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Regarding the environmental impact assessment of  
the submarine power cable project EstLink 3

On 3 September 2024, Estonia sent Finland a notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the project plan to install a high-voltage submarine power cable EstLink 3 in the Gulf of Finland. Finland indicated their wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter *EIA*) in a transboundary context.

On 31 March 2025, Estonia informed Finland that the project had reached the EIA programme stage, and asked Finland to provide possible comments and proposals regarding the EIA programme. Finland responded on 28 May 2025, submitting the comments received during the public consultation carried out in Finland.

On 30 April 2026, Estonia sent Finland updated information regarding the project, stating that due to amendments in the application for the superficies licence, a new EIA programme that includes the amendments will be prepared.

Hereby, the Ministry of Climate of Estonia informs Finland that the new comprehensive EIA programme regarding the submarine power cable project EstLink 3 has now been prepared. The Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority has submitted the summary of the new EIA programme in English (enclosed). Based on the EIA programme that has been declared compliant, the EIA report will be prepared.

The developer Elering AS (hereinafter *the Developer*) intends to install the submarine power cable EstLink 3 in the Gulf of Finland between Estonia and Finland. To transmit electrical energy via EstLink 3, up to four cables may be required, depending on the chosen technology: three electrical cables and one fibre-optic communication line. The planned capacity of the submarine power cable is up to 700 MW at a direct current voltage of up to 525 kV. The total length of the submarine cable connection is approximately 130 km, of which about 53 km lies within Estonian waters. The cable will be embedded in the seabed sediments at a depth of up to 3 metres. The Developer is applying for a superficies licence with a validity of 50 years, and the planned service life of the submarine cable is estimated to be between 40 and 60 years.

In Estonia, the public display of the new EIA programme will take place from 18 May 2026 to 8 June 2026. The public meeting will be held on 11 June 2026 in Sutlepa village, Lääne-Nigula municipality.

The Ministry of Climate of Estonia kindly asks Finland to respond by **18 July 2026** (email: [info@kliimaministeerium.ee](mailto:info@kliimaministeerium.ee)) at the latest, and to:

- provide any comments and proposals regarding the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on Finnish territory;
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country regarding the EIA programme of the project.

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Sincerely Yours,

(signed electronically)

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Enclosure: summary of the new EIA programme (in English)

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