

**Press Release**

## **Pipelay Vessel Pioneering Spirit on Its Way to Join the Nord Stream 2 Construction Fleet**

**[Copenhagen, Denmark/Zug, Switzerland – 12-Dec-18]** Pipelay vessel Pioneering Spirit will enter the Baltic Sea via the Great Belt Bridge in Denmark to join the Nord Stream 2 construction fleet. The vessel is due to start pipelay in the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the coming week.

Pioneering Spirit, operated by Allseas, is 382 metres long and 124 wide, hosting an international crew of 570 persons. The vessel will be mobilised in Denmark for a few days, after which it will continue its journey to the Finnish EEZ to continue pipelay of the first line.

### **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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