

## REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

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Implementation Committee
Convention on Environmental Impact
Assessment in a Transboundary Context
Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

SUBJECT: Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the Period up to 2025 with Projections up to 2030 and the Strategy's Implementation Programme for the period 2017 – 2023

Dear Sirs,

The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Republic of Croatia has received your notification, Ref. SEA/IC/C1/1, by which the Implementation Committee of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment requests information regarding Energy Sector Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the Period up to 2025 with Projections up to 2030 (the Energy Strategy) and the Strategy's Implementation Programme for the period 2017 – 2023 (the Implementation Programme).

Hereby, we provide you below with the answers to questions asked.

Regarding the requested answer on whether the Republic of Serbia had notified Republic of Croatia regarding the Energy Strategy, the answer is no. Nevertheless, Republic of Croatia did participate in transboundary SEA procedure for the Implementation Programme and conducted national consultations and public hearing. Republic of Croatia has sent the opinion on the Implementation Programme and the associated SEA Report to Republic of Serbia, but still did not receive information about the final decision as set out in article 11 of the Protocol.

Since the Republic of Croatia did participate in the transboundary SEA procedure for the Energy Strategy's Implementation Programme, there is no need to activate the mechanism set out in article 10 of the Protocol. However, Republic of Croatia would like to participate in the transboundary SEA procedure for the new Energy Strategy of Republic of Serbia that will be prepared in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,



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