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Re: Information on the Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Federal Requirements Plan on the basis of the 2nd draft of the Network Development Plan 2025-2037/2045

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Dear Ms. Blomster,

The Bundesnetzagentur is responsible for reviewing the requirements for grid expansion in Germany, among other things. Assessments of the environmental impact are required at the planning stage of grid expansion. The Bundesnetzagentur identifies, describes and evaluates the environmental impact.

The Bundesnetzagentur is currently conducting a consultation of the preliminary results of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in preparation for the Federal Requirements Plan Act (BBPlG). The Federal Requirements Plan (an annex to the BBPlG) contains projects that have been confirmed by law as necessary to meet energy supply requirements and that require urgent implementation in order to guarantee secure and reliable network operation. Some of these projects are close to or cross international borders. The possibility of such projects having a significant environmental impact cannot be ruled out from the start.

Sections 54 to 63 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act (UVPG) require that countries are informed of any projects, plans and programmes that could have a significant environmental impact on their territory and asked whether they wish to participate in the procedure. The Bundesnetzagentur is therefore informing neighbouring countries about the SEA as part of the process of establishing requirements, as in previous years.

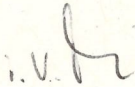
The SEA documentation will be published online from 14 September to 27 November 2026. All consultation documents can be found at netzausbau.de/umweltbericht.

Comments may be submitted by post or electronically to the email address Grenzueberschreitende.Beteiligung@BNetzA.de until 27 November 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the notification letter, please contact Ms. Annett Richter at Annett.Richter@BNetzA.de or Ms. Friederike Fritz at Friederike.Fritz@BNetzA.de.

Information about the procedure as a whole is available on our website www.netzausbau.de and in English at <https://www.netzausbau.de/EN/Englisch-node.html>.

Yours faithfully



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Enclosures

- Non-technical summary of the environmental report
- Extract from the environmental report on the transboundary environmental impact