



Espoo Convention's Points of Contacts for
Notification in Denmark, Germany, Latvia,
Lithuania, Poland and Sweden

Information on the EIA procedure concerning an undersea railway tunnel between Finland and Estonia

The environmental impact assessment (EIA) of an undersea railway tunnel between Finland and Estonia is starting in Finland. EIA is planned to start at a later stage in Estonia. The project developer is Finest Bay Area Development Oy.

The length of the railway tunnel is estimated to be around 100 kilometers and to run at a depth of 100 meters under the sea area. The EIA programme in Finland includes a no-action alternative and three different route alternatives for the railway tunnel up to the border of the Estonian exclusive economic zone. A habitable artificial island is planned to be located inside Finnish territorial waters in alternatives 1a and 1b. The material of the island comes from tunnel excavation.

This information contains the part of the tunnel under the jurisdiction of Finland. Finland has notified Estonia and Russian Federation according to the Espoo Convention. The other Baltic Sea countries have not been considered to be affected Parties as the likely significant adverse impacts are not estimated to extend beyond the notified countries.

The information of the project and the EIA in Finland contains the following (the material has been prepared by the developer).

- Leaflet describing the project is enclosed.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Programme Summary. Information on the proposed activity, including available information on its possible transboundary impacts. Available in English
<https://www.ymparisto.fi/FinestBayAreaTallinnatunneliYVA>.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Programme for Finland. Available in English
<https://www.ymparisto.fi/FinestBayAreaTallinnatunneliYVA>

If you wish to receive the EIA documentation for information, please inform Finland (kirjaamo@ym.fi and seija.rantakallio@ym.fi) by 26 April, 2019.

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