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Regarding the strategic environmental assessment of the second municipal designated spatial plan for wind farm in Tõrva rural municipality

The State Environment Service (hereinafter – the Service) confirms that on May 15, 2026¹, received information from the Ministry of Climate of the Republic of Estonia regarding the second designated spatial plan of Tõrva rural municipality and its strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – SEA) for wind farm project (hereinafter – the Spatial Plan). According to the information provided, the SEA of the Spatial plan is currently at the scoping stage. According to the SEA programme, no transboundary impact to Latvia is anticipated.

The Service evaluated submitted information and requested opinions from the competent authorities regarding the possible significant transboundary impact of the Spatial Plan. The information was published also on the Service's website². The Service received response from 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 Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the State Defence Military Infrastructure and Procurement Centre, the Nature Conservation Agency. The Service has not received comments from the public.

Having reviewed and evaluated the submitted opinions, the Service concludes that the proposed wind farm, located approximately 9 km from the Latvia – Estonia border, would be situated at a sufficient distance from the territory of the Republic of Latvia. Given that the border area on the Latvian side is predominantly forested and sparsely populated, the project is not expected to result in significant adverse environmental impacts on the territory of Latvia

¹ Registration No 5224/AP/2026.

² eva.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/informacija-par-pernavas-aprinka-sardes-pagasta-teritorijas-planojuma-izstradi-esosa-veja-elektrostaciju-parka-saarde-paplasinasanai-igaunija.

The Nature Conservation Agency highlighted aspects that should be considered in the SEA of the Spatial Plan within assessment of the possible transboundary impacts – the SEA shall specifically assess

- impacts on migratory bird species using cross-border migration routes;
- potential impacts on bat populations, including migratory bats;
- cumulative impacts together with existing and planned wind energy developments in the Latvian – Estonian border region;
- impacts on ecological connectivity and the functioning of the transboundary green infrastructure network.

We kindly ask the Ministry of Climate of the Republic of Estonia and developer of the Spatial Plan consider above mentioned, incl. assessment of indicated possible aspects of transboundary impacts, as well as inform us about the results of the transboundary impact assessment concerning the territory of Latvia. We would highly appreciate receiving this information in English.

Looking forward to continuing our successful bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental assessment in the transboundary context.

Enclosures: 6 documents (files: *Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development_Torva_2.pdf*, *Ministry of Health_Torva_2.msg*, *Nature Conservation Agency_Torva_2.pdf*, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs_Torva_2.pdf*, *VAMOIC_Torva_2.pdf*, *Ministry of Interior_Torva_2.pdf*).

Sincerely yours,
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