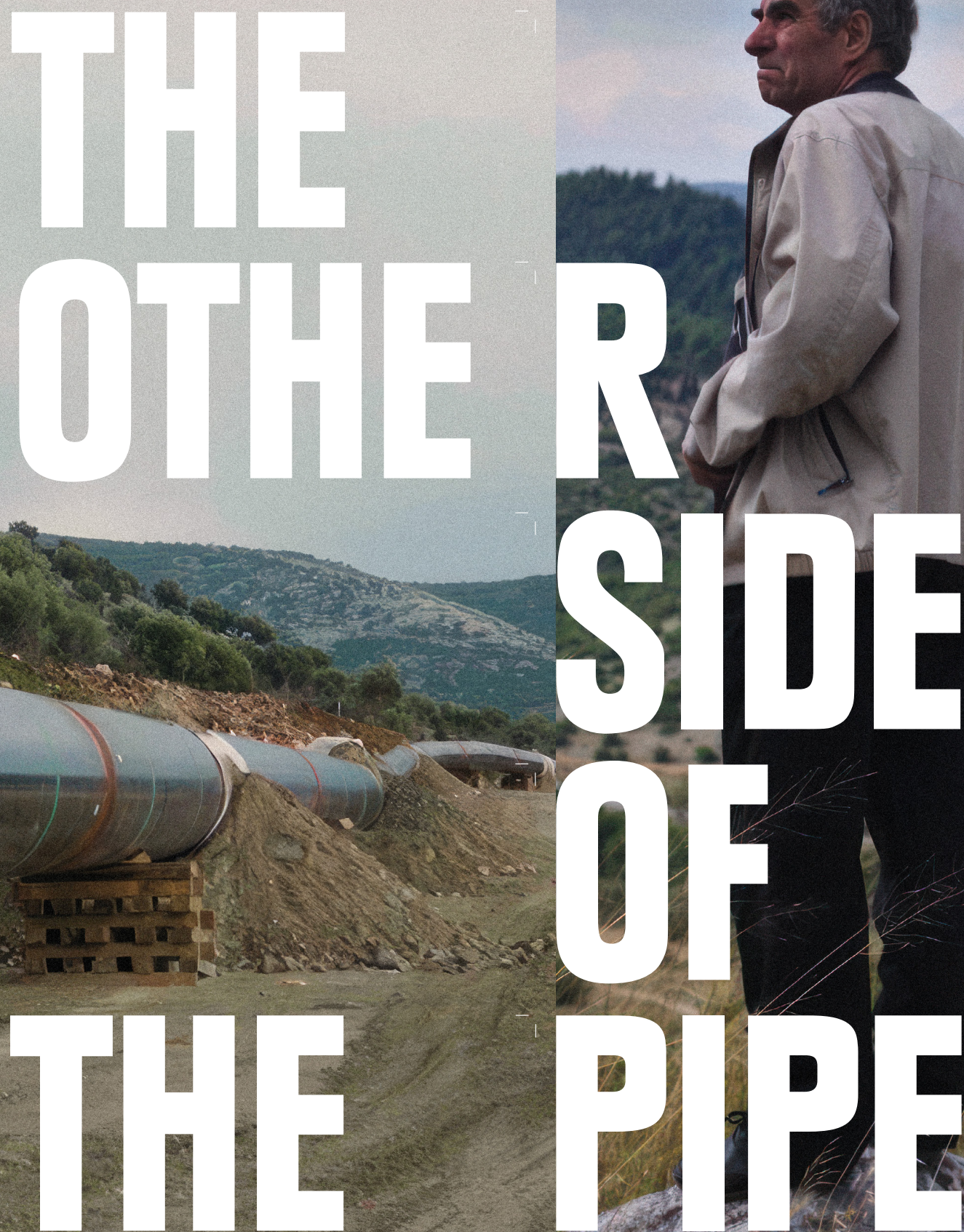


A film by MARKO KUMER MURČ

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PIPE

A man with grey hair, wearing a light-colored jacket and dark pants, stands on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a vast, hilly landscape. In the foreground, several large, dark-colored pipes are stacked on wooden pallets. The background shows rolling hills under a cloudy sky. The title 'THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PIPE' is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.



