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**Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo  
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a  
Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the Nord  
Stream 2 gas pipeline**

In a letter dated 8 April 2013 Denmark notified your country, in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention, of the project by Nord Stream AG, at the moment Nord Stream 2 AG, to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea linking Russia and Germany and crossing the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Finland, Sweden and Denmark and the territorial waters of Denmark.

The letter stated that the gas pipeline project could be found as item 8 (large-diameter oil and gas pipe-lines) on the list of activities in Appendix I to the Espoo Convention that are likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impact. Thus, an environmental impact assessment procedure had to be performed according to the Convention.

In this procedure, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland considered themselves as Parties of Origin under the Convention. The Russian Federation is a signatory, but not a Party, to the Espoo Convention. However, Russia has acted and will continue to act as a Party of Origin in so far as it is possible according to its legislation. All nine Baltic Sea states, including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, were regarded as Affected Parties under the Espoo Convention.

In the letter your country was kindly asked to indicate whether you intended to participate in the EIA procedure, provide comments concerning the scope of the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your EEZ and territory, and submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Denmark received your response where you indicated your wish to participate in the EIA procedure. The comments given by the Parties during the notification phase have been forwarded to Denmark's competent EIA authority.

The developer, Nord Stream 2 AG, has now prepared an environmental impact assessment in two binders: "Espoo Report and Espoo Atlas. Nord Stream 2," As indicated in the letter of 8 April 2013, Denmark hereby – in accordance with the provisions of the Espoo Convention – sends the assessment documentation to you

in order to give you the opportunity for consultations and public participation (Articles 4 and 5). Additionally, the Danish EIA report which focuses on impacts within Denmark will be at your disposal.

In annex 1 you can find information on the decisions and permits concerning transit gas pipelines to be established on territorial waters and/or on the Danish continental shelf.

Denmark, as the Party of Origin would like to draw your attention to the obligation of the concerned parties to arrange for distribution of the documentation to the authorities and the public in the areas likely to be affected.

For your information, the general public, NGOs and the authorities are entitled to comment on the EIA documentation from June 27th until September 19th 2017 in Denmark. A public information meeting with the participation of the Danish EIA-authority and the developer will take place at 5 PM on the August 29th 2017 at the Hotel GSH in Rønne, Bornholm. The public information meeting will mainly be conducted in Danish with a possibility for English translation.

Denmark kindly asks you to submit your comments no later than September 26th 2017 and to

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country from Denmark
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country, and
- indicate preferably already before September 26th 2017 if you see a need for additional consultations.

Please send your comments to

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Yours sincerely,



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## Enclosures

1. Espoo Report and Espoo Atlas. Nord Stream 2. April 2017. The EIA documentation can be downloaded from the Environmental Agency's website

<http://mst.dk/service/annoncering/espoo/> in Danish and English and the documentation is also enclosed on a memory stick (USB). The documents are also available on the website <https://www.nord-stream2.com/permitting-espoo/> in English and your national language.

2. Nord Stream 2. Environmental Impact Assessment, Denmark. March 2017. The Danish and English version of the report can be downloaded from 27 June 2017 from the website: <https://ens.dk/ansvarsomraader/olie-gas/offentliggoerelser-om-olie-gas/vvm-redegoerelsen-NS2>

### **For more information about the project and the EIA**

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**ANNEX 1** - Main decisions and permits concerning transit gas pipelines to be established on the Danish continental shelf and/or territorial waters.

The main permits issued in the statutory permit granting procedure:

- Permit for the laying of the pipeline in territorial waters and the continental shelf, including acceptance of the environmental impact assessment
- Operating permit for the pipeline

After completion of the authorisation process, it may still be necessary to obtain permits or approvals that are not essential as to whether the project can be undertaken.

### **Application and EIA**

Before the Energy Agency can issue a permit, an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) must be conducted, if the project concerns the installation of pipelines for the transport of gas, oil or chemicals with a diameter of more than 800 mm and a length of more than 40 km. The EIA report is part of the documentation required in connection with the examination of the application and is drawn up by the developer. The EIA report contains impact assessments under the Habitat Directive and the Birds Directive, etc. When the EIA report is prepared, the Energy Agency carries out a public consultation, which lasts a minimum of 8 weeks. With regard to the Nord Stream 2 project the public consultation starts June 27th 2017 and ends September 19th 2017. When the consultation period has ended and the comments from the public participation have been assessed, the EIA process is completed.

Based on the application and the results of the public consultation as well as possible responses from neighbouring countries, the Danish Energy Agency will decide whether a permit can be granted and which terms and conditions should be imposed in the permit. This decision will be published and can be appealed with regards to the environmental issues to the Energy Board of Appeal, Toldboden 2, DK-8800 Viborg. Other matters concerning the permit can be appealed to the Minister of Energy, Utilities and Climate, Stormgade 2-6, DK-1470 Copenhagen K. The installation of the pipeline cannot start before 4 weeks after the design approval of the pipeline has been made public.

According to regulation no. 361/2006 an application must be submitted for the Danish Energy Agency's approval before the operation of the pipeline on the Danish continental shelf and/or territorial waters can start.