



NL Agency
Ministry of Economic Affairs



Gas pipeline project

Dutch experience

NL Environment stimulates the achievement of sustainability goals by creating alliances, assessing environmental legislation and providing finance, information and advice.

>> Focus on environment

Overview of the project

North-South route
Initiative by Gasunie



Features of the project (1)

- 9 projects = 9 EIA proc. (3yrs)
- combined SEA + EAI
- app. 450 km of pipeline
- app. 900 permits / licenses / planning approvals \approx 2 permits for every km
- app. 90 local authorities + 30 regional authorities



Features of the project (2)

Proponent (Gasunie) carried out EIA's

Local + regional authorities 'approved' EIA's for their permits and planning permissions



Evaluatie Documentatie N-27 Project fase 2007			
Titel	Uitgever	Uitgave	Uitgave
N-27	Gasunie	2007	10/2007
Uitgever	Uitgever	Uitgever	Uitgever
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Features of the project (3)

3 projects with international / cross boundary aspects



Rijkswaterstaat / Rijkspost / Rijkswaterstaat / Rijkspost			
Project	Phase	Start	End
1	1	2017	2019
2	1	2017	2019
3	1	2017	2019
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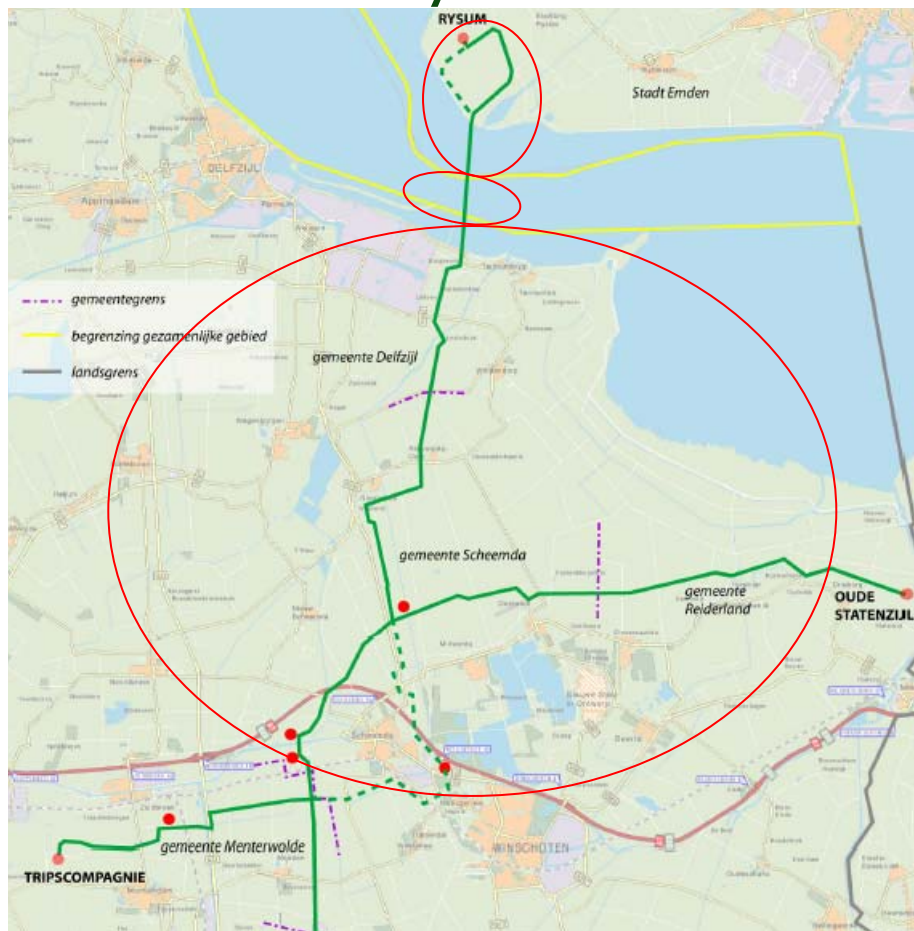


