

Transboundary EIA procedure for the Baltic Pipe project

Good practice example

Second joint technical meeting

**IDENTIFICATION OF SYNERGIES AND POSSIBLE
COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN MARINE REGIONS
UNECE ESPOO**

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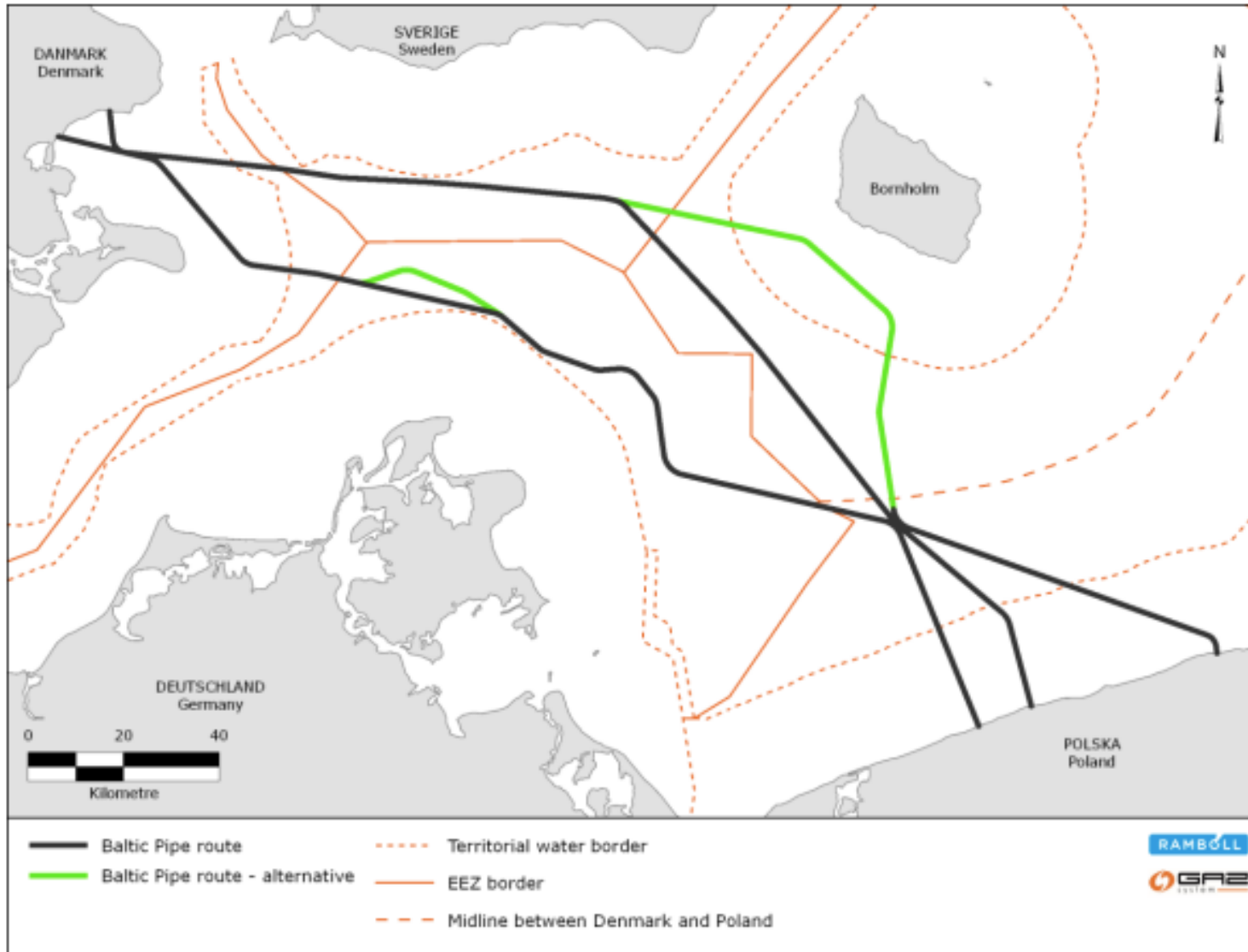
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Scope of the presentation

1. Short project description
2. Practical application of the Espoo Convention
3. Challenges
4. Synergies and cooperation
5. Conclusions

