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Updated information regarding the submarine power
cable project EstLink 3

Estonia hereby provides updated information regarding the amendment of the project plan by the developer Elering AS (hereinafter *the Developer*) for the construction of the EstLink 3 submarine power cable in the Gulf of Finland.

On 3 September 2024, Estonia notified¹ Finland of the EstLink 3 submarine power cable project and of the initiation of environmental impact assessment (thereinafter *EIA*) for the project. As a response to the notification, Finland replied on 31 October 2024², stating that it intends to participate in the EIA procedure of the project.

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 replied on 28 May 2025, providing the comments received during the public consultation carried out in Finland.

On 16 October 2025, the Developer submitted an amended application for a superficies licence to the decision-maker responsible for the development consent, i.e. the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority. The Developer requested changes to the project plan because the originally planned seabed route was technically challenging. An alternative route proposed by the Geological Survey of Estonia avoids steep seabed features and offers more stable conditions, thereby improving reliability and reducing installation risks. The main document of the supplemented application is enclosed as Annex 1. A schematic map showing the new location of the proposed project is enclosed as Annex 2. The decision by the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority to initiate a superficies licence procedure for the additional area, together with an EIA that addresses the submitted amendments, is enclosed as Annex 3.

As EIA is mandatory for the project and the EIA procedure has already been initiated by the the decision-maker, the EIA must now also cover the additional marine area included in the amended application. Because the first EIA programme did not include this area, the Developer must prepare a new EIA programme covering the entire affected area and submit it to the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority by 30 April 2027.

¹ Letter no 6-3/24/3651-2

² Letter no SYKE/2024/1695

This letter is sent for information-sharing purposes. Once the new comprehensive EIA programme has been prepared, the Ministry of Climate of Estonia will forward it to Finland, thereby enabling Finland to organise a new public display and submit possible comments and proposals on the revised programme.

Sincerely Yours,

(signed electronically)

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Acting as the Point of Contact for the Espoo Convention

Enclosures:

Annex 1 – main document of the application

Annex 2 – map of the proposed activity

Annex 3 – notice of the initiation of the procedure

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