Project 1: crossing with Germany: overview

App. 8 km in Germany
App. 50 km in the Netherlands

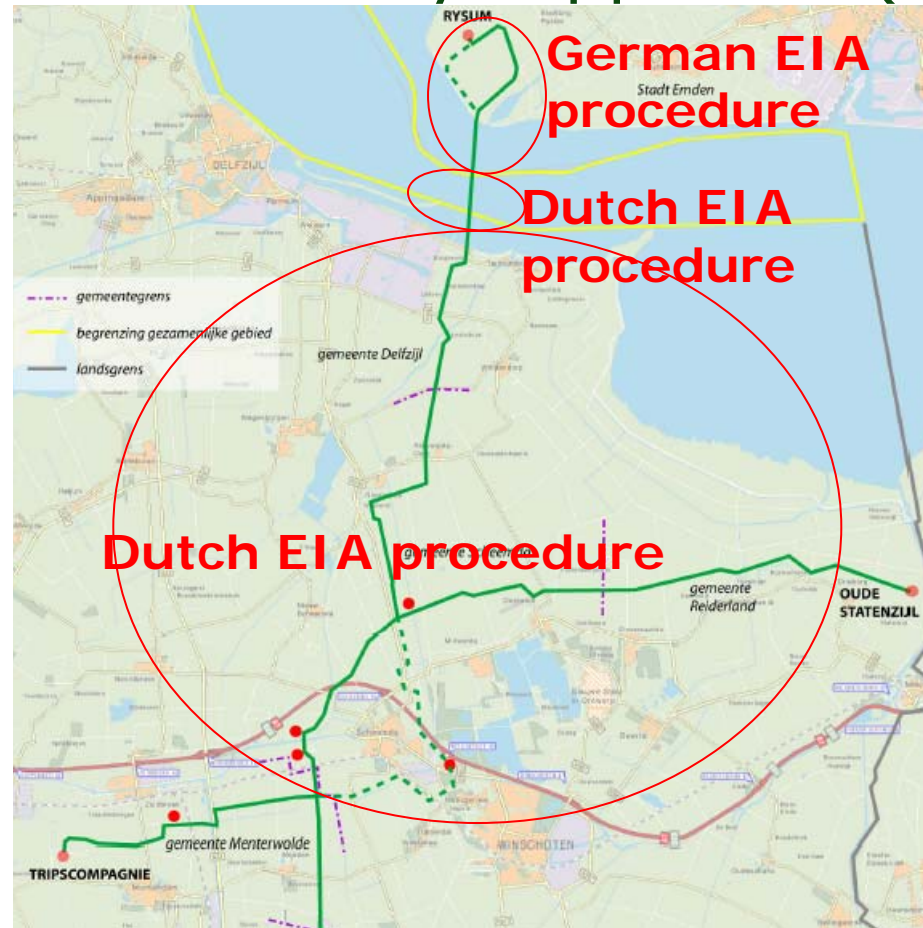
Disputed territory:

- Ems-Dollard treaty
- Ems-Dollard environmental protocol
- Ems Commission





Project 1: crossing with Germany: approach (1)





Project 1: crossing with Germany: approach (2)



Disputed area:

