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- Estonia
- Finland
- Germany
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Russian Federation

Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the Nord Stream Extension

As Party of Origin Sweden hereby notifies, according to Article 3 of the Espoo Convention of the project by Nord Stream AG to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea linking The Russian Federation and Germany and crossing the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

The Nord Stream AG is planning to construct and operate an offshore natural gas transmission system consisting of two separate pipelines with a diameter of each 1,2 m crossing the Baltic Sea between The Russian Federation and Germany.

The company has submitted a description of the project and the intended assessment of transboundary and environmental impacts (Nord Stream Extension, Project Information Document, March 2013).

The project can be found as item 8 (large-diameter oil and gas pipelines) on the list of activities in Appendix I to the Espoo Convention, that are likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact. An environmental impact assessment procedure according to the Convention thus has to be performed for the Nord Stream Extension project in the above mentioned countries, which are Parties of the Convention, and The Russian Federation.

Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Finland regard themselves as Parties of Origin under the Espoo Convention. The Russian Federation is a signatory but not a Party to the Espoo Convention. However, The Russian Federation will act as a Party of Origin as far as it considers it possible according to its legislation. All nine Baltic Sea States, including Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland are regarded as Affected Parties under the Espoo Convention.

The four Parties of Origin and The Russian Federation have agreed to send out identical notification letters to each Affected Party. Nevertheless, since the nature of decision and of the EIA procedure is different for each country, the descriptions of these will differ. The additional information to this notification is enclosed as an electronic document (PDF) in a separate e-mail. For practical reasons a paper version of the documents will be sent out by Nord Stream AG on behalf on the Parties of Origin.

The Convention states that the concerned Parties shall ensure that the public in the areas likely to be affected is informed of and provided with possibilities for making comments or objections on the proposed activity. Furthermore the states shall ensure the transmittal of these comments to the competent authority of the Party of origin (Articles 2.6 and 3.8).

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks the addressed Parties to respond until 18 June 2013 at the latest and

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
- indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your EEZ and territory.
- submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Subsequent to the notification, the developer plans to prepare an EIA documentation, which will then - according to the provisions of the Espoo Convention - be sent by Sweden to the Affected Parties, who have indicated their wish to participate in the environmental impact procedures. Then the Affected Parties will have the opportunity for consultation of authorities and public participation (Art. 4.1 and 4.2).

Information on the national permitting procedure.

The part of the gas pipeline located in the Swedish EEZ will require a permit according to the Act of the Continental Shelf. The permitting authority is the Government and an application will be processed by the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications.

In Sweden the developer has the responsibility to prepare the EIA-document and to perform consultations before submitting an application. The application for a permit shall contain the EIA-document and information about any consultations that have taken place pursuant to the EIA-rules in the Environmental Code. The EIA-procedure starts now in Sweden.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency is designated to fulfil Sweden's obligations under the Espoo Convention.

For your information, the developer is going to hold a public consultation meeting in accordance with the Swedish EIA regulations at

Wisby Strand Congress and Event
Strandvägen 4
Visby
Gotland

20 May 2013 at 17:00. The meeting will be conducted in Swedish and Danish. If anyone wishes to participate in the meeting who needs interpretation into English, the developer has kindly agreed to arrange for interpretation. Please let us know ahead of time and no later than 3 May if you wish to participate and need interpretation into English. You are kindly invited to participate.

Kindly send the answer to this notification **at the latest 18 June 2013** to: Swedish Environmental Protection Agency, SE 106 48 Stockholm, SWEDEN. We appreciate to receive the answer in electronic form to registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-09623-12 in your answer.


For more information about the project itself please contact the developer:

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Point of Contact for the Espoo Convention

Enclosures:

Attachment to this notification to the Affected Parties under Art. 3 of the Espoo Convention;

*Nord Stream Extension Project Information Document (PID) Nord Stream AG
March 2013*

The document has been elaborated and translated into your own language by the developer.

Documents in all languages will also be available at <https://www.nord-stream.com/extension/>

Please notice, this notification is only sent by e-mail. If anyone needs a printed notification or document please send a request, see contact information above.

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