



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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Sofia, 31 July 2025

Ref: Notification pursuant to Article 10, para 1 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Article 7, para 1 of Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programs on the environment for the Integrated Energy and Climate Plan of the Republic of Bulgaria 2021–2030, updated in 2024

DEAR MINISTER Totschnig,

In accordance with Article 10, para 1 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA Protocol) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Article 7, para 1 of Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (SEA Directive), we hereby notify you of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) procedure for the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (INECP) of the Republic of Bulgaria 2021-2030, updated in 2024.

In regard to conducting of transboundary SEA procedure, please find enclosed a notification pursuant to Article 10 of the SEA Protocol and a draft INPEC 2021-2030 of the Republic of Bulgaria 2021-2030, updated in 2024., in Bulgarian and English.

Please inform us of your intention to participate in the SEA transboundary procedure for the above-mentioned plan within 15 days of receiving this letter.

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We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide us with information and requirements regarding the content of the SEA Report, which should be sent within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

We would like to inform you that the SEA procedure is currently at the stage of consultation on the terms of reference for the scope and content of the environmental assessment. As part of the SEA procedure is also being carried out an Appropriate Assessment of a plan on the Natura 2000 network of sites.

Please accept, Dear Minister, the assurances of my highest considerations and readiness for successful future cooperation.

Enclosure:

- 1. Notification under art. 10 of the SEA Protocol for Integrated Plan Energy and Climate of Republic of Bulgaria 2021 – 2030, updated in 2024*
- 2. Draft Integrated Plan Energy and Climate of Republic of Bulgaria 2021 – 2030, updated in 2024*

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of Environment and Water