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Notification in accordance with Article 10 of the SEA Protocol regarding the master plan for Tornio 2040 in 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 transboundary environmental impacts must be notified. As the party of origin, Finland hereby sends Sweden a notification of the master plan for Tornio 2040 in Finland. In addition to the Protocol, the notification is sent in accordance with Article 7, Paragraph 1 of 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).

Information on the planned land use plan

The master plan for Tornio 2040 is prepared as a strategic land use plan. The master plan covers the entire area of Tornio, bordered by the Tornio River and the Finnish-Swedish border in the west, the municipality of Ylitornio in the north, the municipalities of Tervola, Kemi and Keminmaa in the east and the Bothnian Bay in the south. The aim of the master plan is to create opportunities for the flexible development of Tornio, taking into account changing land use regulations and authority guidelines towards 2040.

The planning process for the master plan is currently in the preparation stage. In this stage, the preparatory material for the master plan, including a plan draft and an impact assessment, has been prepared. The preparation stage has been preceded by the starting stage and will be followed by the proposal stage, at which point a master plan proposal is drawn up.

The land use planning procedure in Finland

In terms of land use planning, the SEA directive has been implemented to Land Use Act and Land Use (132/1999) and Building Decree (895/1999) in Finland. Land Use Act and Land Use and Building Decree regulate land use planning procedure, such as the assessment of the impacts of land use planning on the environment.

The public display of the preparatory material for the master plan takes place in Finland between 29 January and 31 March 2025.

Participation in the land use planning procedure

During the public display of the preparatory material for the master plan, a public event will be held in Finland on 26 February 2025 from 17.30 (Finnish time) onwards at Hotel Joentalo, Kivirannantie 13-15, 95410 Tornio. 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 preparatory material for the plan is available in Finnish at the following webpage of Tornio for the land use planning: <https://www.tornio.fi/kaavatori>.

Please send the response by email to the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute (kirjaamo@syke.fi) and transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi by **7 April 2025 at the latest** and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
- 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/2025/168** in your letter.

More information

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Appendices	Plan draft, Tornio 2040, 22.11.2024
	Beteckningar och bestämmelser, Torneå 2040, 22.11.2024
	Sammandrag av planbeskrivning, Torneå 2040, 22.11.2024
	Program för deltagande och bedömning, Torneå 2040, 17.12.2024
For information	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland Ministry of the Environment City of Tornio

