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Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned Kontiovaara windfarm in Ylitornio, Finland

In accordance with Article 3, Paragraph 1 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), countries likely to be affected by projects with potential significant transboundary environmental impacts must be notified and consulted. As the party of origin, Finland hereby informs your country about the planned windfarm Kontiovaara in the municipality of Ylitornio. In addition to the Convention, the notification is sent in accordance with Article 7, Paragraph 1 of the Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU).

Information on the planned project

Myrsky Energia Oy is planning to establish a windfarm in Kontiovaara, Ylitornio. The project area is located approximately 9 kilometres southeast of the centre of Ylitornio. The project is also planned to transmit electricity to the Tornio city area. The windfarm is located approximately 5 kilometres east of the Swedish border, 18 kilometres south-east of the built-up area of Swedish Övertorneå and approximately 7.5 kilometres east of the village of Hedenäset. The area covers 36.70 squarekilometres. The planned windfarm will consist of up to 30 wind turbines with a total capacity of up to 300 megawatts (MW). The unit power of the wind turbines will be approximately 6-10 MW and their total height up to 300 metres. The windfarm will be connected to the electricity network with a transmission line. The route options for the transmission lines are presented in the environmental assessment (EIA) programme.

The land use planning procedure for the component master plan for Kontiovaara windfarm is being carried out as a separate process in parallel with the EIA procedure.

The EIA procedure in Finland

The Act on Environment Impact Assessment Procedure (252/2017) and the Decree on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure (277/2017) regulate the EIA procedure in Finland.

The public display of the EIA programme of the planned Kontiovaara windfarm in Ylitornio, Finland takes place in Finland between 26 February and 25 April 2025.



Participation in the EIA procedure

During the public display of the EIA programme, a public event will be held in Finland on Thursday 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 full EIA programme in Finnish is available at the following webpage:
www.ymparisto.fi/kontiovaaran-tuulivoimahanke-YVA.

Referring to Article 3, Paragraph 3 of the Espoo Convention, please send your response by e-mail to the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute (kirjaamo@syke.fi) and transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi by **9 May 2025 at the latest** and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
- indicate whether your state intends to participate in the EIA procedure,
- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the likely significant environmental impacts of the project affecting your state, and
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your state.

Please indicate our reference number **SYKE/2025/186** in your letter.

More information

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- Appendices** Vindkraftsprojektet i Kontiovaara, Övertorneå, sammanfattning av programmet för miljökonsekvensbedömning, 2025-02-18, 39 sidor
- For information** Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
Ministry of the Environment

