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PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Procedural schedule for public information and participation in the process of environmental impact assessment of the proposed economic activity (hereinafter - the Procedural Schedule) establishes the procedures for public information and participation in the process of environmental impact assessment of the proposed economic activity (hereinafter - EIA) and the relations between the participants of this process.

2. The Procedural Schedule shall be binding for all participants in the EIA process, specified in Article 5 of the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment of the Proposed Economic Activity of the Republic of Lithuania.

3. The functions of the competent authority referred to in Article 5(1)(1) of the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment of the Proposed Economic Activity shall be performed by the Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to as the Agency) in accordance with the powers conferred by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania in point 2 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania's Resolution of 28 July 2000 No. 900 "On the Granting of Powers to the Ministry of the Environment and Institutions Subordinate to the Ministry of the Environment".

4. The terms used in the Procedural Schedule shall be understood as defined in the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment of the Proposed Economic Activity, Law on Crisis Management and Civil Protection of the Republic of Lithuania.

CHAPTER II GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION

5. During the EIA process, the concerned public shall have the right to receive information on the potential environmental impact of the proposed economic activity from other participants in the EIA process in accordance with the procedure established by law.

6. During the EIA process of the proposed economic activity, the concerned public shall have the right to submit to the Agency, the preparer of the EIA documents, the organiser of the proposed economic activity, and the EIA entities, in accordance with the procedure set out in the Procedures, proposals, questions, comments, information, analyses, or opinions on the proposed economic activity and its EIA (hereinafter referred to as proposals).

7. In carrying out the duties set out in the Procedural Schedule, the Environmental Protection Agency, the EIA document preparer, the organiser of the proposed economic activity and the EIA entities shall process personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "General Data Protection Regulation"), as well as with other legal acts regulating personal data protection.

8. The concerned public may submit proposals in writing, by e-mail or by other electronic means. Proposals shall include:

8.1. if the proposals are submitted by natural persons - the name and contact details (address, telephone, e-mail); if the proposals are submitted by legal persons - the name of the legal person and contact details (registered office address, telephone, e-mail);

8.2. the date of submission.

9. Members of the public who wish to receive a copy of the EIA report made available to the public or submitted to the Agency shall be required to pay the copying costs.

CHAPTER III

INFORMING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

10. The preparer of the EIA documentation, after preparing the EIA programme, shall inform the public about the possibility to get acquainted with it and to submit proposals by publishing the information referred to in point 12 of the Procedural Schedule:

10.1. submit the information by means of electronic communications to the Agency and to the administration of the municipality(ies) in whose territory(s) the economic activity is proposed, and if the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea - to the Agency and to the administrations of municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea. The authorities shall publish the information received within 3 working days on their websites;

10.2. submit the information in writing to the administration(s) of the municipality(ies) in whose territory(ies) the economic activity is proposed and to the district(s) authority(ies) in whose territory(ies) the economic activity is proposed, and if the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea - to the administrations of the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea. The authorities shall publish the information received within 3 working days on their notice boards;

10.3. publish it on the website of the preparer of the EIA documentation and/or the organiser of the proposed economic activity;

10.4. publish in a local newspaper published periodically and distributed in the municipality(ies) in whose territory(ies) the proposed economic activity is proposed, or, if there is no such newspaper, in a regional or national newspaper. If the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, publish the information in local newspapers published periodically and distributed in the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea, or, if there is no such newspaper, in a regional or national newspaper.

11. It is recommended that the information referred to in point 12 of the Procedural Schedule to be published additionally by one or more of the following methods of informing the general public: by erecting information boards at the location of the proposed economic activity; by posting notices on the notice boards of public organisations, shops, residential houses or other buildings; by sending it to public organisations, chairpersons of multi-apartment houses or gardeners' associations, chairpersons of communities by e-mail; by publishing it in social networks; and by conducting surveys of residents.

