

To the Points of Contact for the Espoo Convention in Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden

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Adoption of the Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan

Hereby Estonia would like to inform its neighbouring countries about the adoption of the Estonian maritime spatial plan (MSP). Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden have participated in the planning process of the Estonian MSP as affected Parties, in accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and to Article 7 of the Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment. Poland has expressed interest in receiving the documentation for information, therefore throughout the process the documentation has also been sent to Poland for information.

The Ministry of Finance of Estonia, i.e. the responsible authority organizing the preparation of Estonian MSP, has informed that the Government of the Republic has adopted the Estonian MSP on 12 May 2022 (order No 146). The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia has been asked to inform the neighbouring countries and to send them the relevant documentation.

Please find attached the following Estonian MSP documentation in English:

- 1. Government of the Republic Order;
- 2. Estonian MSP Explanatory Memorandum;
- 3. Estonian MSP Impact Assessment Report;
- 4. Action Plan for Implementation of the Plan.

The aforementioned documentation together with additional information can also be found on the dedicated webpage https://www.fin.ee/en/state-local-governments-spacial-planning/spatial-planning.

The comments and suggestions that have been made by the affected Parties during the transboundary consultations have been taken into account in the development of the Estonian MSP. Inter alia, an overview how the results of the impact assessment and the environmental considerations have been integrated into the Estonian MSP is included in the Government of the Republic Order.

In case of additional questions regarding the Estonian MSP, please contact Ms. Lembe Reiman (Ministry of Finance of Estonia, Spatial Planning Department, Adviser, lembe.reiman@fin.ee).

Sincerely Yours,

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Enclosures:

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