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Construction of the European standard gauge public railway infrastructure line in Latvia





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- The Project developer is the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia.
- The Project intends construction of European gauge public railway line "*Rail Baltic 2*" infrastructure and it is listed under the point 7.a) of Annex 1 of the Directive 2011/92/EU and point 7 of Annex 1 of the Espoo Convention.



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- The decision about necessity of transboundary EIA of the Project was issued on January 26, 2015 - Decision No. 3-02/122 of Bureau "*On transboundary impact for an activity subject to the procedure of an environmental impact assessment*".
- 25.02.2015. Latvia sent notification about the proposed activity and information to Lithuania, Estonia, Poland.



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Answers:

- February 19, 2015 Ministry of the Environment of Republic Poland (letter No. 3442.2.2015.PF.1 of 18.02.2015),
- March 10, 2015 Republic of Estonia Ministry of Environment (letter No. 11-2/15/1091-10 of 10.03.2015),
- March 13, 2015 The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania (letter No. (10-3)-D8-1817 of 09.03.2015).



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Ongoing status:

- within the scope of the initial public discussion Bureau has received more than 600 of individual and collective submissions;
- the programme for an environmental impact assessment for construction of the European standard gauge public railway infrastructure/line *Rail Baltica* is issued and sent to Lithuania and Estonia;
- preparation of EIS is ongoing.



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Some facts:

- 15 municipalities (Seja County, Salaspils County, Iecava County, Olaine County, Kekava County, Baldone County, Limbazi County, Salacgriva County, Bauska County, Stopini County, Marupe County, Incukalna County, Ropazi County, Garkalne County and Riga City);
- length ~ 265 km;
- directly influenced landowners 2000 - >1000?;
- main issues of concern – NIMBY.



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Thank you for your attention!

