



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Cabinet of Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič
Deputy Head of Cabinet

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**Note to the attention of
SG Unit D3**

Regarding the access to documents request "Lobby meetings between Vice-President Šefčovič and the Cabinet on the Southern Gas Corridor", please find attached the respective correspondence and minutes of all meetings held on the subject with the Vice-President, from November 2014 until today.


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On 17 May 2016, VP attended, at the invitation of PM Tsipras, the official inauguration ceremony for TAP. On the margins, he met TAP and BP to get private sector update on the construction process.

On 19 December 2016, SNAM, which entered as a shareholder the TAP consortium, gave a short account at their request of the situation in Italy; with their local experience and contacts, they hoped to give a push to the project implementation in Italy and overcome the resistance, led by the regional Governor of Puglia, Mr . Listening mode.

On the margins of the ministerial Advisory Council taking place in Baku on 23 February 2017, VP met SGC stakeholders from SCP and TAP to take stock of construction progress. No new elements were provided, confirming good progress of the works in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey as well as Albania, and Italy – Greece remaining to some degree a matter of concern.

SNAM requested a meeting for 24 March 2017 to discuss progress on TAP, but also the process in . Some reassuring signals and signs for the landing point in Puglia. VP stayed mostly in listening mode, whereas reiterating the EU's general support for this strategic infrastructure project.

On 27 April 2017, SNAM paid a new visit to give account of work progress at TAP landing point in Puglia.

VP in listening mode.