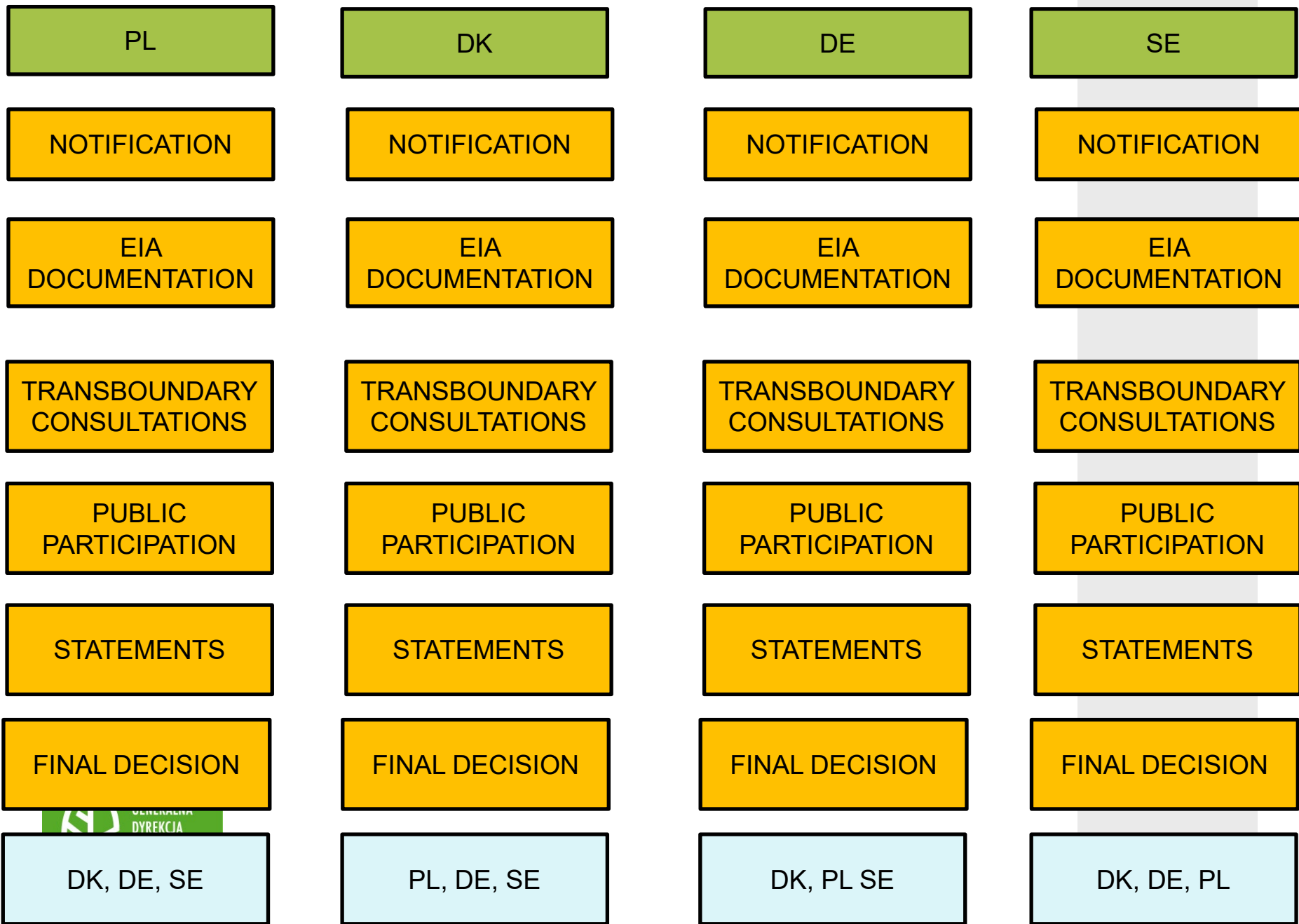


Project



Source: Baltic Pipe. Information on planned activity – art. 3 Espoo Convention. December 2017. Ramboll.

Practical application



Main challenges

- Diverse national EIA procedures
- Notifications
- Deadlines
- Different EIA report requirements
- Public participation
- Comments
- Final decisions

Practical application

- Working connections of the Espoo Points of Contact
- Coherent approach
- Notifications
- Joint scoping document
- Information for other Baltic Sea countries
- Public participation
- EIA documentations
- Joint Espoo report
- Public participation
- Translations
- Decisions