12. The information to be made available to the public is prepared by filling out on the form set out in Annex 1 to the Schedule and shall include:

12.1. contact details of the organiser of the proposed economic activity;

12.2. contact details of the preparer of the EIA documentation;

12.3. the name and location of the proposed economic activity;

12.4. the EIA entities which examine the EIA programme within their competence, submit conclusions and provide information to the public on the potential environmental impact of the proposed economic activity, and the competent authority that approves the EIA programme and takes decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity;

12.5. to whom, by when and at what address proposals, including the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information, on the EIA programme and the EIA being carried out may be submitted. It shall be specified that the concerned public shall submit proposals on the EIA

programme to the Agency and shall have the right to submit them to the preparer of the EIA documentation or to the organiser of the proposed economic activity. The deadline for submitting proposals shall be specified as at least 10 working days from the date of publication of the information on the EIA programme received by the Agency, starting from the day following the publication;

12.6. an active web link of the published EIA programme on the website of the preparer of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity, which must be up and running until the Agency approves the EIA programme. In the event of a revision or addition to the EIA programme, the organiser of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity shall publish an updated version of the EIA programme on its website within one working day;

12.7. information on the likely nature of the decision.

13. The concerned public shall submit proposals on the EIA programme to the Agency and shall have the right to submit proposals to the preparer of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity by the deadline specified in the information published by the preparer of the EIA documentation for the public, which shall be at least 10 working days from the date of publication of the information on the EIA programme, received by the Agency, counting from the day following the date of publication of the information.

14. The Agency, having received the concerned public's proposals on the EIA programme within its competence directly from the representatives of the concerned public, shall reply to them in writing within 10 working days. The Agency, having received the concerned public's proposals on the EIA programme that are not within its competence, shall, within 5 working days, submit a depersonalized (anonymized) copy of the proposals to the preparer of the EIA documentation and inform the representatives of the concerned public who submitted the proposals that the proposals have been received, that they shall be forwarded to the preparer of the EIA documentation and that an evaluation of the concerned public's proposals will be prepared and published on the Agency's website, together with the approved EIA programme.

15. The organiser of the proposed economic activity, upon receipt of the concerned public's proposals on the EIA programme, shall submit a copy of the proposals to the preparer of the EIA documents.

16. The preparer of the EIA documentation, having received the proposals of the concerned public on the EIA programme directly from the representatives of the concerned public or from the organiser of the proposed economic activity, shall inform the representatives of the concerned public in writing that the proposals have been received and that an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public will be prepared and published on the Agency's website together with the approved EIA programme.

17. The preparer of the EIA documentation shall register the proposals of the concerned public on the EIA programme received from the Agency, the organiser of the proposed economic activity and directly from the representatives of the concerned public in accordance with the form for registration of the proposals of the concerned public set out in Annex 2 to the Procedural Schedule and, together with the organiser of the proposed economic activity, shall prepare an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public by completing the form set out in Annex 3 to the Procedural Schedule. The proposals shall be evaluated, indicating whether they have been accepted, partially accepted or rejected. Information shall be provided on how the accepted proposal has been taken into account. In the event of rejection or partial rejection of a proposal, reasons shall be given for the rejection or partial rejection.

18. When approving the EIA programme, the Agency shall evaluate the proposals of the public concerned and the evaluation of the proposals made by the EIA document preparer and shall inform the public about the approved EIA programme within 3 working days after the approval of the EIA programme by publishing on its website the letter on the approval of the EIA programme, the evaluation of the proposals of the public concerned and the approved EIA programme.

19. Participants of the EIA process referred to in point 13 of the Procedural Schedule, upon receipt of the concerned public's proposals on the EIA programme, which were submitted after the deadline for submission of proposals on the EIA programme referred to in point 13 of the Procedural

Schedule, shall perform the actions referred to in points 14 to 17 of the Procedural Schedule, however, the proposals shall be examined by preparing an assessment of the concerned public's proposals, which shall be included into the annex to the EIA report on public information and participation in the EIA procedures, and shall be made available at the Agency's website.

