

Press release

SEFE partners with Azerbaijan's SOCAR to import up to 15 TWh of natural gas per year

- **10-year offtake contract for natural gas**
- **Up to 15 TWh or 1.5 bcm per year**
- **Partnership contributes to increasing Europe's security of supply**

[Berlin, Germany, 10 June 2025] – SEFE Securing Energy for Europe and SOCAR, the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic, announced today that they have signed a natural gas purchase contract for the next 10 years. Deliveries from SOCAR to SEFE under this contract will start in 2025.

The annual quantity will gradually increase to 15 terawatt hours (TWh), which is approximately 1.5 billion cubic meters (bcm). This partnership will support investments in production and infrastructure such as gas compressors, increasing the amount of pipeline gas coming to Europe and thus ensuring the continent's security of supply.

Dr Egbert Laege, SEFE CEO, said: "This long-term contract is a testament to the strong relationship between Germany and Azerbaijan. With this partnership, we are establishing a new route for significant gas volumes to reach Europe, thereby diversifying our portfolio and increasing the security of supply of our customers."

Rovshan Najaf, SOCAR President, said: "This agreement marks another significant milestone in SOCAR's ongoing commitment to enhancing Europe's energy security. By supplying reliable and substantial natural gas volumes to SEFE, we are strengthening the partnership between Azerbaijan and Germany, contributing positively to Europe's energy diversification goals and sustainable growth. SOCAR remains dedicated to investing in infrastructure and production capacities, ensuring secure and uninterrupted energy supplies for our partners."

About SEFE

SEFE, an international energy company, ensures the security of supply and drives the decarbonisation of its customers. SEFE's activities span the energy value chain, from origination and trading to sales, transport and storage. Through its decades-long expertise in trading and the development of its LNG business, SEFE has become one of the most important suppliers to industrial customers in Europe, with an annual sales volume of 200 TWh of gas and power. Its 50,000 customers range from small businesses to municipalities and multinational organisations. By



investing in clean energies and especially in the hydrogen ecosystem, SEFE is contributing to the energy transition. The company employs around 2,000 people globally and is owned by the Federal Government of Germany.

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