- Natura 2000 permits for both countries

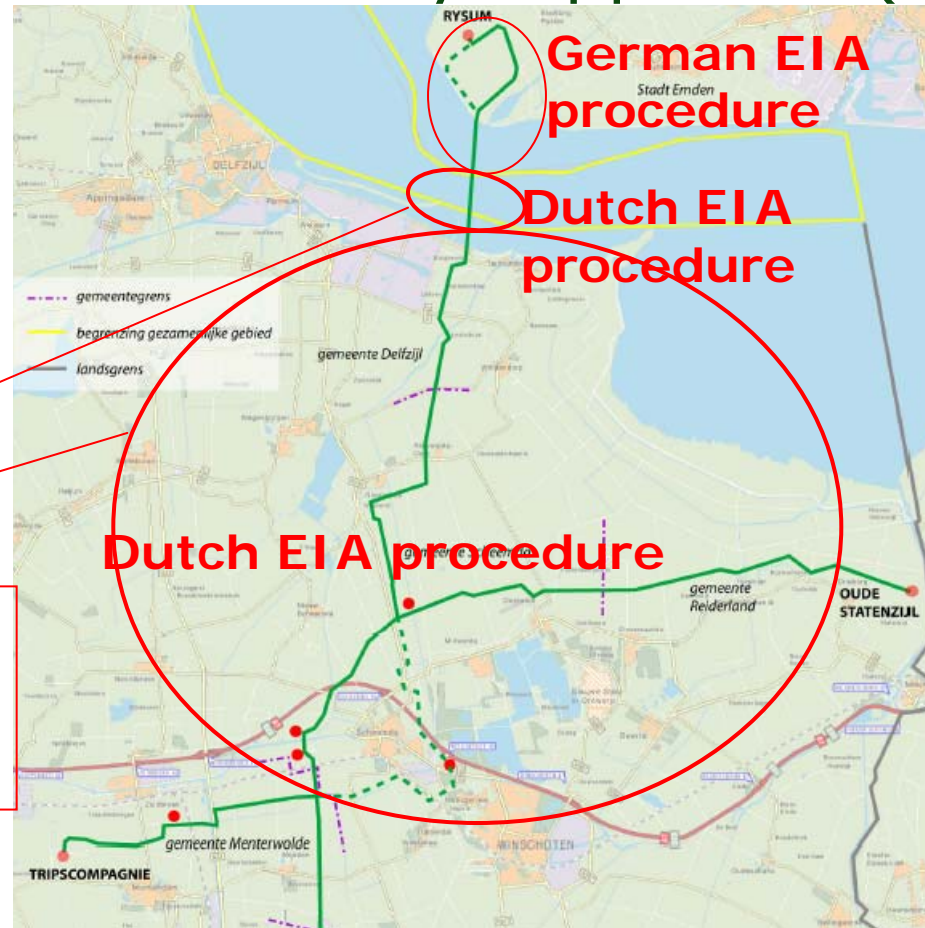


Natura 2000 in both EIA's

- 'Approval' of other permits by German authorities



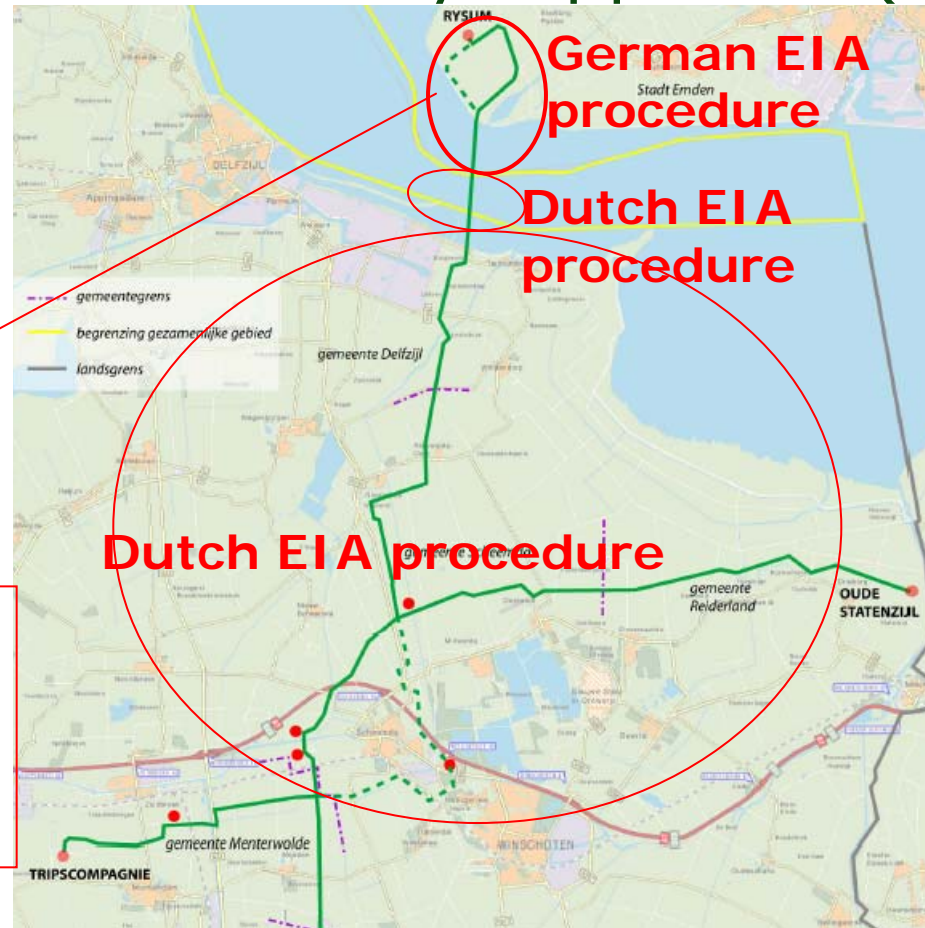
Project 1: crossing with Germany: approach (3)



Dutch EIA procedure
Notification and participation
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German EIA procedure
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Netherlands



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- Significant effects on the contents of EIA in NL and overall planning



Project 1: crossing with Germany: learning points

- Involve neighboring authorities early on in process
- Use platforms for disputed territory early on in process
- Differences in EIA procedures can have impact on content of your 'normal' EIA
- Involve permit procedures in synchronization
- 100% synchronization does not seem possible

