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### **Regarding the strategic environmental impact assessment for the revision of the Maritime Spatial Plan for Finland**

The Energy and Environment Agency (hereinafter – the Agency), acting as a Point of Contact of Latvia regarding Notification in accordance with Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (hereinafter – the Espoo Protocol) and the competent authority on the strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – the SEA) in Latvia, would like to express gratitude to the Finnish Environment Institute for notification sent regarding the SEA for the revision of the Maritime Spatial Plan for Finland (hereinafter – the MSP) with reference to Article 10 of the Espoo Protocol (hereinafter – the Notification).

The Agency hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notification and prepared documentation<sup>1</sup>.

Please be informed that the Agency published received information regarding the MSP on Agency's webpage<sup>2</sup> on 3 June 2025 and sent information directly to the involved authorities. The Agency received opinions regarding the MSP and its potential transboundary impacts within the scope of competence from the Ministry of Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with the Health Inspectorate, the State Centre for Defence Logistics and Procurement, the National Armed Forces, the Nature Conservation Agency, the State Environmental Service and the Kurzeme Planning Region. The Agency has not received comments from the public.

The Agency has gathered and evaluated opinions expressed by mentioned stakeholders and in general agrees with estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that

<sup>1</sup> Received on 30 May 2025, registration No 2.8/1812/2025-S.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/pazinojums-par-somijas-juras-telpiska-planojuma-2030-gadam-parskatsanu-un-planosanas-dokumenta-strategisko-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu>

would require participation in the SEA of the MSP and transboundary consultations under the Article 10 of the Espoo Protocol. Please be informed that Latvia has no significant comments regarding the MSP and scope of the SEA. The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with the Health Inspectorate provided recommendations for planning issues and solutions that should be considered (see letter enclosed) in the revision of the MSP.

We kindly ask the Finnish Environment Institute to inform us about the results of the SEA and findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible on the territory of Latvia, incl. fish resources and Latvian fisheries interests.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation.

Enclosure: 1 document (file: *Ministry of Health\_Finland MSP.pdf*).

Sincerely yours, Director

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