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Subject: Lack of transparency concerning the potential environmental impacts of the Lynetteholm project on the Baltic Sea

A long-term understanding among the Baltic Sea countries has thus far prevented any large construction projects from limiting the flow of water into the Baltic Sea. However, the Lynetteholm project (an artificial peninsula in the Sound between Kattegat and the Baltic Sea), which was authorised in June 2021, has the potential to block the flow of water into the Baltic Sea by up to 0.5 %. This is likely to severely affect the Baltic Sea.

This development was passed without consultation, under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context/the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, with any implicated countries other than Sweden.

As the project could jeopardise the marine environment of the Baltic Sea, it is imperative that all environmental impacts are properly investigated and the relevant countries/NGOs have a say in the matter. These demands are supported by 17 Baltic Sea organisations with over 1.5 million members.

In this context, we ask the Commission:

1. What measures will it take to guarantee that the Lynetteholm project does not jeopardise the marine environment of the Baltic Sea?
2. How will it ensure that Baltic Sea countries and NGOs in these countries are able to voice their concerns regarding the Lynetteholm project?