

The Council of State has granted Baltic Connector an expropriation and advance seizure permit

The Council of State approved Baltic Connector's application for an expropriation and advance seizure permit on 26 October 2017. The permit entitles Baltic Connector Oy to seize the land required to construct the on-shore sections of the natural gas pipeline. Furthermore, the permit also entitles Baltic Connector to transfer gas on the expropriated areas. The pipeline will mainly be located within the municipality of Inkoo, with a short section of the northern part of the pipeline running through the municipalities of Lohja and Siuntio.

Expropriation proceedings will begin in late November with an initiation meeting and seizure reviews arranged by the National Land Survey of Finland. A seizure meeting and determination of advance compensation will be held in January 2018. The National Land Survey of Finland will send landowners a separate invitation to the initiation meeting.

"It is important to us that the expropriation proceedings are carried out with the National Land Survey of Finland fluently and that the landowners receive up-to-date information on progress at every phase," says Baltic Connector Oy's Project Director, **Tom Främling**.

Construction work will begin on the onshore section of the Balticconnector gas pipeline in spring 2018, following the expropriation proceedings.

Baltic Connector Oy is a state-owned company set up in 2015 to implement the Finnish part of the Balticconnector gas pipeline to be built between Finland and Estonia. When completed, Balticconnector will connect the gas networks of Finland and the Baltic countries and will enable the opening of the gas market in Finland. The EU has granted funding to cover 75% of the project, and the project is due to be completed by 2020.

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