Ülle Leht

From: Ülle Leht

Sent: neljapäev, 30. märts 2023 13:42 **To:** lenka.strakova@ec.europa.eu

Subject: Consultation with regard to a third country - Estonian Rescue Board project -

Swutzerland and Norway added

Attachments: EOD Template 30.03.2023.docx

Dear Lenka,

The Rescue Board informed me today that they would like to add two countries to the consultation with regard to third countries – Norway and Switzerland. Please find attached the accordingly revised consultation form (the information added is marked with yellow).

Kind regards,

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From: Ülle Leht

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 4:42 PM

To: 'STRAKOVA Lenka' <Lenka.STRAKOVA@ec.europa.eu>

Subject: RE: Consultation with regard to a thrd country - Estonian Rescue Board project

Dear Lenka,

Please find attached information that reflects the situation in Estonia in 2022.

One of the main challenges in Estonia is to fight against the risks related to the of Explosive materials. Preparedness for EOD, IED and CBRN incidents needs more attention, given the changed nature of threats in Europe. It is estimated that over half a million World War II explosives are still in the Estonian soil - the accessibility of these explosive substances is an essential internal security problem in Estonia and carries high risk in terms of possible terrorism or lone offenders.

The budget of the project is foreseen for 7 years. It costs a lot to participate in the practical trainings (with the special equipment). The trainings in the EOD/IEDD(Improvised Explosive Device Disposal) /CBR area are costly (they are of niche nature).

We would like to participate in the international EOD/IEDD course "Northern Challenge" that takes place annually in Iceland. It is one of the most challenging courses it the subject area.

Kind regards,

Ülle

From: STRAKOVA Lenka < Lenka.STRAKOVA@ec.europa.eu >

Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 3:04 PM **To:** Ülle Leht <<u>ylle.leht@siseministeerium.ee</u>>

Subject: RE: Consultation with regard to a thrd country - Estonian Rescue Board project

TÄHELEPANU! Tegemist on väljastpoolt asutust saabunud kirjaga. Tundmatu saatja korral palume linke ja faile mitte avada!

Dear Ülle,

I am consulting other services about your project. Could you please provide a background information on the situation in EE in relation to this project — what territory (e.g. % or any data you have at your disposal) contains explosives in the ground; if you can give information that justifies beyond what you have provided the merits of such project and the allocated budget....

Can you also give little more information in relation to the role of Iceland in the project? Many thanks, L.

From: Ülle Leht < ylle.leht@siseministeerium.ee >

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:03 AM

To: STRAKOVA Lenka (HOME) < Lenka.STRAKOVA@ec.europa.eu >

Subject: Consultation with regard to a thrd country - Estonian Rescue Board project

Dear Lenka,

Please find attached the consultation form of the ISF project "Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) (including CBRN)

trainings and exercises" for consultation with regard to a third country.

Kind regards,

Ülle Leht Ministry of the Interior Estonia