20. If, prior to the approval of the EIA programme, the Agency receives from the municipal administration a negative reasoned decision of the municipal council on the feasibility of the proposed economic activity, it shall, within 3 working days of receipt of this decision, inform the public by publishing the decision of the municipal council on its website and by notifying, that the environmental impact assessment procedures may not be continued as long as the negative reasoned decision taken by the municipal council remains in force, except in cases where the proposed economic activity has been recognised as a project of national importance or is a project of regional interest or the proposed economic activity is necessary for the implementation of a project of national importance or regional interest.

CHAPTER IV

PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

21. If the EIA programme is not being prepared, the organiser of the proposed economic activity or the preparer of the EIA documents, has to prepare a notice on the commencement of the EIA according to the form specified in the Procedural Schedule for Conducting the Procedures of Environmental Impact Assessment of the Proposed Economic Activity, and to publish it by the means of the public information referred to in point 10 of the Procedural Schedule. The public concerned shall submit proposals on the commenced EIA to the Agency and shall have the right to submit them to the preparer of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity within 10 working days from the date of publication of the notice of commencement of EIA by the Agency.

22. The Agency, having received proposals from the concerned public within its competence concerning the commenced EIA, shall reply in writing within 10 working days to the representatives of the concerned public who submitted them. The Agency, having received proposals from the concerned public on the EIA which are not within its competence, shall, within 5 working days, submit a depersonalised copy of the proposals to the preparer of the EIA documentation and inform the representatives of the concerned public who submitted the proposals that the proposals have been received, that they shall be forwarded to the preparer of the EIA documentation and that an evaluation of the proposals from the concerned public will be prepared and included in the EIA report.

23. The organiser of the proposed economic activity, having received the proposals of the concerned public concerning the EIA, shall submit copies thereof to the preparer of the EIA documents.

24. The preparer of the EIA documentation, having received the proposals of the concerned public on the EIA, either directly from the representatives of the concerned public or from the organiser of the proposed economic activity, shall inform the representatives of the concerned public that the proposals have been received and that an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public will be prepared and presented in the EIA report.

25. The preparer of the EIA documents shall register the proposals of the concerned public concerning the EIA, received from the Agency, the organiser of the proposed economic activity and directly from the representatives of the concerned public, in accordance with the form for registration of the proposals of the concerned public, set out in Annex 2 to the Procedural Schedule and, together with the organiser of the proposed economic activity, shall prepare an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public by completing the form set out in Annex 3 to the Procedural Schedule.

CHAPTER V

INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PREPARED EIA REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE EIA REPORT

26. The preparer of the EIA documentation, after preparing the EIA report, shall:

26.1. make the EIA report available to the public at its registered office (during working hours) and on its own website and/or the website of the organiser of the proposed economic activity;

26.2. ensure that the EIA report is made available to the public at the administrative premises of the district(s) authority(ies) in whose territory(s) the economic activity is proposed. Where there is no district authority in the territory(s) of the municipality(ies), or where the economic activity is proposed in the territory(s) of more than one municipality, the EIA report shall be made available to the public at the administrative premises of the municipality(ies) in whose territory(ies) the economic activity is proposed. Where the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, the EIA report shall be made public in the administrative offices of the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea.

