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Information on an ongoing strategic environmental assessment concerning a plan on urban development and infrastructure for Copenhagen's East Harbor, including Lynetteholm, in Denmark

Denmark hereby informs about an ongoing strategic environmental assessment process for the plan for urban development and infrastructure for Copenhagen's East Harbor, including Lynetteholm, in accordance with Article 10 of the SEA Protocol of 21 May 2003 on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention of 25 February 1991 on Environmental Impact Assessment at Cross-Border¹.

The plan is not expected to have significant cross-border environmental impacts in relation to your countries.

Background

On the basis of the law of the construction of Lynetteholm, which was passed in the Danish Parliament on 4 June 2021, the Ministry of Transport announced on 15 July 2021 the further process for the development of Lynetteholm near Copenhagen, including the implementation of a strategic environmental assessment decided in connection with the adoption of the law.

The Ministry of Transport states that the strategic environmental assessment, including the plan listing the elements that are the subject of the environmental assessment, is not legally binding. This is because the plan is not covered by the directive's definition of "plans and programs", since it is not required by law or administrative provisions. In addition, the plan does not have to be finally approved or adopted.

Even though the plan is not formally subject to a strategic environmental assessment, it has been politically decided that it should be treated as if it was.

Back in November 2022, Denmark sent information regarding the strategic environmental assessment.

Description of the plan

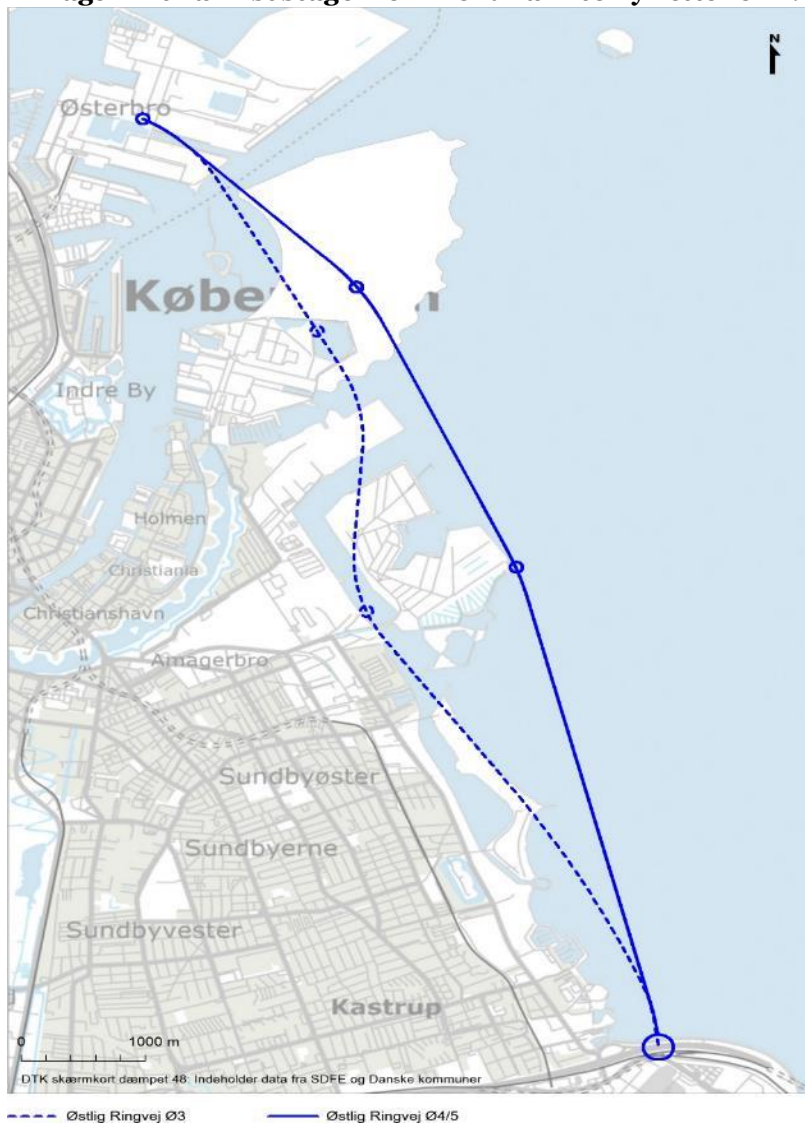
¹ Directive 2001/42/EF of June 27 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment

The elements of the plan for which a strategic environmental assessment is to be made include the following:

1. Urban development
2. Eastern Ring Road (Harbor Tunnel)
3. Metro
4. Bicycle infrastructure
5. Additional road service

The plan has the character of an overall sketch of the elements in the development and infrastructure service of Copenhagen's East Harbor, including Lynetteholm. To the extent that it is politically decided later to implement the content of the plan, specific environmental assessments will have to be carried out in accordance with the rules of the EIA-Directive.

Map: Corridor for Eastern Ring Road in a tunnel along the east coast of Amager with a first stage from Nordhavn to Lynetteholm.



Map: Stage-divided metro M5 West with possible possibility of establishment as a ring in the long term.



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Further information about Eastern Ring Road and the metro can be found here (in Danish):

- <https://www.vejdirektoratet.dk/projekt/oestlig-ringvej>
- <https://m.dk/media/3381/20982-metro-rapport-lynetteholmen-19.pdf>

Schedule and Espoo process

The start of the public to provide comments on the report started on August 22 2022. The implementation of the plan is at this stage of the strategic environmental assessment of the plan not considered likely to have any significant transboundary environmental effects. Previously there has been an interest in Ly netteholmen, including in HELCOM, and you are hereby again informed of the ongoing environmental assessment process.

Feedback

Please report back no later than **September 12th 2022** to **Espoo@mst.dk** if you wish to participate in the environmental assessment process.

If you have any questions about the above, you are welcome to contact me.

Kind regards,

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