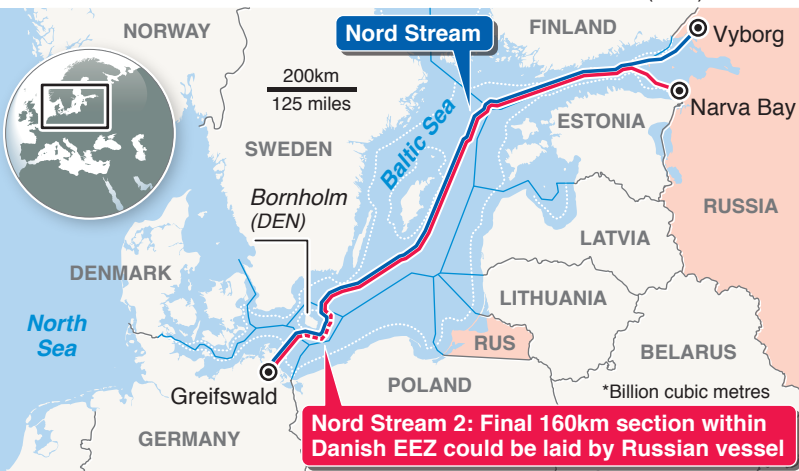


Russia looking to complete Nord Stream 2

Russian energy giant Gazprom has to find ways to circumvent U.S. sanctions and finish construction of the controversial Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline without international assistance

NORD STREAM 2: Will double annual capacity of existing Nord Stream system to 110bcm*. Critics fear project will increase Europe's reliance on Russian gas

..... Territorial waters border — Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) border



■ **Sep 2018:** *Nord Stream 2* pipelaying operations begin in Baltic Sea after receipt of construction permits from Germany, Finland, Sweden and Russia

■ **Oct 2019:** Following months of delays, Denmark grants final permit needed to complete pipeline

■ **Dec 2019:** U.S. President **Donald Trump** signs law imposing sanctions on any firms helping Gazprom to finish pipeline. Swiss-based offshore contractor **Allseas** withdraws its pipelaying vessels from project

Russian pipelaying vessel, **Akademik Cherskiy**



■ **Jan 2020:** President **Vladimir Putin** says Russia could finish pipeline on its own but completion would be delayed until end of 2020 or early 2021. Project was originally due to come online by end of 2019