

Project News

## **Massive Fehmarnbelt Tunnel Project gets underway**

### **Mega infrastructure project under Baltic Sea has \$8.3 billion cost estimate**

26 October 2020 – Dallas, London, Sydney – According to CNN and other media outlets today, work has begun on the world's longest immersed tunnel. Descending up to 40 meters beneath the Baltic Sea, Fehmarnbelt Tunnel will link Denmark and Germany, slashing journey times when it opens in 2029.



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The tunnel will be 18 kilometers (11.1 miles) long and one of Europe's largest infrastructure projects, with a construction budget of over €7 billion (\$8.2 billion). It will be built across the Fehmarn Belt, a strait between the German island of Fehmarn and the Danish island of Lolland, and is designed as an alternative to the current ferry service from Rødby and Puttgarden, which carries millions of passengers every year. Where the crossing now takes 45 minutes by ferry, it will take just seven minutes by train and 10 minutes by car. The completed tunnel will cut the transit time between Copenhagen and Hamburg by half.

The project has been in the planning stage for 12 years, since 2008 when Germany and Denmark signed a treaty to build the tunnel. It then took over a decade for the necessary legislation and geotechnical and environmental impact studies to be completed.

For more news, go to <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/fehmarnbelt-tunnel-denmark-germany-spc-intl/index.html>

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