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Subject: Decision VII/8e (Czechia) - Comments on the progress report 2023 - Czech Republic

To the

Secretary of the Aarhus Convention
Palais des Nations
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Only by e-mail.

Marktredwitz, 25 October 2023

Subject: Decision VII/8e (Czechia) -
Comments on the progress report 2023 - Czech Republic

Dear Ms Marshall,

Thank you for the invitation to provide comments on the progress report. Please find here following a few comments from me as a member of the German public concerned.

1. The lecture of the progress report of the Czech Republic led to the homepage of the Ministerstvo životního prostředí. There it is told that the Czech Government approved the Climate and Energy Plan and also organised a public consultation on the plan, **which involved both the professional and wider public in the preparation.** (1)

The public concerned in the neighbouring and possibly affected country of Germany wasn't informed at all.

This is an example, that the implementation of Article 7 of the Aarhus Convention is still a problem. The transboundary information and participation of the public concerned in transboundary relevant SEA procedures and in plans and programmes is still a problem.

2. The EIA procedures:

The Czech Republic often talks in the media about building Temelin 3 and 4, which is concerning ACCC/C/2012/71.

The public concerned must be informed about the start of the missing part of the EIA procedure.

Missing is an adequate information system for the public concerned. Unfortunately the persons of the public concerned are not able to check the platform "Informační systém EIA" every day.

The "Informační systém EIA" of the Czech Republic (2) is now partial in English. This helps to find an EIA procedure.

However, the names of the most EIA procedures, even transboundary relevant procedures, are in Czech language. And most of the documents too. Even in the EIA Temelín. For example:

https://portal.cenia.cz/eiasea/detail/EIA_MZP230?lang=en

Date of statement publication on the official board of the affected region:	25.01.2013
Statement:	Souhlasné
Significant adverse impact on the Natura 2000 network:	
Statement text:	MZP230_zaveryStan.zip (10570 kB) - 14.03.2016 10:05:58
Statement validity extension:	MZP230_prodlouzeniStan.ZIP (1670 kB) - 15.02.2021 11:39:12

For example the last document from 15.02.2021. A person from the public concerned who isn't able to read Czech has a problem.

And finally concerning ACCC/C/2016/143. The transboundary EIA procedure lifetime extension Dukovany is still missing.

For any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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(1) https://www.mzp.cz/en/news_20231023_The-government-approved-the-climate-and-energy-plan-It-will-outline-the-way-to-decarbonise-the-Czech-economy

(2) https://portal.cenia.cz/eiasea/view/eia100_cr?p=3&lang=en