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Monica Tommasi, president of NGO Amici della Terra: "Strong concern over methane leaks in the Baltic Sea"

Rome, 9/27/2022 - Reports in the international press and action taken by the governments of Denmark and Sweden on methane leaks going up into the atmosphere from Russian pipelines in the Baltic Sea *"Raises strong concern about the impact on the climate, accentuated by the fact that it could be sabotage or self-sabotage. It is most urgent to take action for repairs, regardless of the ownership of the pipes."* This is stated by Monica Tommasi, president of Amici della Terra, an environmental association that has been campaigning for years to reduce emissions from energy activities: <https://bit.ly/3SjhGpo>

The leaks appear to be large given that Denmark and Sweden have banned shipping in the area, calling them "dangerous," despite the fact that methane dissipates quickly into the air. *"Methane has eighty times the climate-changing power of CO2 in the first twenty years after emission, and in fact major international agreements have recently been signed at the international level to reduce the amounts in the atmosphere. If all the methane contained in the two pipelines, which are full of gas even though they are not operational were to come out, the impact on the climate would be devastating."*

"For the past three years, Amici della Terra has been committed in a campaign to reduce methane emissions from the natural gas supply chain, in which we have involved all major Italian stakeholders. Since 2019 we have been supported the idea that making the use of this source as efficient as possible, as long as it is needed for the energy transaction, is one of the most effective actions right now for a real and sustainable energy transition." Monica Tommasi concluded.