

Press Release

Nord Stream 2 Vessel Working near Rügen

> Pipeline ends to be welded together above water

[Rügen, Germany – 12 August 2019] The pipelay vessel CASTORO 10 (C10) is currently located off Rügen to tie together the two ends of a Nord Stream 2 pipe string laid last year on the seabed. The two sections will be connected above water with a weld seam.

In what is known as an Above-Water Tie-In (AWTI) both pipe ends will be lifted out of the water and then cut, aligned and welded together from a working platform attached to the C10. The weld seam is ultrasonically tested and coated with an anti-corrosion protection. Afterwards, the pipe string will be placed on the Baltic seafloor in a slight arc.

Including all preparation and follow-up work, the procedure takes two to three weeks. With optimal weather conditions and smooth operations, the works above water can be completed within just a week.

For the duration of the works we kindly ask all mariners in the area for increased attention in the interest of their safety. The C10 is situated northwest of the “Landtief” approach and positioned with eight anchors. Due to the anchor pattern as well as diving works, a safety distance of at least 1,000 metres from C10 must be observed (see also: BfS (T)105/19).

Work on the Nord Stream 2 Pipeline continues to proceed as scheduled. Altogether more than 1,700 kilometres (over 70 percent) of both pipe strings have been laid in accordance with the existing permits in the waters of Germany, Sweden, Finland and Russia.

Further information can be found in a background paper and an animation on our website <https://www.nord-stream2.com/>



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 CO2 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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