



Espoo Point of Contact for  
Sweden, Germany and Poland

### **Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary context regarding the establishment of the Baltic Pipe Project**

According to the Espoo Convention affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts.

As a party of origin pursuant to article I (ii) of the Espoo Convention, Denmark hereby notifies the following parties:

- Espoo contact point for Sweden
- Espoo contact point for Germany
- Espoo contact point for Poland

Confer attached list of contact information (Appendix I)

The pipeline project is covered by Annex I, no. 8 of the convention “large diameter oil and gas pipelines”.

#### **Information on the project**

The construction of a marine gas pipeline from Denmark to Poland is intended in the Baltic Sea. The offshore pipeline from Denmark to Poland has a total length of 250 – 280 km with landfall in Denmark in the Bay of Faxe and three options for landfall in Poland (Niechorze, Rogowo, Gaski).

The marine gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea is part of a project connecting the Norwegian-German gas pipeline located in the North Sea to the Eastern European market, thereby improving the security of supply in Eastern Europe, primarily Poland and contributing to the phasing out of coal power.

The pipeline will be laid directly on the seabed by the S-lay method where possible. Where the seabed is not suitable for supporting a pipeline and where large free spans are foreseen due to bathymetry the seabed may be enforced by rock material. In shallow waters or in areas sensitive to the physical structure, the

pipeline will be buried. The burial method is most likely trenching. It is anticipated that 2-3 km of pipeline is laid pr. day.

During the construction phase the construction works on the seabed will cause some under water noise and disturbance of the sediment and vessels will be visible and hearable at the sea surface. During the operation phase there will be a safety zone around the pipeline preventing fishery and anchoring. In appendix II to this notification, the project is described in further detail together with the potential transboundary environmental impacts.

### **Transboundary impacts**

The potential for transboundary impacts during the construction phase is limited and relevant only in an area where the pipeline route is planned close to country borders, that is at border crossings and at a location where the Swedish part of the route runs parallel to the German border.

The transboundary impacts caused by the construction activities are suspension and sedimentation and disturbance of marine mammals and seabirds. The impacts are local, short term and reversible.

During the operation phase transboundary impacts are foreseen only for commercial fishery that takes place around the pipeline. According to Helcom data the majority of fishery in the area is German, Swedish, Danish and Polish.

### **Developer**

The Baltic Pipe project is being developed by GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. and Energinet as a joint venture. GAZ-SYSTEM S.A. is responsible for the Baltic Sea part of the project (this part), Energinet is responsible for the tie-in to the existing pipeline in the North Sea and crossing Danish land and straits.

This part of the project is notified by:

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### **The EIA Process in Denmark**

Construction of a marine gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea is covered by Act no. 448 of 10/05/2017 Act on Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes and of Specific Projects (EIA) (in Danish).

The Baltic Pipe gasline is by the Danish authorities considered as one project although with two developers. The project consists of five components; a marine pipeline in the North Sea, a pipeline crossing Danish land, the crossing of a Danish strait (Little Belt), a compressor station in Zealand and the Baltic Sea pipeline.

Environmental Impact Assessments will be prepared for the different geographical areas of the project resulting in a total of three marine EIAs (North Sea, Little Belt and the Baltic Sea) and one terrestrial EIA. The environmental impact assessment and the related report for the marine gas pipeline in the Baltic Sea will therefore constitute a sub-report of the total EIA assessment of the entire project.

The Danish Energy Agency is the competent authority for the EIA permitting procedure for the marine sections of the project; The Danish Environmental Protection Agency is the competent authority for the land based part of the project. Below contact details for both agencies are provided.

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Currently work is being carried out to obtain data for the baseline of the impact assessments. The EIA reports are expected to be available to the Danish Energy Agency at the beginning of 2019.

With a final EIA approval, a construction permit for the construction of the gas pipeline can be awarded.

### **Information and time schedule for the project, including Public Participation**

Information regarding the project is publicly available from the project's website [www.baltic-pipe.eu](http://www.baltic-pipe.eu), where updates on the development of the project will be posted regularly.

The first public consultation (scoping) on the project is from 21 December 2017 until 22 January 2018. A number of public meetings have been planned in various places in Denmark during the hearing between 8 and 11 January 2018

A public meeting with focus on the compressor station and the off-shore construction in the Baltic Sea, including transboundary impacts that will be included in the Espoo process is planned on the 11.1. 2018. The meeting will be held from 15,00 to 20,00 at:

Arena Næstved  
Ved Stadion 11  
4700 Næstved  
Denmark

The final EIA reports will be the basis for the second consultation phase, which is expected to take place in late autumn 2018 and the construction permits are expected to be granted in summer 2019 followed by one month of appeal.

**The Danish Environmental Protection Agency, which is the Danish Espoo Authority, therefore kindly asks for:**

- confirm receipt of this letter
- indication of whether you want to participate in the public consultation procedure on EIAs for the project
- please let us know if you have specific remarks for content in the assessment of transboundary environmental impacts

**Time limit for participating in the process**

Kindly send the answer to this notification to the Danish Environmental Protection Agency, att.: Karin Anette Pedersen, kaape@mst.dk no later than 15 February 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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