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Since the Convention entered into force, Croatia has conducted seven transboundary assessments with the neighboring countries, parties to the Convention.

At the moment, with Slovenia we are carrying out environmental impact assessment of a hydroelectric power plant project on the Sava river, and with Italy for a gas field in the Northern Adriatic.

All our assessments have been conducted via points of contact or through a joint body.

Croatia recently adopted a new Environmental Protection Act, which, among a number of relevant EU directives, transposes the Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment, building upon 25 years of experience in utilization of the environmental impact assessment instrument in Croatia.

Moreover, the new Act introduces Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, creating preconditions for ratification of the Protocol on the Strategic Environmental Assessment, which we signed in Kiev in 2003.

We have initiated the process of ratification of the amendments to the Espoo Convention.

Furthermore, the Regulation on environmental impact assessment of certain projects, transposing also the EU Habitat and Birds directives, Regulation on strategic environmental impact assessment and Regulation on information and participation of the public and public concerned in environmental matters, have been prepared. Upon their adoption, we shall ratify the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, thereby comprehensively updating the legal framework for the implementation of environmental assessment in Croatia.