

## Excavation work of offshore pipeline in inner archipelago completed, blasting work to begin in outer archipelago

The excavation work of the Balticconnector project began Friday 13 July. The work progressed well and was completed Monday 16 July. At the end of the week, the work will continue with blasting work in the outer archipelago, around 20 kilometres from the shore.

The blasting work comprises three phases: drilling, blasting, and excavation of rubble. Excavation work in the area will be carried out 24/7 whereas blasting work is limited to daytime between 7 am and 6 pm. The work is estimated to take two weeks. After this, the excavation work will continue in the area of Inkoo fairway and Lillskämmö, where work will be carried out between 6 am and 10 pm. The preparatory work will be finished in August.

"By beginning preparatory work in July, we were able to save enough time for planning so that the work can be carried out safely and with equipment appropriate for the level of difficulty of the work. The timing is optimal also because it means we can avoid the hazards brought on by autumn storms," says Baltic Connector's Project Director, Tom Främling. Baltic Connector Oy would like to apologise for caused disturbances and to thank residents in the nearby area for their understanding in this matter.

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