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Finland's response to the notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding commencement of the detailed zoning plan for the road FV890 in Deanu gielda / Tana municipality, Norway

The Finnish Environment Institute acknowledges that Finland has received the notification from Norway on 16 April 2026, in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the commencement of the detailed zoning plan for the road FV890 in Deanu gielda / Tana municipality. The original deadline for the submission of Finland's response was on 19 May 2026, however, at the request of the Finnish Environment Institute, additional time was given for submitting the response by 29 May 2026.

Finland received the first notification concerning the project on 23 April 2025, and the consultation documents from Norway in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding commencement of work on the detailed zoning plan for the road FV890 in Tana municipality, Norway. From 25 April to 9 May 2025 the selected competent authorities in Finland were given the opportunity to comment on the consultation documents.

Information on the planned project

In 2025, the Finnmark County Administration and the municipality of Deanu gielda/Tana initiated a land-use planning process for the 890 between Riitakuru and Rødbergnes. The project developer and the proposer is the Finnmark County Administration.

The planning area covers approximately 698 hectares. The section of road originally planned for renovation was approximately 12.4 kilometres long. The road section has now been shortened to 11.3 kilometres, as the northernmost section has been removed from the plans. The reason for limiting the area is that the final section presents planning- and construction challenges.

Consultation in Finland

In accordance with Section 30, Paragraph 1 of the Finnish Act on Environmental Impact Assessment (252/2017), the Finnish Environment Institute is the competent authority and responsible for tasks under the Espoo Convention.

The public and the authorities were given an opportunity to comment on the consultation documents from 21 April to 22 May 2026, which were available on the website of Finland's environmental administration and platform by Ministry of Justice in Finland for requesting and submitting statements electronically (lausuntopalvelu.fi). Statements were also asked from relevant stakeholders.

Remarks received during the consultation

The Finnish Environment Institute has prepared an English summary of the nine (9) statements received in Finland. The full original statements in Finnish or English, which are enclosed to this letter, include important and detailed remarks which need to be considered and taken into consideration in their entirety in the EIA procedure.

Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry considers that the planned project will not have significant transboundary impacts, provided that the work is carried out in accordance with the proposed plan. It is essential that the proposed work schedule be followed at the Harrejohka bridge construction site and that the aggregate used does not contain fine-grained material.

Finnish-Norwegian Border Water Commission highlights the ecological sensitivity of the area. Special attention was drawn to preventing the spread of the harmful parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris*, as well as maintaining riparian vegetation that supports biodiversity, prevents erosion, and filters runoff. Construction activities, including bridge replacement, must minimize impacts on water quality and aquatic habitats, especially given risks such as siltation from nearby quick clay deposits. Overall, while the project may cause local and temporary environmental impacts, the Commission concluded that, based on available information and provided mitigation measures are followed, it is unlikely to result in significant transboundary environmental effects on the Finnish side.

The Finnish Supervisory Agency considers that the project will not have any significant transboundary impacts on the Tana River or on the various quality parameters of its ecological status.

Finnish Border Guard, Reindeer Herders' Association, Finnish Heritage Agency, Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes), Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom, Regional Council of Lapland responded to the statement request but did not provide comments on the matter.

Conclusions

Based on the received statements and deliberating its own views, the Finnish Environment Institute states that Finland is not intending to participate in the further consultations regarding the commencement of the detailed zoning plan for the road FV890 in Deanu gielda / Tana municipality, Norway since the project is not likely to result in significant transboundary environmental effects in Finland. However, it is of the highest importance that the work is carried out in accordance with the proposed plan. Finland requests the final decision to be submitted, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention).

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