



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

To Points of Contacts for the Espoo
Convention in Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and
Sweden

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Regarding the Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan

In a letter dated 15 September 2020, Estonia has sent the main solution of Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan (MSP) together with the impact assessment report (including strategic environmental assessment (SEA) report) – i.e. stage 3 documentation – to the neighbouring countries who have expressed its wish to participate in the transboundary SEA procedure of the Estonian MSP, i.e. Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden. The documentation has been sent also to the Russian Federation and to Poland for information. Comments and proposals have been received from Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden.

As a result of transboundary consultations, appropriate amendments have been made in the stage 3 documentation. The authority organizing the preparation of the MSP – the Ministry of Finance of Estonia – has prepared an overview document which contains the affected Parties comments and the responses thereto. The responses of the Ministry of Finance have been prepared in collaboration with the expert team from different universities and organizations and also with the consultant firm Hendrikson & Ko Ltd. The document is enclosed for your information. Additional information can be found on the dedicated webpage <http://mereala.hendrikson.ee/en.html> . The webpage will be updated after the national process has been concluded.

The adoption of the Estonian MSP is expected to take place in the beginning of 2022 and the concerned countries will be informed accordingly. Please be informed that the Ministry of Finance of Estonia is also planning an additional virtual information meeting before adoption in autumn 2021. Relevant information will be sent in advance.

In case of additional questions in terms of the Estonian MSP and impact assessment, please contact Ms. Triin Lepland (Ministry of Finance of Estonia, Spatial Planning Department, Adviser, triin.lepland@fin.ee).

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