27. The preparer of the EIA documentation shall, at least 20 working days prior to the public hearings on the EIA report, inform the public about the possibilities to get acquainted with it, to submit proposals and to take part in the process of the public hearings on this report, and shall make available to the public the information referred to in point 29 of the Procedural Schedule:

27.1. submit the information by e-mail to the Agency and to the administration of the municipality(ies) in whose territory(s) the economic activity is proposed, and if the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea - to the Agency and to the administrations of the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea. The authorities shall publish the information received on their websites;

27.2. submit the information in writing to the administration(s) of the municipality(ies) in whose territory(ies) the economic activity is proposed and to the district(s) authority(ies) in whose territory(ies) the economic activity is proposed, and if the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea - to the administrations of the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea. The authorities shall publish the information received on their notice boards;

27.3. publish it on the website of the preparer of the EIA documentation and/or the organiser of the proposed economic activity;

27.4. in a local newspaper published periodically and distributed in the municipality(ies) in whose territory(ies) the economic activity is proposed, or, if there is no such newspaper, in a regional or national newspaper. If the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, it shall publish the information in local newspapers published periodically and distributed in the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea, or, if there is no such newspaper, in a regional or national newspaper.

28. It is recommended that the information referred to in point 29 of the Procedural Schedule would be published additionally by one or more of the following methods of informing the general public: by erecting information boards at the location of the proposed economic activity; by posting notices on the notice boards of public organisations, shops, residential houses or other buildings; by sending it to public organisations, chairpersons of multi-apartment houses or gardeners' associations, chairpersons of communities by e-mail; by publishing it in social networks; and by conducting surveys of residents.

29. The information about the public hearings on the EIA report, which shall be made available to the public by using in the form set out in Annex 4 to the Procedural Schedule, shall include:

29.1. details of the organiser of the proposed economic activity;

29.2. details of the preparer of the EIA documentation;

29.3. the name and location of the proposed economic activity;

29.4. the EIA entities, which will provide conclusions on the EIA report in accordance with their competence and provide information to the public on the potential environmental impact of the proposed economic activity in accordance with the procedure laid down by law, and the competent authority, which will make a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity;

29.5. the website of the preparer of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity, with a direct active link to the published EIA report, which shall remain active until the Agency has taken a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity. In the event of a revision or addition to the report, the updated version of the report must be published within one working day of the revision or addition;

29.6. the address, telephone number and time of access to the EIA report of the preparer of the EIA documentation, the municipality and/or district(s) authority(ies) office(s) or other place(s) where the EIA report shall be made available to the public, taking into account the requirements of points 26, 31 and 32 of the Procedural Schedule;

29.7. to whom, by when and at what address proposals, including the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information, may be made concerning the EIA report and the EIA being carried out. It shall be specified that the concerned public shall submit proposals to the Agency and shall have the right to submit proposals to the preparer of EIA documents. The deadline for submission of proposals shall be specified, which shall be at least 20 working days before and during the public hearings on the EIA report;

29.8. where and when the public hearings on the EIA report will take place and the live webcast video link, taking into account the requirements of points 30, 31 and 32 of the Procedural Schedule.

30. The public hearings on the EIA report shall be carried out in a hybrid way:

30.1. by live webcast, allowing remote access, questions and answers;

30.2. at the administrative premises of the district authority of the territory in which the economic activity is proposed or at another place chosen by the EIA document preparer and agreed in writing with the district authority. If there is/are no district(s) authority(ies) in the territory of the municipality - at the administrative premises of the municipality in whose territory the economic activity is proposed or at another place chosen by the preparer of the EIA documentation and agreed in writing with the municipal administration.

31. If the economic activity is proposed in the territories of several district authorities and/or municipalities, the EIA report shall be made public and the public shall be informed about the possibilities to get acquainted with it, to submit proposals and to participate in the public hearings on the EIA report in all the district authorities and/or municipalities referred to in this point. The public hearings on the EIA report referred to in point 30 of the Procedural Schedule shall take place in all or in one of the district authorities and/or municipalities referred to in this point. If the public hearings are carried out in one of these district authorities and/or municipalities, technical possibilities shall be made available for representatives of the concerned public, who come to the administrative premises of the other district authorities and/or municipalities referred to in this point, to participate remotely in the public hearings of the EIA report, to ask questions and receive answers.

