & full training school facilities for Azerbaijan
- Localisation and training of Azers and Turkish personnel for long-term roles
- All supported by our global engineering infrastructure