Consultation under the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment for the fixed link across the Fehmarn Belt, NV-03035-14.

German authorities have submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for a fixed road and rail link across the Fehmarn Belt. Trelleborg Municipality was given the opportunity to submit comments by 19 June 2014. The Planning Board submitted an opinion on 2013-09-25 and the board maintains these previously submitted comments. The Planning Board decided to issue the following observations for Trelleborg Municipality:

- The construction of a fixed link across the Fehmarn Belt may result in changes in water exchange and the total sediment dispersion in the Baltic Sea. The construction work is expected to further involve the excavation of up to several million m³ of seabed material. It is therefore very important that the EIA describes and evaluates how changes in water exchange, and the extensive excavation of seabed material, will affect the water and the water quality in the Baltic Sea.

- A fixed link across the Fehmarn Belt will greatly affect the exchange of traffic between Sweden and Germany. For Trelleborg Municipality's part it is vital that a thorough traffic study is conducted, that accounts for the impact of the fixed link across the Fehmarn Belt, in terms of traffic exchange, traffic flow and other cross border effects between the countries of the Southern Baltic Sea.

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