32. If the proposed economic activity and its related structural components, e.g. construction of related infrastructure, are proposed in the territories of different district authorities and/or municipalities, the EIA report shall be made public and the public shall be informed about the possibilities to get acquainted with it, to submit proposals and to participate in the public hearings on the EIA report in all the district authorities and/or municipalities referred to in this point. Public presentation of the EIA report shall only take place in the municipality or district authority in which the main proposed economic activity, and not its related structural components, is located.

33. If the economic activity is proposed in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, the public hearings on the EIA report shall be carried out in a hybrid way: live webcast, with the possibility to connect remotely, to ask questions and hear answers, and in the administrative premises of the municipalities bordering the Baltic Sea or in other places chosen by the EIA document preparer and agreed in writing with the municipal administrations. The public hearings on the EIA report shall take place in all or one of the municipalities referred to in this point. If the public hearings on the EIA report are carried out in one of the municipalities, technical possibilities shall be made available for representatives of the public concerned, who are present in the administrative premises of the other municipalities referred to in this point, to participate remotely in the public hearings on the EIA report, to ask questions and to hear the answers.

34. The public concerned has the right to submit proposals on the EIA report and the EIA process:

34.1. to the Agency and the EIA documents preparer - within the time limit provided in the information on public hearings on the EIA report published by the EIA document preparer, which shall be at least 20 working days prior to the public hearings on the EIA report;

34.2. to the preparer of the EIA documentation - during the public hearings on the EIA report;

34.3. to the Agency within the time limit referred to in point 47 of the Procedural Schedule.

35. The Agency, having received directly from the representatives of the public concerned the proposals falling within its competence, shall reply to them in writing within 10 working days. The Agency, having received proposals from the concerned public outside its competence, shall, within 5 working days, provide depersonalised copies of the proposals to the EIA document preparer and inform the representatives of the concerned public who submitted the proposals that the proposals have been received, that the proposals have been forwarded to the EIA document preparer and that an evaluation of the proposals from the concerned public will be prepared and included in the annex to the EIA report on public information and participation in the EIA procedures and published on the website of the Agency.

36. The preparer of the EIA documentation, having received the proposals of the concerned public directly from the representatives of the concerned public, shall inform them in writing that the proposals have been received and that an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public will be prepared and included in the annex to the EIA report on public information and participation in the EIA procedures and published on the website of the Agency.

37. The preparer of the EIA documentation shall register the proposals of the concerned public received from the Agency and directly from the representatives of the concerned public in accordance with the form for registration of the proposals of the concerned public set out in Annex 2 to the Procedural Schedule, revise, if necessary, the EIA report, and, together with the organiser of the proposed economic activity, prepare an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public according to the form set out in Annex 3 to the Procedural Schedule. The evaluation shall indicate whether the proposals have been accepted, partially accepted or rejected. Information shall be provided on how the accepted proposal has been taken into account. In the event of rejection or partial rejection of a proposal, reasons shall be given for the rejection or partial rejection.

38. During the public hearings on the EIA report, the EIA document preparer shall:

38.1. appoint a chairman and a secretary;

38.2. register the participants of the public hearings on the EIA report;

38.3. describe the proposed economic activity, present the EIA report and the results of the assessment;

38.4. inform on the evaluation of the proposals received from the concerned public before the start of the public hearings on the EIA report;

38.5. answer questions from the participants during the public hearings on the EIA report;

38.6. inform that the proposals of the concerned public received before and submitted during the public hearings on the EIA report are registered, that an evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public will be prepared and that it, as well as the minutes, will be included in the annex to the EIA report on public information and participation in the EIA procedures and published on the Agency's website along with the EIA report.

39. If no representative of the public arrive at the public hearings on the EIA report within one hour from the time set for its commencement and does not remotely connect, the chairman of the public hearings on the EIA report shall declare that the public hearings procedure has been completed. This shall be recorded in a protocol signed by the chairman of the public hearings on the EIA report and the secretary.

