

Seminar

Cooperation on the EIA Convention in the Baltic Sea subregion 20-21 October 2005

Gas pipeline between Sweden, Denmark and Germany

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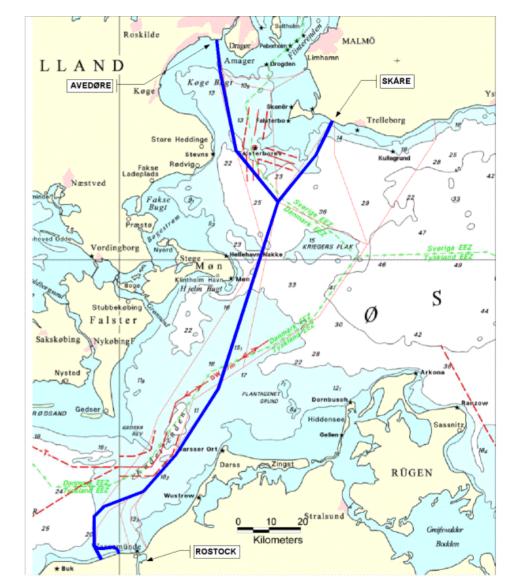
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The project

Submarine pipeline for natural gas between Germany, Denmark and Sweden

Located in territorial waters and economic zones of all three states

Five different alternative routes studied





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Espoo application

The three states both Parties of Origin and Affected arties *Joint responsibilities*

Meeting Focal points and developer in May 2000 in Cope

All six other Baltic Sea states affected Parties

Joint Espoo procedure – all three states notify all Affected Parties, Sweden sends documents



Espoo procedure

Notification September 2000: All answered that significant effect unlikely

Finland and Russia involved in process for interest of information

Latvia and Poland wanted to be informed

<u>Consultations January 2002</u>: Sweden sent EIA for comments and as information, Denmark sent letter

Few comments on offshore part



Decisions in Sweden

Decisions 16 December 2004

- •Natural Gas Code
- •Act of the Continental Shelf
- •Environmental Code and the Act on Swedish Economical zone

<u>Decision 9 December 2004</u> •Conditions for the project within the Swedish territory



Observations

- Different legal processes in the three countries
- •EIA process separate or integrated in application process

•Different legal requirements for EIA & development consent on land, in territorial waters and in economical zone

•Long time between EIA and the final decision



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- Informal early contact is essential
- Knowledge on legal processes in other Party of Origin essential
- Inform clearly about the whole process and future steps when notifying
- Good start but joint process less focused when national process takes over
- Need for follow up meeting when the case ends

