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## Consultation in accordance with Article 10 of the SEA Protocol regarding the planned regional land use plan for Ostrobothnia 2050 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 and consulted. In addition to this, under Section 206 a (913/2022), Subsection 1 of the Finnish Land-use and Building Act (132/1999) Finnish Environment Institute is responsible for notifying and consulting other EU member states of significant transboundary environmental impacts of a land use plan in compliance with Article 7 of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC).

According to Section 206 b (1150/2016), Subsection 2 (913/2022) of Land-use and Building Act, Finnish Environment Institute must notify the affected country of the impact assessment and send the available documents of a land use plan if Finnish Environment Institute considers that the implementation of a land use plan has significant transboundary environmental impacts or the affected country so requests. As per request by Naturvårdsverket on 7 June 2023 on, the party of origin, Finland hereby informs Sweden about the planned regional land use plan for Ostrobothnia 2050 in Finland.

### Information on the planned land use plan

The regional land use plan for Ostrobothnia 2050 is a strategic land use plan. The plan is drawn up as a comprehensive regional plan covering the entire region of Ostrobothnia including all 14 municipalities of Ostrobothnia and Finnish territorial waters. The planned regional plan combines national land use objectives with provincial land use objectives and covers all sectors of society that have a significant impact on community structure and land use.

The board of the Regional Board decided to start the preparation of the regional plan land use for Ostrobothnia 2050 on 28 September 2020. The decision has been followed by the preparation of the participation and assessment scheme and the draft of the regional land use plan. The planning process of the regional land use plan is currently in the proposal phase.

### The land use planning procedure in Finland

In terms of land use planning, the SEA directive (2001/42/EC) has been implemented to Land-use Building Act (132/1999) and Land Use and Building Decree (895/1999) in Finland. Land use and Building 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 proposal for the regional land use plan takes place in Finland between 23 September and 25 October 2024. Sweden has the right to participate in the land use planning procedure as the project may have adverse environmental impacts on the state.

### Participation in the land use planning procedure

The proposal for the regional land use plan and its preparatory documents are available at the following webpages: <https://www.obotnia.fi/omradesplanering/osterbottens-landskapsplan-2050> (in Swedish) and <https://www.obotnia.fi/fi/aluesuunnittelu/pohjanmaan-maakuntakaava-2050/> (in Finnish).

Please send the response, including acknowledgement of receipt of this letter as well as views and comments on the consulted materials, by e-mail 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 **7 November 2024 at the latest**.

Please indicate our reference number **SYKE/2024/836** in your letter.

### More information

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### Appendices

Österbottens landskapsplan 2050 internationellt hörande  
Planbeskrivning Österbottens Landskapsplan

### For information

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