40. After the public hearings on the EIA report, the secretary shall, within 5 working days (counting from the next working day after the public hearings), prepare the minutes of the public hearings on the EIA report, which shall indicate the date and place of the public hearings, the information on the participants, the main summary statements of the preparer of the EIA documentation, the questions raised by the participants during the public hearings and the answers to

them. The minutes may not contain personal data of the public participants. The minutes shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary.

41. In case of restriction of public access to the premises of the municipality(ies) and/or district(s) authority(ies) during an emergency situation, the EIA report shall be published only via the Internet in electronic format on the website of the preparer of the EIA documents and/or the organiser of the proposed economic activity.

42. In the event of a restriction of access to enclosed spaces during an emergency situation, the public hearings on the EIA report shall be postponed until the expiry of the restriction or prohibition, or shall be organised only by means of a live webcast, taking into account the requirements set out in points 38 to 40 of the Procedural Schedule.

43. Where, during an emergency situation, the public hearings on the EIA report is to be carried out only by means of a live webcast, the information on the public presentation referred to in point 29 of the Procedural Schedule shall include the date and time of the live webcast and a link to the live webcast. In the event of technical difficulties during the live broadcast which cannot be remedied within a reasonable time period, the public hearing shall be re-organised and the public shall be informed at least 5 working days in advance.

44. The procedures of informing the public about the prepared EIA report and public hearings on the EIA report, which started when access to the enclosed spaces was restricted, shall be completed by the same method.

CHAPTER VI

INFORMING ABOUT THE RECEIVED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND THE DECISION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

45. The Agency, having received from the preparer of the EIA documentation the EIA report, including the proposals of the concerned public registered according to the form set out in Annex 2 to the Procedural Schedule, their evaluation carried out according to the form set out in Annex 3 to the Procedural Schedule, and the conclusions of the EIA entities, shall, not later than within 3 working days from the receipt of these documents, publish on the Agency's website a notice to the public as referred to in point 46 of the Procedural Schedule.

46. The notice must include:

46.1. details of the organiser of the proposed economic activity (name of natural person or legal entity, address, website, telephone, e-mail);

46.2. details of the preparer of the EIA documentation (name of natural person or legal entity, address, website, telephone, e-mail);

46.3. the name and location of the proposed economic activity (county, municipality, district authority; city, town, village or hamlet; if available - street, building no., unique and/or cadastral no. of the land plot);

46.4. a direct active web link to the published EIA report;

46.5. the time limit for the submission of proposals to the Agency, which will take a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity; the proposals will be discussed with representatives of the public concerned before the Agency takes a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity. The deadline for submitting proposals - 10 working days from the date of publication of the notice. Proposals received after the deadline shall not be considered.

47. The concerned public shall have the right to submit proposals to the Agency, which shall be discussed with representatives of the concerned public before the Agency takes a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity. The deadline for submission of proposals - 10 working days from the date of publication of the notice. Proposals received after this deadline shall not be considered.

48. The preparer of the EIA documentation shall organise a repeated public hearings on the EIA report in accordance with the procedure set out in Chapter IV of the Procedural Schedule, if:

48.1. the Agency obliges the preparer of the EIA documentation to carry out a repeated public hearings on the EIA report due to a violation of the procedures related to the publicity of the EIA report and the public information;

48.2. the EIA report is substantially amended (changes in the scope of the economic activity, new technological and/or location alternatives are proposed) or substantially corrected (the EIA report did not adequately or insufficiently assess the potential environmental impact) and the Agency obliges the preparer of the EIA documents to carry out a repeated public hearings on the EIA report or the hearings are organised at the initiative of the organiser of the proposed economic activity.

