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**The Danish Environmental Protection Agency**  
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### **Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of the Eastern Ring Road**

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, would like to express gratitude to the Danish Environmental Protection Agency for notification sent concerning the project “*Eastern Ring Road*” (hereinafter – the Project).

The Bureau hereby acknowledges the receipt of the notification and prepared documentation<sup>1</sup>. Please be informed that the Bureau published received information regarding the Project on Bureau`s webpage<sup>2</sup> on 21 of March 2024 and sent information directly to the involved authorities. The Bureau received opinions and comments regarding the Project and its potential transboundary impacts within the scope of competence from the Ministry of the Environment Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of the Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia, the State Environmental Service. The Bureau has not received comments from the public.

More detailed comments were received from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia. The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia shared opinion the Project will not have an impact on the human health. In the view of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia the Project will not have a direct negative impact on the defence interests of the Republic of Latvia. Other authorities had no comments concerning the protentional transboundary impacts as well as scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the Project.

The Bureau has gathered and evaluated opinions expressed by all above mentioned authorities

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<sup>1</sup> Received on 18 March 2024, registration no 5-05/898.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.vpvb.gov.lv/lv/parrobezu-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/par-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-paredzetajai-darbibai-austrumu-apvedcels-danijas-karalistes-teritorija>

regarding necessity of entering into transboundary consultations. The Bureau agrees with general estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the EIA of the Project as an affected country under the Espoo Convention and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 *on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment*.

Though Latvia does not intend to take part in the transboundary consultation process as an affected party, we kindly ask the Danish Environmental Protection Agency to inform us about the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible in the territory of Latvia, and the results of the EIA of the Project.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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