

NOTIFICATION TO AN AFFECTED PARTY OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION

1. INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY	
(i) Information on the nature of the proposed activity	
Type of the plan proposed	ADOPTION OF THE SPATIAL PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2035
Is the proposed activity listed in Appendix I to the Convention?	Some activities planned by the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia are listed in Appendix I to the Convention
Scope of proposed activity (e.g. main activity and any/all peripheral activities requiring assessment)	The Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia, for which the Strategic Environmental Assessment is being developed, is the basic planning document of spatial planning and development in the Republic of Serbia. The task of the development of the Spatial Plan is to provide national platform for spatial organization and structure that determines the manner in which the territory of the Republic of Serbia is used for the purpose of ensuring optimum and sustainable utilization of land. The Spatial Plan promotes the achievement of national/state objectives of spatial development despite various challenges, including depopulation, urbanization, regional inequalities, rural development, environmental degradation, technical infrastructure and insufficient or unproductive utilization of available territorial capital.
Scale of proposed activity (e.g. size, production capacity, etc.)	National
Description of proposed activity (e.g. technology used)	<p>Planning solutions, measures and activities are defined for the period from 2021-2035 with the priority planning solution for the period up to 2025 and covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and utilization of agricultural land and the development of agriculture and fisheries • Utilization of natural resources, forests, forest soil, forestry and hunting • Protection and utilization of waters and water management infrastructure • Mineral sources and mining • Population and social development • Regional development • Industry • Tourism • Transport and communications • Energy, energy infrastructure and energy efficiency • Environmental management • Waste management • Protection, arrangement and sustainable use of natural values, cultural property and landscapes
Description of purpose of proposed activity	The Spatial Plan was prepared in accordance with the Decision on the preparation of the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia for the period from 2021 to 2035

	<p>(<i>Official Gazette of RS</i>, number 48/19). It was developed in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Planning and Construction (<i>Official Gazette of RS</i>, no. 72/09, 81/09 - corr., 64/10 – decision of the CC, 24/11, 121/12, 42/13 – decision of the CC, 50/13 – decision of the CC, 98/13 – decision of the CC, 132/14, 145/14, 83/18, 31/19 and 37/19 – other law) and the Rulebook on the content, manner and the procedure of preparation of documents of spatial and urban planning (<i>Official Gazette of RS</i>, number 32/19), as well as with other relevant laws, bylaws and regulations. The task of the development of the Spatial Plan is to provide national platform for spatial organization and structure that determines the manner in which the territory of the Republic of Serbia is used for the purpose of ensuring optimum and sustainable utilization of land.</p>
Rationale for proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic, physical geographic basis)	natural resources, heritage and environment, population and social development, economy, infrastructure, protection and utilization of space
Additional information/comments	/
(ii) Information on the spatial and temporal boundaries of the proposed activity	
Location+	The territory of the Republic of Serbia
Description of the location (e.g. physical-geographic, socio-economic characteristics)	/
Rationale for location of proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic, physical-geographic basis)	/
Time-frame for proposed activity (e.g. start and duration of construction and operation)	2021-2035
Maps and other pictorial documents connected with the information on the proposed activity	Yes in Serbian Language
Additional information/comments	/
(iii) Information on expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures	
Scope of assessment (e.g. consideration of: cumulative impacts, evaluation of alternatives, sustainable development issues, impact of peripheral activities, etc.)	The Spatial Plan will represent a framework for the spatial development of the Republic of Serbia with complex impacts on the quality of the environment. According to that the main goal of the development of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Spatial Plan is to identify these impacts in relation to the defined goals of the Strategic Assessment. The main task in this process is to avoid or minimize or identify possible conflicts in space, which may arise as a result of the implementation of national spatial development policy in various areas. In addition, the task of

