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**Regarding notification of the environmental impact assessment for activity listed in the Appendix I of the Espoo Convention (construction of the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor in the territory of Latvia)**

The State Environment Service (hereinafter – the Service), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, hereby notifies the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Estonia regarding the initiated EIA procedure of the development project “Construction of the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor in the territory of Latvia (developer Joint Stock Company “Conexus Baltic Grid”) (hereinafter – the Project)<sup>1</sup> as activity is listed under the point 8 of the Appendix 1 of the Espoo Convention.

The Nordic–Baltic Hydrogen Corridor is a cross-border energy infrastructure initiative intended to establish a regional hydrogen transmission corridor directly connecting Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Germany. In Latvia, the study area of the Project is planned to cross the territories of ten municipalities: Valmiera, Smiltene, Valka, Cēsis, Sigulda, Saulkrasti, Ropaži, Salaspils, Ķekava, and Bauska. The total length of the corridor within the territory of Latvia is planned to be approximately 270–300 km, depending on the selected pipeline alignment and the interconnection point with Estonia.

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<sup>1</sup> Information on the Service’s webpage <https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/ziemelu-baltijas-udenraza-koridora-buvnieciba-latvijas-teritorija-conexus-baltic-grid>

During the EIA, two interconnection alternatives with Estonia and their alignment options will be evaluated. Alternative 1 envisages the construction of the pipeline connection with Estonia parallel to the existing natural gas transmission pipeline, similarly to the planned main pipeline route. Alternative 2 envisages the construction of the route within a new corridor – from the settlement of Mirķi in Valmiera municipality to the Estonian border near the village of Lode in Valmiera municipality.

In previous project activities, the Developer has conceptually agreed with the project partner in Lithuania, AB “Amber Grid”, on a preliminary area of the interconnection point (south of Uzvara village in Bauska municipality).

The competent authority responsible for issuing the decision of necessity of the EIA, the EIA Programme as well as a reasoned opinion on the EIA report is the Service. The decision about necessity of the EIA of the Project was issued on April 17, 2026. The EIA Programme is not issued.

According to the principles of the Espoo Convention where a party of origin for a proposed activity listed in Appendix I considers that the proposed activity is likely to cause a significant transboundary impact, the party of origin shall, for the purposes of ensuring adequate and effective consultations, notify any party which it considers may be an affected party as early as possible and no later than when informing its own public about that proposed activity. Referring to Article 3.3. of the Espoo Convention Latvia kindly asks the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Estonia to respond **until September 7, 2026**, at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification;
- indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure;
- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the Project on your territory;
- submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country;
- inform about any technical details regarding the documentation form, language of the EIA report or other information as well as requirements regarding public participation procedures.

Response to this notification shall be sent to the State Environment Service of the Republic of Latvia (e-mail: [pasts@vvd.gov.lv](mailto:pasts@vvd.gov.lv)).

Attachment: Application for the intended activity of construction of the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor in the territory of Latvia (file: *Iesniegums\_ZBUK\_ENG\_062026.pdf*).

Sincerely yours,  
Director of Permitting Board

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