## 1) The wording of Section 70 of Act No 114/1992, on nature and landscape protection, effective in March 2016

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- (2) A civic association or its organizational unit, the main mission of which according to its statutes is nature and landscape protection (hereinafter "civic association") is entitled, provided it has legal personality, to request the competent state administration bodies to inform it in advance of all intended interventions and initiated administrative proceedings that may involve nature and landscape protection interests protected under this Act, with the exception of proceedings following on from an environmental impact assessment pursuant to Section 3(g) of the Act on Environmental Impact Assessment. This application is valid for one year from the date of its submission and can be submitted repeatedly. It must be materially and locally specified.
- (3) A civic association is entitled, under the conditions and in cases pursuant to paragraph 2, to participate in administrative proceedings if it notifies its participation in writing within eight days from the day the competent administrative authority notified it of the commencement of proceedings; in such a case, it has the status of a participant in the proceedings.35) The date of notification of information on the commencement of proceedings means the date of delivery of a written copy or the first day of its publication on the official board of the administrative body and at the same time in a way allowing remote access.

2) The wording of Section 70 of Act No 114/1992, on nature and landscape protection, in its current wording (January 2021):

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