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## US blocks Nord Stream 2 pipeline; Europe mulls response

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A bipartisan push by the United States Congress to halt the Nord Stream 2 pipeline linking Russia with the European Union has succeeded, for now. The threat of sanctions led Swiss pipe-laying company Allseas Group S.A. to stop construction until the political situation clears. Russia has declared that it will be able to complete the pipeline on its own; Germany has called for measures to protect EU projects from U.S. sanctions.<sup>[1]</sup>

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