



Points of Contact for Notification in
Denmark, Estonia, Germany,
Latvia, Lithuania, Norway,
Poland, Sweden and Ukraine

Notification in accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) regarding the regional land use plan “VISIO – Innovative Green Transition, the 5th Regional Land Use Plan for Uusimaa” in Finland

In accordance with Article 10, Paragraph 1 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, Finland, as the Party of origin, hereby notifies the abovementioned states regarding a regional land use plan, titled “VISIO – Innovative Green Transition, the 5th Regional Land Use Plan for Uusimaa”. In addition, the notification is sent in accordance with Article 7, Paragraph 1 of 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 (SEA Directive).

Information on the land use plan

The regional plan is currently being prepared for the Uusimaa region covering all 26 municipalities in the region. Uusimaa’s goal for 2050 is to be “Europe’s most environmentally conscious, innovative and happiest region”. The target year for the plan is 2050, the same as for the legally binding Uusimaa plan, and its presentation remains general and strategic. The regional plan supplements and updates the current planning framework and sets broad guidelines for land use. It guides the preparation and amendment of local master plans and local detailed plans, as well as other land use measures.

The regional plan complements the existing legally binding planning framework in relation to the following thematic areas linked to the green transition: energy; industrial production, the circular economy and soil resource management; nature and carbon sequestration; logistics and long-distance passenger transport; water supply and water resources; and national defence.

In the regional plan, the prerequisites for the siting of nuclear power production have been examined at a general level and in relation to other regional land use. The plan designates the Källa-Hästholmen area in the City of Loviisa with the EN/t designation for an energy production area, which is reserved for facilities, buildings, or structures serving energy production. It is possible to locate a nuclear power plant and interim storage facilities for nuclear waste and support functions in the area. Small-scale nuclear power is primarily a matter for a more detailed planning level, and it is not designated on the regional plan.

However, it has been deemed necessary to establish certain boundary conditions for small-scale nuclear power through a general planning provision in the regional plan.

The regional plan and the impact assessment become more detailed as the planning process progresses. The assessment of overall impacts aims to present both the combined effects of the individual components of the regional plan in relation to one another and the overall impacts caused by the plan. The overall impacts have been assessed across six thematic areas, which are the following: regional and community structure, community services and transport; biodiversity and natural resources; water, air and climate; the economy and livelihoods; people, living conditions and the living environment; and landscape, cultural heritage and the built environment.

In addition to the plan area, the plan's impacts may extend to areas where the proposed land use may have significant effects. The nature and extent of these impacts vary depending on the theme, ranging from intermunicipal to regional and national levels, and in some cases international. It has been determined that a transboundary consultation in connection with the regional plan should be conducted. The need has arisen from the new EN/t designation for energy production areas included in the plan, as well as the general provision concerning small-scale nuclear power.

The land use planning procedure in Finland

In terms of land use planning, the SEA Directive has been implemented to the Land Use Act (132/1999) and the Decree (895/1999) in Finland. The Land Use Act and the Decree regulate land use planning procedure, such as the assessment of the impacts of land use planning on the environment.

The responsible land use planning authority in Finland for the regional plan is the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council. In 2024, planning work of the regional plan began. On 24 February 2025, the Regional Council approved the regional plan's Participation and Assessment Plan, which defined the objectives of the plan, the stages of the planning process, stakeholder participation, and impact assessments, for public display. It was made publicly available in spring 2025, and feedback was received from various stakeholders. Planning continued with the development of planning principles, and the draft plan was prepared in autumn 2025. Based on the received comments, the plan area was extended, and national defence was added as a sixth theme to the draft plan.

The planning work for the regional plan is currently at the preparation stage. At this stage, the draft plan and its preparatory materials have been prepared. On 23 February 2026, the Regional Council approved the draft plan for public display. The draft plan was available for public display in Finland from 11 March to 8 May 2026. The preparation stage will be followed by the proposal stage, which is preliminary expected in the spring of 2027. The assessment of the regional plan becomes more detailed as the plan progresses to the proposal stage. The next stage after proposal stage is approval. The plan is preliminary scheduled to be submitted for approval in December 2027.

Participation in the land use planning procedure

Finland has made the consideration to notify the following Parties of the Protocol on SEA which are located within a 1,000-kilometer distance from the destination: Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden and Ukraine.

The draft plan and its preparatory materials are available in Finnish, Swedish and English. In addition, a document titled "Cover Letter Regarding International Consultation" is available in Danish, English, Estonian, Finnish, German, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Swedish and Ukrainian. The documents provide further information, among other things, on the regional plan, stages of the planning process, planning solutions by theme, legal implications of the plan and assessment on the regional plan's impacts.

The documents can be downloaded from the following shared folder:

<https://filesender.funet.fi/?s=download&token=81d4fc92-d60e-459b-b38f-0a779d767e83>. The shared folder expires on 9 July 2026.

The documents are also available on the following webpages, which are maintained by the land use planning authority: <https://uudenmaanliitto.fi/en/visioplan/> (in English), <https://uudenmaanliitto.fi/sv/planlaggning-och-trafik/landskapsplanerna/visionplanen/vision-planens-utkast/> (in Swedish) and <https://uudenmaanliitto.fi/kaavoitus-ja-liikenne/maakuntakaavat/visiokaava/visio-kaavan-luonnos/> (in Finnish).

Referring to Article 10, Paragraph 3 of the Protocol on SEA, please send the response to the e-mail of the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute (kirjaamo@syke.fi) and to the e-mail address of the Point of Contact in Finland (transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi) by **18 August 2026** at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
- indicate whether your state intends to participate in the SEA procedure,
- indicate the preferred document language,
- provide views and comments on the materials, and
- submit any comments you might receive from the public, authorities and others concerned in your state.

Please indicate our reference number SYKE/2026/441 in your letter.

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