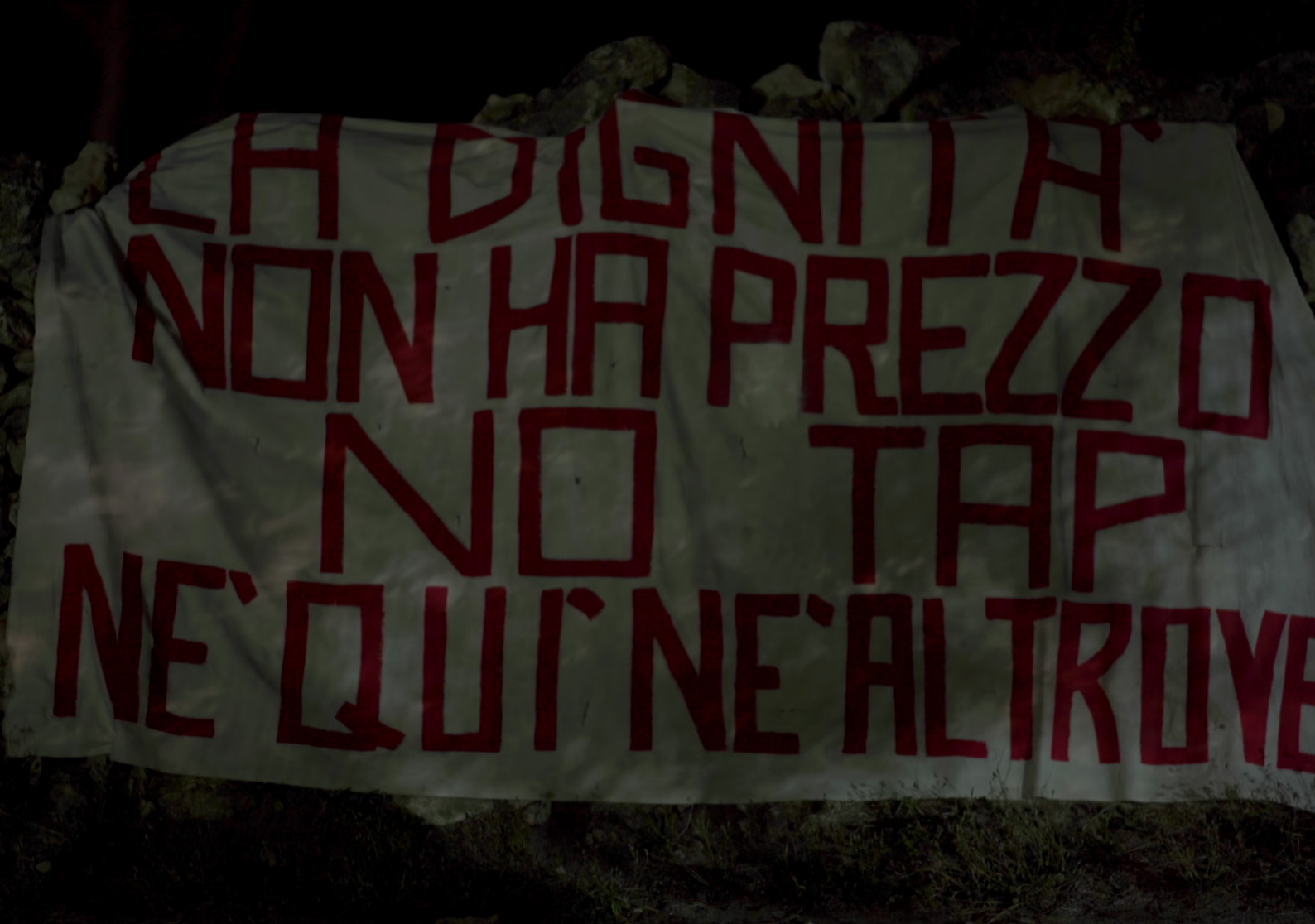
LOGLINE:

**Three activists join forces
to stand against a massive
European gas pipeline project,
impacting civil rights from
Azerbaijan to southern Italy.**



SYNOPSIS:

The Southern Gas Corridor, spanning 3500 kilometers from Azerbaijan to southern Italy, represents Europe's largest energy endeavor. Greek farmer Themis, retired teacher Ippazio, and young activist Giacomo feel the impact of the pipeline on their lives and lands. Together, they unite in a global fight against the project, undeterred by potential consequences, driven by a profound desire to safeguard the environment, democracy, and European values. A human portrait of a battle that is still ongoing.



DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

“The Southern Gas Corridor ranks as one of the largest energy projects in the European Union and enjoyed widespread political support during its construction, passing through multiple countries. This film spotlights the personal stories of local residents in Italy and Greece, who courageously opposed the pipeline for environmental and political reasons and paid a high price for their bravery.

I think it is even more important that those stories are heard because nowadays policymakers are exploring new gas distribution methods in Europe, primarily from Africa, Arab nations, and the Middle East. I firmly believe that similar stories will emerge in those regions as people who challenge these EU-driven political and energy projects will face consequences, despite defending Europe's core democratic values.”

– Marko Kumer Murč / Director

Marko Kumer – Murč is a Slovenian director, producer, and writer. In 2016 he founded Rusaalka Films, a production company based in Lubiana (Slovenia), focused on the production of creative short films and independent documentaries. His previous films were distributed in major international festivals, such as Clermont-Ferrand, Sarajevo Film festival, ZagrebDox, BogoShorts Film Festival. The feature documentary The Other Side of the Pipe is his latest and most prestigious documentary as a director.

Selected Filmography

Janko, Director, Short Fiction, 2023

62., Director, Documentary Short, 2021

Language Of Equality, Director, Documentary, 2020

City Of Light, Director, Documentary, 2017

Utopia In Green, Co-Director, Documentary, 2013



TECHNICAL DATA

Length: 75'; 52'

Format: DCP, color

Language: Italian, Greek, English

Year of production: 2024

Country: Slovenia, Italy

Genre: documentary

CAST

Themis Kalpakidis

Ippazio Luceri

Giacomo Montefusco

TROUPE

Director and DOP **Marko Kumer Murč**

Script **Eric Moses**

Head of research **Katja Lihtenvalner**

Editor **Sara Gjergek**

Sound designer **Emanuele Amodeo**

Music composer **Marco Germini**

Producers: **Marko Kumer Murč, Marta Zaccaron, Mojca Pernat**

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