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**Consultation in accordance with articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary
Context and the EU Directive 85/337/EEC for the fixed link across the
Fehmarnbelt**

By letter of 21 June 2010 Denmark notified your country according to Article 3 of the Espoo Convention of the Danish project to construct and operate a fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt between Germany and Denmark crossing the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the territorial waters of Germany and Denmark, respectively.

In the letter your country was kindly asked to:

- indicate whether you intended to participate in the EIA procedure;
- submit comments concerning the scope for 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 response from Finland, Germany, Norway, Poland, and Sweden, who indicated their wish to participate in the EIA procedure.

Denmark has also received comments on the scope of the environmental impact assessment from these countries.

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have answered that they want to be informed.

The state-owned company "Femern A/S" is appointed by the Danish Minister of Transport to be in charge of preparation, investigations and planning in relation to the establishment of a fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt.

The Danish Ministry of Transport and Femern A/S have carefully assessed all the incoming statements. These statements have been considered in developing the EIA report for the project.

Because of the legislative and administrative differences in the requirements for the EIA documentation in Germany and Denmark, it has been decided to prepare two individual sets of EIA documentation, one for the German EIA procedure and one for the Danish EIA procedure. The German and Danish EIA documentation is based on the same technical project description and on the same background material.

Femern A/S has now finished the preparation of an environmental impact assessment for the Femern Belt Fixed Link Project to be used in the Danish national hearing procedure consisting of an EIA report, a summary report and an appendix with visualizations of the project during construction and operation.

The Danish national hearing procedure will take place in the period June 28 until September 20 2013. For your information a public meeting with participation of the Danish Ministry of Transport, Femern A/S and the Danish Ministry of Environment will take place in Lalandia in Rødby August 29 2013. The public meeting will be conducted in Danish.

Femern A/S finalized the documentation for the Danish national hearing procedure before finalizing the documentation to be used for the German national hearing procedure. The Danish national hearing will therefore take place prior to the German national hearing procedure.

The Danish EIA-documentation to be used for the Danish national hearing procedure and the background reports which are the basis for the EIA-documentation are available on the website
<http://vvmdocumentation.femern.com/>

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To facilitate the transboundary consultation, a report containing the description of the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link Project and the assessment of the

potential transboundary environmental impacts “Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment, Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link (coast to coast) June 2013” has been prepared.

The complete original report is available in English. A non-technical summary of the Espoo Report will within a few weeks be available in German, Polish, Swedish, and Finnish.

In Denmark, railway and motorway infrastructure projects are approved by a law passed in the Danish Parliament. The approval of the EIA for the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link Project is included in the procedure. The Construction Act for the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link is expected to be passed by the Danish Parliament at the end of 2014.

Denmark kindly asks you to submit your comments no later than October 4 2013.

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