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To the Points of Contact for the Espoo  
Convention in Finland and Latvia

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Information regarding the national designated spatial  
plan for the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor and  
the infrastructure necessary for its operation

Estonia hereby provides early information to Finland and Latvia regarding the initiation of the national designated spatial plan (*NDSP*) together with the strategic environmental assessment (*SEA*) for the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor and the infrastructure necessary for its operation. Given that the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor project as a whole also involves Lithuania, Poland and Germany, this letter is also sent to them for informational purposes.

On 23 March 2026, the Government of the Republic of Estonia initiated the preparation of the *NDSP* together with the *SEA* for the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor and the infrastructure necessary for its operation. The purpose of the *NDSP* is to plan a hydrogen corridor extending over mainland Estonia and to establish the conditions necessary for the implementation of the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor project (additional information on the project in English is available [here](#)). The planning area covers 6522,76 km<sup>2</sup> and includes a total of 24 municipalities in Harju, Rapla, Lääne, Järva, Pärnu, Viljandi and Valga counties in Estonia. A map of the planning area (in Estonian) is available [here](#).

The *NDSP* will provide an integrated spatial solution for the proposed hydrogen infrastructure which is expected to include the following structures: a high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline operating above 16 bar, gas distribution and metering stations, a compressor station and other gas-related facilities. The connection is planned as one or two underground pipelines with a total onshore length of approximately 250–300 km, extending from the Latvian border to the northern coast of Estonia. Valve nodes and up to two compressor stations are also planned.

This letter is sent for early information-sharing purposes. Finland and Latvia will be informed about the progress of the planning procedure in the next stages. Based on the current schedule for preparing the *NDSP* and carrying out the *SEA*, it is estimated that the adoption of the *NDSP* could take place in 2028.

Furthermore, we would like to note that the offshore section of the hydrogen corridor will be addressed through a separate procedure. A superficies licence application procedure, together with an environmental impact assessment (*EIA*) will be carried out for this purpose. The developer is expected to submit the application for the superficies licence within the year 2026.

For additional questions concerning the NDSP, please contact Ms. Monika Korolkov (adviser, land use and spatial planning policy department, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications; e-mail: [monika.korolkov@mkm.ee](mailto:monika.korolkov@mkm.ee)).

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