

Press release

Public Consultation Process now begins in Denmark

- > **Environmental impact assessment report available for the public**
- > **Danes invited to comment on the project**
- > **Public hearing to be held by the Danish Energy Agency in Rønne on Bornholm on August 29, 2017**

[Copenhagen, Denmark – 27 June 2017]. 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 studies conducted along the route where the pipeline is planned to be constructed.

The public, including the Danish authorities and organizations, can now provide comments or raise their questions to the Danish EIA report through the Danish Energy Agency until 19 September, 2017. For further information please visit the website of the Danish Energy Agency www.ens.dk. Nord Stream 2 AG has also submitted the construction permit application as well as the Espoo report (a study on the transboundary impacts on the environment) to the Danish Energy Agency.

The Danish public participation pertains to Nord Stream 2 AG's planned offshore pipelines that will stretch for approximately 139 km in Danish territorial waters and the exclusive economic zone. The planned pipelines will run broadly parallel to the existing Nord Stream pipelines.

"The start of national and international public consultations in Denmark and other countries around the Baltic Sea is an important milestone for the project. Interested stakeholders will be able to file their comments to Nord Stream 2 or take the opportunity to raise their questions during the various public hearings scheduled in different countries around the Baltic Sea," said Nord Stream 2's Head of Permitting, Simon Bonnell.

Permit Application

Nord Stream 2 AG submitted a permit application for the construction of a new pipeline system to the Danish Energy Agency, on 3 April, 2017. 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.

Later, in 2019, Nord Stream 2 AG will apply for a separate permit for the operation of the pipelines on the Danish continental shelf.

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 in Danish waters 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/dk/permitting-denmark/>.

As a project in a transboundary context, Nord Stream 2 needs permits and is subject to international conventions and national legislation in each of the countries through which it passes – Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany. The permitting process progresses on schedule: Sweden was the first country where Nord Stream 2 has submitted permit applications already in autumn 2016. Finland, Germany and Denmark followed in April 2017. Four public hearings have already been held in Sweden and Finland. In summer 2017, Germany, Russia and Denmark will follow suit with their own hearings. International consultations on transboundary impacts will furthermore be carried out between the Parties of Origin (permitting countries) and the Affected Parties (neighbouring coastal states of the Baltic Sea, i.e. Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland). Following the submission of the Espoo Report at the beginning of April 2017, four consultation meetings have already been held in the Baltic States and Poland in May and June. The project is proceeding within the timeline and we expect to receive all permits by the end of 2017 or the beginning of 2018.

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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