

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

99-00-517
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Subject: Environmental impact assessment procedure for the project "Rehabilitation and modernization of port infrastructure in Bechet Port" in accordance with the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary context (ESPOO)

DEAR MINISTER FECHET,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter with reference number DGEICPSC/376391 dated 04.10.2024, submitting a supplemented Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the project "Rehabilitation and modernization of port infrastructure in Bechet Port".

After the consideration of the documentation and on the basis of the opinions submitted by the interested and competent authorities (in this case the letter from the Executive Agency for the Study and Maintenance of the Danube River - Ruse of Bulgaria, submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Waters - MoEW with the reference № 99-00-517 dated 14.10.2024), I hereby express the following opinion:

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The report states that dredging activities will be carried out in the area of the port of Becket, with the dredged sediment material, with an estimated volume of 134 000 m³ to be disposed of in the bed of the Danube River, outside the critical areas for navigation. According to the information provided, the disposal areas will be specified with the Lower Danube River Authority - Galatz.

The lack of preliminary information on the location of the disposal areas makes it impossible to assess the impact of the investment proposal on the river bed, the navigation route, approaches to ports, harbours, winter shelters, etc., as well as on the protected area Ostrov (BG0000334).

In this respect, it is mandatory to coordinate the location of the landfills in the Danube riverbed with the Executive Agency for the Study and Maintenance of the Danube River - Ruse.

From the point of view of its competences and the activities for securing the navigable waterway and the approaches to the ports, and taking into account the above-mentioned activities, by letter No VIII-1006#1 dated 14.10.2024, the Executive Agency for the Exploration and Maintenance of the Danube River - Ruse (ref. № 99-00-517 dated 14.10.2024 at the Ministry of Environment and Water) considers it necessary to obtain information on the implementation of the various stages of the implementation of the IP under consideration

Please accept my highest consideration and readiness for successful future cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of Environment and Water

