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## **Preliminary notification in accordance with Article 10 of the SEA Protocol regarding the planned component master plan for Harjunkorpi windfarm in Ylitornio, Finland**

In accordance with Article 10, Paragraph 1 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (the SEA protocol), countries likely to be affected by the implementation of a plan or programme with potential significant transboundary environmental impacts must be notified as early as possible. As the party of origin, Finland hereby sends Sweden a preliminary notification of the planned component master plan for Harjunkorpi windfarm in the municipality of Ylitornio, Finland.

The notification under Article 10 of the SEA Protocol should include the draft plan or programme and its environmental report in accordance with Article 10, Paragraph 2 of the SEA Protocol. Therefore, this notification is a preliminary notification as the component master plan draft and its preparatory material are not available yet at this stage of the land use planning. By sending a preliminary notification, the Finnish Environment Institute wishes to fulfil its responsibility to notify of the planned component master plan as early as possible in compliance with Article 10, Paragraph 1 of the SEA Protocol. The formal notification will be sent in the next stage of the land use planning.

### **Information on the planned land use plan**

Myrsky Energia Oy is planning to establish a windfarm in Harjunkorpi, Ylitornio. The project area is located approximately 14 kilometres from the Swedish border, 15.5 kilometres southeast of the built-up area of Swedish Övertorneå and about 15 kilometres northeast of the village of Hedenäset. The area of the component master plan is 28.30 squarekilometres. The aim of the component master plan is to enable the construction of up to 29 wind turbines as well as necessary service roads and electricity transmission for the project to the Harjunkorpi area.

The windfarm project requires a component master plan for the area in accordance with Section 77 a (752/2023) of the Finnish Land Use Act (132/1999). According to the provision, a master plan with legal effect can be used as a basis for granting a building permit for a windfarm.

The planning process for the component master plan is currently in the starting stage. In this stage, the participation and assessment scheme of the component master plan has been prepared. The starting stage will be followed by the preparation stage when a draft component master plan is prepared, and an impact assessment is carried out. Later, the preparation stage is followed by the proposal stage, at which point a component master plan proposal is drawn up.



The environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure for the Harjunkorpi windfarm is being carried out as a separate process in parallel with the land use planning procedure.

## The land use planning procedure in Finland

In terms of land use planning, Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (the SEA Directive) has been implemented to Land Use Act (132/1999) and Land Use and Building Decree (895/1999) in Finland. Land Use Act and Land Use and Building Decree regulate the land use planning procedure, such as the assessment of the impacts of land use planning on the environment.

The public display of the participation and assessment scheme for the component master plan takes place in Finland between 29 January and 29 March 2025.

## Participation in the land use planning procedure

During the public display of the participation and assessment scheme, a public event will be held in Finland on 20 March 2025 from 18.00 (Finnish time) onwards at the auditorium of Ylitornio (Alkkulanraitti 55, 95600 Ylitornio). The coffee service is included and starts at 17.00. The event will be bilingual (Finnish and Swedish). It is possible to participate in the event also remotely in Teams through the following [link](#).

The participation and assessment scheme is available in Finnish at the following webpage: <https://ylitornio.fi/kunta-info/projektit/harijunkerpen-tuulivoimaosayleiskaava/aloitusvaihe/>.

Please send the response by email to the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute ([kirjaamo@syke.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@syke.fi)) and [transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi](mailto:transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi) by **11 April 2025 at the latest** and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the preliminary notification,
- indicate whether your state intends to participate in the land use planning procedure,
- provide views and comments on the material,
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your state.

Please indicate our reference number **SYKE/2024/2180** in your letter.

## More information

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**Appendices**

Program för deltagande och bedömning, Harjunkorpi  
delgeneralplan, Ylitornio, 16.12.2024

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