49. If the Agency receives proposals from the concerned public during the time period for submission of proposals referred to in sub-point 46.5 of the Procedural Schedule, after the deadline it shall organise a meeting to discuss the proposals, inviting in writing the representatives of the concerned public who have submitted the proposals, the organiser of the proposed economic activity, and the preparer of the EIA documentation to a meeting at least 5 working days before the meeting. Together with the invitation, the Agency shall send depersonalised copies of the proposals of the public concerned and inform them that, in the event of failure to attend the meeting, the minutes of the meeting and the Agency's decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity will be available on the Agency's website where such information is published. The meeting may also be organised remotely.

50. If the organiser of the proposed economic activity or the preparer of the EIA documentation is unable to participate in the meeting, he/she shall, within 1 working day before the date of the meeting referred to in point 49 of the Procedural Schedule, inform the Agency that he/she will not participate and shall submit in writing the evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public.

51. If the representative(s) of the concerned public, the organiser of the proposed economic activity or the preparer of the EIA documentation is/are not present at the meeting, the Agency shall consider the proposals in his/her absence.

52. The procedure for discussing proposals from the public concerned shall be documented in the minutes. The minutes shall indicate the format of the meeting, place, date, participants (or a list of participants shall be annexed to the minutes), indicate the issues discussed and the conclusions and/or proposals adopted at the meeting. The minutes shall be drawn up and signed by a representative of the Agency.

53. If no EIA programme has been prepared and prior to the adoption of the decision on the proposed economic activity the Agency receives from the municipal administration a negative reasoned decision of the municipal council on the feasibility of the proposed economic activity, the Agency shall inform the public within 3 working days from the date of receipt of the decision by publishing on its website the decision of the municipal council and by announcing that the EIA procedures are suspended, unless the proposed economic activity has been recognised as a project of national importance or is a project of regional importance, or the proposed economic activity is necessary for the realisation of the project of national importance or of regional importance.

54. If there are uncertainties about the compliance of the proposed economic activity with the requirements of legal acts or about the possible significant negative impacts on the environment, the Agency, before taking a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity shall, if necessary, organise a meeting, where the representatives of the concerned public can participate. The meeting shall be organised in a hybrid or remote format. At least 3 working days before the meeting the Agency shall publish on its website information on where and when the meeting will take place and, in the case of a hybrid meeting, a live webcast link.

55. After adopting a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity, the Agency shall publish the decision, the EIA report on the basis of which the decision was adopted, and the minutes of the meeting referred to in point 49 of the Procedural Schedule on its website within 3 working days of its adoption.

56. The Agency, having adopted a decision on the extension of the validity of a decision on the environmental impact of a proposed economic activity, shall publish it on its website within 3 working days.

CHAPTER VII
INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

57. Information on transboundary EIA procedures shall be published on the websites of the Ministry of the Environment and the Agency in accordance with the procedure set out in the Procedural Schedule for Conducting the Procedures of Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment of the Proposed Economic Activity.

**(Form for informing the public on the prepared environmental impact assessment
programme)**

INFORMATION ON THE PREPARED

(name of the proposed economic activity)

AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Organiser of the proposed economic activity:

(name of natural person or legal entity, contact address, website, telephone, email)

Preparer of environmental impact assessment documents:

(name of natural person or legal entity, contact address, website, telephone, email)

Name and location of the proposed economic activity:

(name of the proposed economic activity, county, municipality, district authority; city, town, village or hamlet; if any, street, building no., unique and/or cadastral no. of the land plot)

The environmental impact assessment entities that examine the environmental impact assessment programme and within their competence issue conclusions and provide information to the public on the potential environmental impact of the proposed economic activity in accordance with the procedure laid down by law:

(names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses of the entities involved in the environmental impact assessment process for the specific proposed economic activity)

The Environmental Impact Assessment Programme shall be approved and a decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity shall be taken by the Environmental Protection Agency (A. Juozapavičiaus g. 9, Vilnius, phone +370 682 92 653, e-mail: aaa@gamta.lt).