	the Strategic Assessment is to identify positive impacts of planning concepts on space and the environment.
Expected environmental impacts of proposed activity (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)	Expected environmental impacts on air, water, soil, climate, flora and fauna, habitats and biodiversity, protected natural areas, protected cultural goods and goods under previous protection of ecologically important areas and ecological corridors of international importance, population, health, cities, towns, and other issues that may have a significant impact on the environment, are the question of SEA.
Inputs (e.g. raw material, power sources, etc.)	/
Outputs (e.g. amounts and types of: emissions into the atmosphere, discharges into the water system, solid waste)	/
Transboundary impacts (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)	At the strategic level of planning, such as the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia, it is not possible to identify specific projects that may imply cross-border impacts. In this context, it is possible to identify only areas of spatial development within which certain projects located in the border zone with other countries, whose mode of operation could cause cross-border impacts. The area of energy stands out above all due to the possible transboundary impact on the air, watercourses, internationally protected flying fauna (ornithofauna and chiropterofauna). On the other hand, a number of strategically significant positive impacts have been identified: reduction of air, water and soil pollution and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions due to increased utilization of renewable energy sources and application of clean technologies for new projects; withdrawal from utilization of all thermal power units with power below 300MW; development of transport infrastructure and connection with the region; integration of the Serbian electricity transmission system into the regional interconnection; construction of the main gas pipeline; etc.
Proposed mitigation measures (e.g. if known, mitigation measures to prevent, eliminate, minimize, compensate for environmental effects)	Number of mitigation measures have been defined through the Strategic Environmental Assessment as measures for the air quality protection, climate change reduction, protection and sustainable utilization of water, agricultural and forest land, protection of biodiversity, geodiversity and natural resources, landscapes, cultural heritage, rational utilization of non-renewable sources of energy and greater utilization of renewable sources of energy, waste management improvement, protection and improvement of the population health, etc. Border areas in the segment of environmental protection should be considered in the context of the entire ecosystem, i.e. in cross-border

	cooperation with neighboring countries, with which we should work together to prevent transboundary environmental impacts, especially in the project documentation phase, i.e. Environmental Impact Assessment for a project. Only in this phase, when all relevant inputs are available, is it possible to determine on the basis of appropriate simulation models whether and what kind of cross-border impacts can be expected during the implementation of specific investment projects.
Additional information/comments	/
(iv) Proponent/developer	
Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade Republic of Serbia Telephone: +381 11 36 40 697 E-mail: pprs@mgsi.gov.rs
(v) SEA documentation	
Is the SEA documentation (e.g. SEA report or SEA) included in the notification?	Yes
If no/partial, description of additional documentation to be forwarded and (approximate) date(s) when documentation will be available	/
Additional information/comments	/
2. POINTS OF CONTACT	
(i) Points of contact for the possible affected Party or Parties	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the SEA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	To be delivered by the diplomatic post
List of affected Parties to which notification is being sent	Hungary, Republic of Croatia, Romania, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of the North Macedonia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Republic of Albania and Montenegro
(ii) Points of contact for the Party of origin	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to	Miroslav Tošović, Omladinskih brigada 1

the SEA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	00381 11 3132575 00381 11 3132572
Decision-making authority if different than authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the SEA - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade Republic of Serbia Telephone: +381 11 36 16 521 E-mail: kabinet@mgsi.gov.rs
3. INFORMATION ON THE SEA PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY IS LOCATED	
(i) Information on the SEA process that will be applied to the proposed activity	
Time schedule	2021
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to be involved in the SEA process	April/May 2021
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to review and comment on the notification and the SEA documentation	April/May 2021
Nature and timing of the possible decision	May 2021
Process for approval of the proposed activity	June 2021
Additional information/comments	/
4. INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	
Public participation procedures	Public hearing on the Draft Report on SEA includes publishing on the website (www.mgsi.gov.rs) of the Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, local self-governments and administrative districts, as well as in the headquarters of administrative districts in hard-copy.
Expected start and duration of public consultation	5 April 2021- 5 May 2021
Additional information/comments	/
5. DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE	
Date	According to the date of receipt of notification, within 30 days.