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ABSTRACT

The European Union's (EU) energy needs are anticipated to rise significantly by 2030. Facing with the growing demand for energy supply, EU is unable to meet its energy needs as most of Europe energy resources have reached their mature level. As a result, EU is increasingly dependent on imported energies to meet its domestic consumptions. In this context, Russia plays an important role in securing energy supply to the EU. Nonetheless, Russia state-controlled in energy sector and its energy pipelines monopolies in Europe have caused the EU limited access to external energy supplies. This situation increases the EU dependence on Russian's energies and heightens the EU vulnerability to supply disruption. The research will study the EU and Russia's energy cooperation and its implications on the energy security concerns of the EU. Further, the research will address how the EU can leverage its position over Russian's energy and pipelines monopolies in Europe.

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