

## Press Release

# Public Referral Process for the Alternative Route Begins in Denmark

- > **Environmental impact assessment report available for public review and comments**
- > **Public hearing to be held by the Danish Energy Agency in Rønne on Bornholm on November 14, 2018**

**[Zug, Switzerland/Copenhagen, Denmark – 17-Oct-18]** The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the Danish section of the Nord Stream 2 AG natural gas offshore pipeline system has been made available for public display by the coordinating authority, the Danish Energy Agency. The EIA is based on detailed environmental research conducted along the pipeline route where the pipeline is planned to be constructed.

The public, the Danish authorities and organisations can now provide comments or raise their questions to the Danish EIA report through the Danish Energy Agency until December 12. For further information, please visit the website of the Danish Energy Agency [www.ens.dk](http://www.ens.dk). Nord Stream 2 AG has also submitted the construction permit application to the Danish Energy Agency.

The Danish public participation pertains to Nord Stream 2 AG's planned offshore pipeline system that will stretch for approximately 175 km in Danish exclusive economic zone north-west of Bornholm.

## Permit Application filed 10 August 2018

Nord Stream 2 AG submitted a permit application for the construction of an alternative route in the Danish exclusive economic zone north-west of Bornholm for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline system to the Danish Energy Agency, on 10 August 2018. The permit application includes a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report. This EIA describes the main characteristics and technical solutions of the planned pipeline system, as well as detailed assessments of potential impacts on physio-chemical, biological and socio-economic environment in the Danish sector. The report also includes an assessment of potential transboundary impacts which may arise from activities to be carried out in Denmark, and identifies measures to prevent and mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts. Nord Stream 2 AG is not withdrawing from the ongoing procedure for the preferred route as applied for in April 2017 which is based on the guidance received from Danish authorities during the successful planning and construction of the existing Nord Stream Pipeline.

To date, Germany, Sweden, Finland and Russia have given the permits for the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline.



### **Minimal environmental impact**

Based on the thorough assessment of potential impacts, as well as the experience gathered during the construction and operation of the Nord Stream pipelines (including the results of environmental monitoring), the planned pipeline system is assessed to have minimal environmental impacts. Nord Stream 2 AG has been fully committed to finding safe, as well as environmental-friendly solutions throughout the planning phase, and will continue to do so during the construction and operational phase of the planned pipeline system.

For additional information regarding the Nord Stream 2 project and the Danish permitting process please visit: <https://www.nord-stream2.com/permitting-denmark/>

### **About Nord Stream 2**

Nord Stream 2 is a planned pipeline through the Baltic Sea, which will transport natural gas over some 1,230 km from the world's largest gas reserves in Russia via the most efficient route to consumers in Europe. Nord Stream 2 will largely follow the route and technical concept of the successful Nord Stream Pipeline. The new pipeline will have the capacity to transport 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year, enough to supply 26 million European households. This secure supply of natural gas with its low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will also contribute to Europe's objective to have a more climate-friendly energy mix with gas substituting for coal in power generation and providing back-up for intermittent renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.

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