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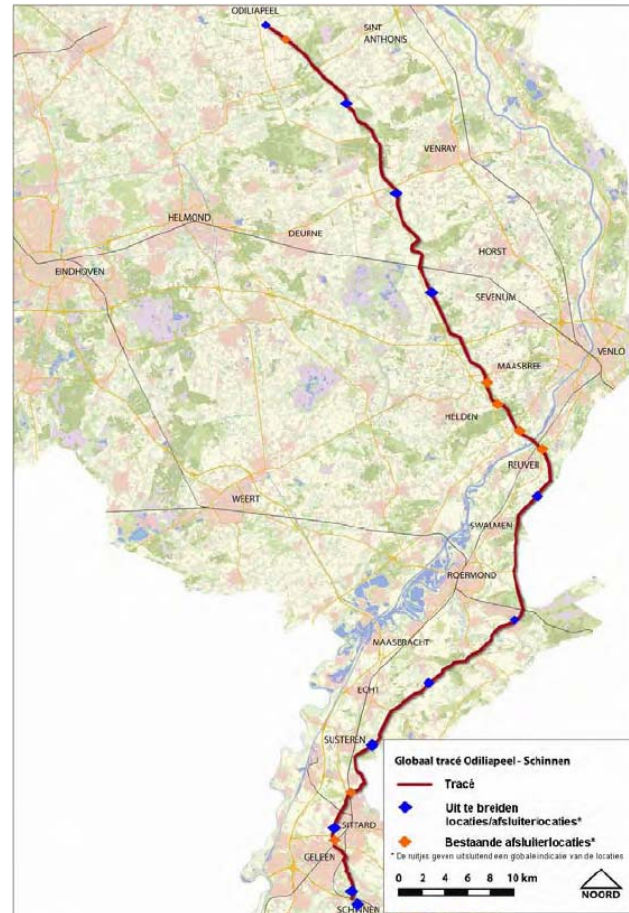


Project 3: national project, transboundary effects

No border crossings, but

- Distance to Belgium < 5km
- Distance to Germany < 1 km

- Espoo treaty
- Bilateral arrangements





Project 3: approach with Belgium

➤ Preliminary assessment in early stage shows:
no effects to be expected in Belgium



➤ conclusion discussed with Belgian authorities
➤ Belgian authorities shared same conclusion



➤ no procedures in Belgium



Project 3: approach with Germany (1)

- Preliminary assessment in early stage shows:
effects in Germany no to be excluded



- Espoo treaty: implemented in national laws +
- Bilateral arrangements

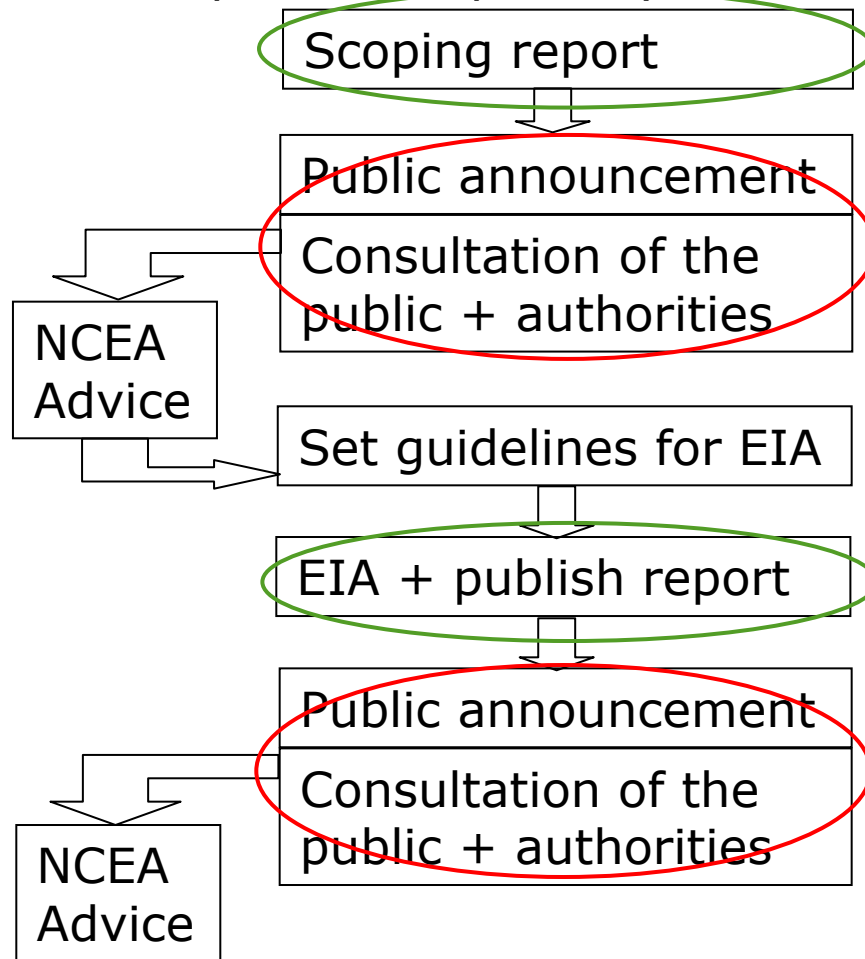


- Notify German authorities a.s.a.p.



Project 3: approach with Germany (2)

Dutch EIA procedure partially followed in Germany





Questions / discussion