



Press release

Nord Stream 2's Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure Completed in Finland

- > The coordinating authority in Finland, Uusimaa ELY Centre has issued its statement on the national environmental impact assessment for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project.**

[Helsinki, Finland – 27, July 2017]. The Finnish environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure for Nord Stream 2 was completed today after the coordinating authority, Uusimaa ELY Centre, responsible for the national procedure in Finland, provided its statement on the EIA report of the Finnish section of the planned Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipelines through the Baltic Sea.

“We are pleased that the coordinating authority acknowledges the EIA report to be sufficient and have declared the EIA procedure completed. We will now evaluate the statement in detail and provide the additional required information as we move on to the permitting phase in Finland. We are dedicated to constructing the pipeline in a way that is as safe and environmentally friendly as possible”, says Nord Stream 2 AG’s Tore Granskog, Permitting Manager Finland.

According to the Finnish legislation, the aim of the EIA procedure is to assess the environmental impacts of the project, to ensure that there is consistent information available for the planning and decision making phase, to provide information for the general public and to provide an opportunity to participate in the process. The coordinating authority’s statement will be taken into account in the Finnish permitting procedure.

Part of the 1,200 kilometres route of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline is planned to run through the Gulf of Finland in the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Two permits are required for construction of the pipeline in the Finnish EEZ: the Government’s Consent for the use of the Finnish EEZ and a permit for the construction and operation of the pipeline.

Nord Stream 2 AG plans to submit the permit applications in September 2017 and estimates to receive the respective decisions during the first quarter of 2018. The project is progressing according to schedule.

Further information of the Finnish EIA and permitting procedures can be found [here](#).

The coordinating authority’s statement can be found [online](#) in Finnish and Swedish.

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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