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Exchange of information regarding the strategic
environmental assessment of the "Saarde" wind farm
project expansion

According to the agreed approach of the joint commission on environmental impact assessment under the agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, the Ministry of Climate of Estonia hereby informs the Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia about the following proposed activity.

Saarde Municipality has informed the Ministry of Climate of Estonia about the initiation of the municipal designated spatial plan and strategic environmental assessment (*hereinafter* SEA) regarding the expansion of the "Saarde" wind farm project within a 15 km radius from the Estonian-Latvian border.

The developer intends to construct a wind farm in the Saarde municipality in Pärnu county, as an expansion of the existing "Saarde" wind farm¹. The exact number and height of the wind turbines will be determined during the site selection process, but it is anticipated that the height of the wind turbines will not exceed 250 meters. The nearest point of the planned wind farm is approximately 7 km from the Estonian-Latvian border. Please find enclosed maps illustrating the location of the planned wind farm.

The SEA of the spatial plan is currently in the programme stage. According to the SEA programme, no transboundary impact to Latvia is anticipated. However, if you have comments regarding this letter and/or the planned activity, please provide your feedback by 8 February 2025.

Sincerely Yours,

/Signed digitally/
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Point of Contact for the Espoo Convention

¹ Estonia provided information regarding the SEA of the existing "Saarde" wind farm project on 4 July 2019 (letter number 7-15/19/3294-3).

Enclosures:

1. Map of the location of the proposed activity²
2. Map of the location of the proposed activity (with marked border)³

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² The area of the planned activity is outlined in red.

³ The area of the planned activity is outlined in pink. The Estonian-Latvian border and the borders of local municipalities are outlined in black.