

PRESS RELEASE

The Pipeline Information Tour visited Bornholm

Nord Stream informed about the project during the island's Cultural Week with the theme 'New Energy'

Rønne, 21 September 2008. More than 400 Bornholmers as well as a number of interested tourists visited Nord Stream's Pipeline Information Tour Bus during the Cultural Week on Bornholm. The mobile exhibition was designed to inform the public about the planned natural gas pipeline across the Baltic Sea. It parked in the heart of Rønne – the island's main city.

From Tuesday to Saturday Nord Stream opened up the bus to the public between 11 and 20.30 CET. Nord Stream representatives and experts from several Danish institutions were available for informal discussions and information exchange about the project. Each day different specialists were on site to answer questions on subjects that ranged from fishery and the environment to cultural heritage, to pipe laying and Nord Stream's extensive survey of the Baltic Sea.

"We are glad to experience so much genuine interest in the project on Bornholm. Many of our visitors already seemed to know a lot about the pipeline they enjoyed discussing details of our project – facilitating a positive dialogue with their questions. And dialogue is exactly what the Pipeline Information Tour is all about," says Maud Amelie Hanitzsch, Project Manager at Nord Stream.

To demonstrate the everyday use of natural gas the famous Danish chef Nikolaj Kirk prepared end-of-summer delicacies on a gasfired barbecue for visitors on Friday and Saturday. With his winning personality and excellent cooking skills Nikolaj Kirk entertained around 200 enthusiastic guests each day at the barbecues that turned out to be a great success.

At a later stage the Pipeline Information Tour will also visit Germany, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Russia in order to inform about the project in all countries with territorial waters and/or Exclusive Economic Zones through which the pipeline is planned to pass.

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Nord Stream is a natural gas pipeline that will link Russia and the European Union via the Baltic Sea. The European Union's gas imports were, 314 billion cubic metres (bcm) in 2005 and are projected to grow by almost 200 bcm to 509 bcm per year by 2025 (Source: European Commission/DG-TREN, 2007). Nord Stream will meet about 25 per cent of this additional requirement by connecting the European gas pipeline network to the world's largest gas reserves. The project will be an important contribution to long-term security of supply and a milestone of the energy partnership between the European Union and Russia.

Nord Stream AG plans to have the first of two parallel pipelines operational in 2011. Each line is approximately 1,220 kilometres long, providing a transport capacity of some 27.5 bcm per year. Full capacity of about 55 bcm per year will be reached in the second phase, when the second line goes on stream.

Nord Stream AG is an international joint venture established for the planning, construction and subsequent operation of the new offshore gas pipeline across the Baltic Sea. OAO Gazprom holds a 51 per cent stake in the joint venture. BASF/Wintershall Holding AG and E.ON Ruhrgas AG hold 20 per cent each, and N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie has a 9 per cent stake.