NOTIFICATION

EIA
DOCUMENTATION

TRANSBOUNDARY
CONSULTATIONS

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

STATEMENTS

FINAL DECISION



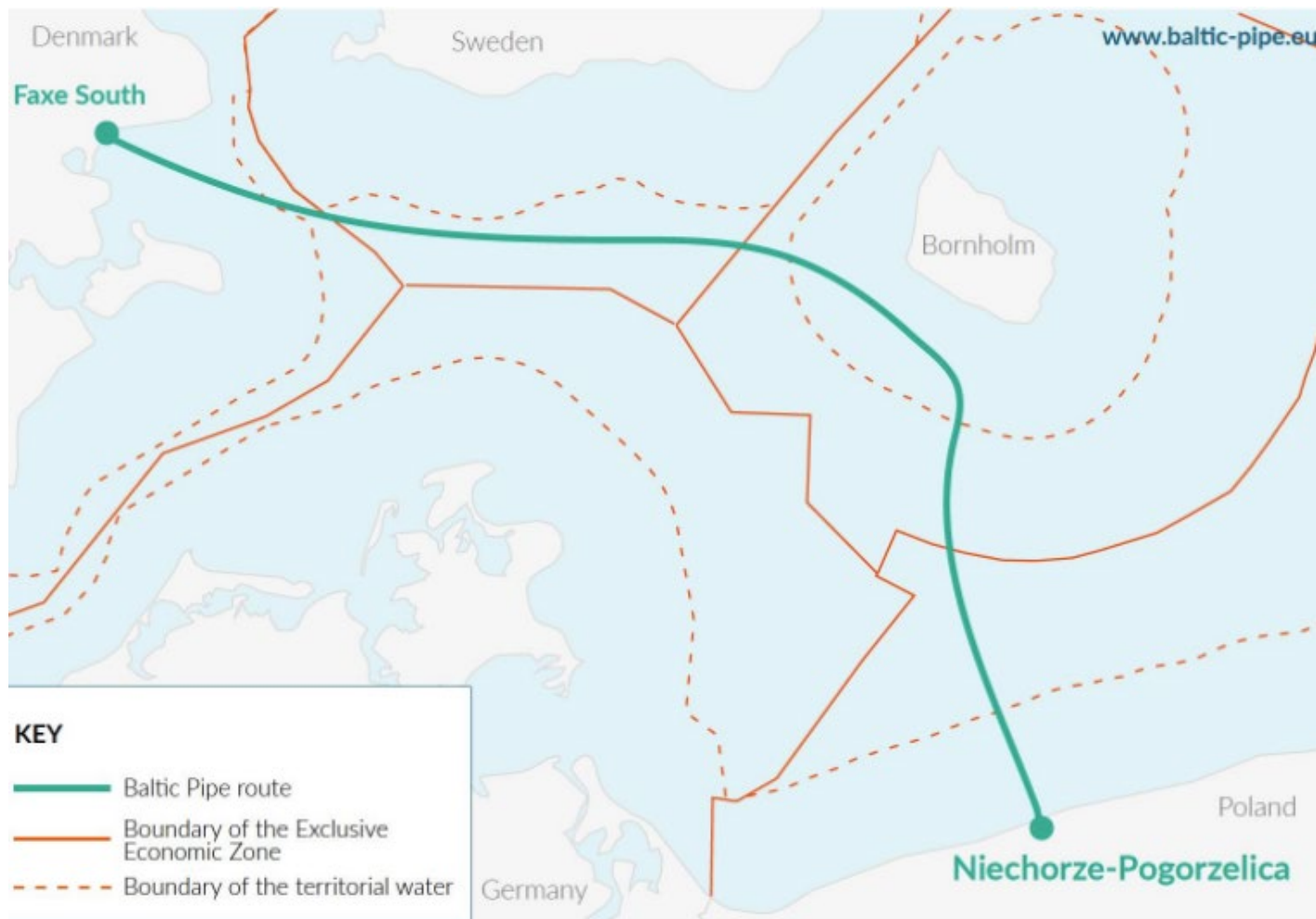
Synergies and cooperation

- Promoting latest knowledge and guidance developed by seas conventions to be used during EIA of the projects;
- Sharing information (also scientific) on the planned offshore projects (from particular EIAs) with relevant sea conventions;
- Regular meetings between Espoo Contact Points (as Baltic Sea Subregion);
- Involvement of the Espoo Contact Points during the meetings of the sea conventions as an observer;

Synergies and cooperation

- Sharing information after the meetings (minutes) of the sea conventions to the Espoo Contact Points from surrounding countries;
- Sharing information on projects, activities, science findings on the joint website concerning marine regions;
- Connecting through similar activity as identification of synergies, by regular meetings of the seas conventions with the Espoo Contact Points from relevant countries to share latest information and knowledge.

Conclusions



Source: <https://www.baltic-pipe.eu/the-project/>

Thank you for your attention!



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