

Press release

Nord Stream 2 publishes transboundary environmental report

- > Report is requirement of the Espoo Convention**
- > Public participation throughout Baltic Sea region begins**
- > Cross-national consultation phase to be completed in June 2017**

[Zug, Switzerland – 6-Apr-17] Nord Stream 2 AG today published an environmental impact assessment (Espoo Report) to document potential transboundary impacts of its planned pipeline through the Baltic Sea. The company has submitted this Espoo Report to the national authorities of Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany for the countries to start consultations on cross-national environmental impacts of the pipeline project. Nord Stream 2 will pass through the exclusive economic zones and/or territorial waters of these five countries and is subject to the United Nations Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context.

Based on the Espoo Report, these countries will inform each other as well as all other Baltic Sea coastal states about potential transboundary environmental impacts of the pipeline project and consult each other in an international consultation process. Feedback from the countries will be taken into account by the five countries through whose waters the pipeline will pass as part of their decision on whether to grant permits for the project and whether to set specific conditions.

For the national permitting procedures in the five countries, Nord Stream 2 submitted or will submit environmental impact assessments according to national legal requirements and timelines. As far as possible the international consultations according to the Espoo Convention will run in parallel, subject to individual national requirements. The international consultations are scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2017.

The Espoo Report including a Map Atlas and a Non-Technical Summary are available for download in the nine languages of the Baltic Sea countries and English on the Nord Stream 2 website: www.nord-stream2.com/permitting-espoo/.



About Nord Stream 2

Nord Stream 2 is a planned pipeline through the Baltic Sea, which will transport natural gas over 1,200 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 design of the successful Nord Stream pipeline. With Europe's domestic gas production projected to halve in the next 20 years, Nord Stream 2's twin pipeline system will help Europe to meet its future gas import needs, with 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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