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Preliminary notification in accordance with Article 10 of the SEA Protocol regarding the planned Component Master Plan for Teikovaara-Saarivaara windfarm in Pello, Finland

In accordance with Article 10 (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 shall be notified as early as possible. As the Party of Origin, Finland hereby submits a preliminary notification to Sweden on the planned Component Master Plan for the Teikovaara-Saarivaara wind farm in Pello, 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 (2) of the SEA Protocol. Therefore, this notification is a preliminary notification as the draft component master plan and its preparatory material are not yet available 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 proposed Component Master Plan as early as possible in accordance with Article 10 (1) of the SEA Protocol. The formal notification will be sent at the next stage of the land use planning.

Information on the planned land use plan

The planning area is in the municipality of Pello in Western Lapland, Finland, approximately 10 km north of the municipal centre. The preliminary delimitation of the planning area and its location in relation to the municipal centre of Pello municipality is shown on the cover page of the participation and assessment scheme of the Component Master Plan attached to this letter and its Figure 1.

The wind farm 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 this provision, a legally valid master plan 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 its early stages. In this phase, the participation and assessment scheme of the Component Master Plan has been prepared. The start phase will be followed by the preparation phase, during which a draft Component Master Plan will be prepared, and an impact assessment will be carried out. The preparation phase is followed by the proposal phase, where a Component Master Plan proposal is prepared.

The environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure for the Teikovaara-Saarivaara wind farm in Pello, Finland 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 5th March and 30th April 2025.

The Pello municipality is the responsible for the land use planning in Finland for this Component Master Plan.

Participation in the land use planning procedure

During the public display of the participation and assessment scheme, a public event will be held in Sweden on 11 March 2025 from 18 (Swedish time) onwards at Fredens kyrka, Pellovägen 224, 95793 Pello. It is possible to participate in the event also remotely in Teams through this [link](#).

The participation and assessment scheme is available in Finnish at the following webpage: <https://www.pello.fi/asuminen-ja-rakentaminen/kaavoitus-ja-maankaytto.html>

Please send the response by email to the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute (kirjaamo@syke.fi) and transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi by **16th May 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/2025/300** in your response.

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This document has been electronically signed. The electronic signatures can be verified from the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute.



Appendices

Pello, Vindkraftsprojektet Teikovaara-Saarivaara Delgeneralplan.
Program för deltagande och bedömning, PDB 10.2.2025.

For information

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