The public submits proposals on the EIA programme (including the possibility to ask questions and receive information) to the Environmental Protection Agency and has the right to submit them to the preparer of the EIA documents or the organiser of the proposed economic activity before:

(the deadline for submission of proposals shall be at least 10 working days from the date of publication of the information received by the Agency on the environmental impact assessment programme, counting from the day following the publication)

Online link to the published EIA programme:

(direct active link on the website of the preparer of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity)

The decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity is taken by the Environmental Protection Agency. If the Agency decides that the activity complies with the requirements of the legislation on environmental protection, public health, protection of immovable cultural heritage, fire safety and civil protection and will not have a significant negative impact on the environment, the proposed economic activity may be carried out. If the Agency decides that the proposed economic activity does not comply with the requirements of the legislation on the protection of the environment, public health, the protection of immovable cultural heritage, fire safety and civil protection and will have a significant negative impact on the environment, the permits provided for in the legislation may not be granted and the activity may not be carried out.

(Registration form for the proposals of the concerned public)

PROPOSALS OF THE CONCERNED PUBLIC ON

(name of the proposed economic activity)

(indicate the stage at which the proposals received are registered: EIA programme and ongoing EIA / EIA commencement / EIA report and ongoing EIA)

REGISTRATION

No.	Date of receipt of the concerned public's proposal	Sender of the concerned public's proposal (indicate whether the proposal was received from the Agency, the organiser of the proposed economic activity or directly from the concerned public)	Proposal of the concerned public
1	2	3	4
1.			
2.			
3.			

(Form for evaluation of the proposals of the concerned public)

PROPOSALS OF THE CONCERNED PUBLIC ON

(name of the proposed economic activity)

(indicate the stage at which the proposals received are being assessed: EIA programme and ongoing EIA / EIA commencement / EIA report and ongoing EIA)

EVALUATION

Eil. No.	Proposal from the concerned public	Proposals by topic (e.g. water pollution, air pollution, noise, smell)	Proposal of the public concerned accepted, partially accepted or rejected	Reasons for accepting or rejecting the proposal
1	2	3	4	5
1.				
2.				
3.				

**(Form of information to be made available to the public about the public hearings on the EIA
report)**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT REPORT OF**

(name of the proposed economic activity)

Organiser of the proposed economic activity:

(name of natural person or legal entity, contact address, website, telephone, email)

Preparer of environmental impact assessment documents:

(name of natural person or legal entity, contact address, website, telephone, email)

Name and location of the proposed economic activity:

(name of the proposed economic activity, county, municipality, district authority; city, town, village or hamlet; if any, street, building no., unique and/or cadastral no. of the land plot)

The environmental impact assessment entities that examine the environmental impact assessment report and within their competence issue conclusions and provide information to the public on the potential environmental impact of the proposed economic activity in accordance with the procedure laid down by law:

(names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses of the entities involved in the environmental impact assessment process for the specific proposed economic activity)

The decision on the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity is taken by the Environmental Protection Agency (A. Juozapavičiaus g. 9, Vilnius, phone +370 682 92 653, e-mail aaa@gamta.lt).

Online link to the published environmental impact assessment report:

(direct active link on the website of the preparer of the EIA documentation or the organiser of the proposed economic activity)

The environmental impact assessment report is made available to the public:

(indicate the address, telephone number and time of access to the EIA report at the premises of the preparer of the environmental impact assessment documents, the municipality and/or district authority or other place(s) where the EIA report is made available to the public)

The public shall submit proposals (including the opportunity to ask questions and obtain information) on the EIA report and the ongoing EIA to the Environmental Protection Agency, and shall have the right to submit them to the preparer of the EIA documents before:

(indicate the deadline for submission of proposals, which shall be at least 20 working days before and at the time of the public hearings on the environmental impact assessment report)

The public hearings on the EIA report will be carried out in a hybrid format (in person and via webcast):

(location, address, date, time and live webcast link)
