

**Notification of an affected Party of a proposed plan or programme under article 10 of the Protocol
on Strategic Environmental Assessment
National Strategy on Medium and Long-Term on the Safe Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel and
Radioactive Waste**

<i>Description of information to be included</i>	<i>Information</i>
General information on the plan or programme	
Name of the plan or programme	National Strategy on Medium and Long-Term on the Safe Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste
Type and sector of plan or programme (e.g., local land-use plan, national energy strategy)	National level
Territorial coverage (e.g., regional, national)	National territory
Main content and purpose of the plan or programme (e.g., framework setting for projects, determination of use of land) and its links with other plans or programmes	<p>The National Strategy is composed of two parts, as follows:</p> <p>Part A: National Policy, which sets out the basic principles, the applicable national legal and regulatory framework, as well as the responsibilities of national organizations involved in the responsible and safe management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste, and,</p> <p>Part B: The National Program, which presents the way in which Romania implements the National Policy, in order to meet the objectives of the National Strategy and details the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the inventory of sources, quantities and locations of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste, as well as estimates of future quantities, including those resulting from decommissioning activities, in accordance with the classification of radioactive waste; b) the concepts, plans and technical solutions for the safe management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste, including for the period following the end of life disposal facility; c) evaluation of the costs of the National Program and the financing scheme in force; d) the research, development and demonstration activities that are necessary for the implementation of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste management solutions; e) the responsibilities for the implementation of the National Program and the key performance indicators, used to monitor the progress in the implementation; f) the process of ensuring transparency by ensuring effective public information and by involving all stakeholders. <p>The National Strategy is based on a Reference Scenario, in which all nuclear activities undertaken through approved programmatic documents are taken into account, starting from realistic assumptions on how the radioactive waste inventory can be managed.</p> <p>The National Strategy aims to achieve its objectives through the projects to be implemented in the future, namely Final Repository for Low and Medium Level Waste (DFDSMA) and Deep Geological Repository (DGR).</p> <p>The development and implementation of the National Strategy aimed to correlate with other relevant national strategies, including: Romania's Energy Strategy for the period 2020-2030, with the perspective of 2050.</p>
Whether the plan or programme is binding	National Strategy on Medium and Long-Term on the Safe Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste is a binding document.

Submitted documents	
Draft plan or programme	National Strategy on Medium and Long-Term on the Safe Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste is enclosed to the Notification.
Environmental Report	The Environmental Report is enclosed to the Notification.
Other documents (with description)	-
Languages into which documents are or will be translated	The enclosed documents are translated in English, Hungarian, Ukrainian and Bulgarian
Description of the decision-making procedure and of the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedure in the Party of origin	<p>The National Strategy is currently under the strategic environmental procedure (SEA) developed by the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests.</p> <p>The title holder of this strategy is the Nuclear and Radioactive Waste Agency within the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Business Environment.</p> <p>The Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests is in charge with the SEA procedure at national level and with the transboundary SEA procedure, as well.</p> <p>By the present Notification, Romania is applying the transboundary SEA procedure with the countries that are likely to be affected by the strategy (Bulgaria, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Hungary).</p> <p>If the notified countries respond that they participate in this procedure, Romania expects comments and points of views from the affected public and from the authorities of the affected Parties.</p> <p>A public hearing will be organized online due to the pandemic requirements. After the SEA procedure is closed, the Romanian public authorities will adopt the Strategy by Governmental Decision.</p>
Description of the phases of the planning procedure	<p>The planning procedure consists in the following stages:</p> <p>Elaboration of National Strategy on Medium and Long-term on the Safe Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conducting the SEA procedure at national level and in a transboundary context, as well; - taking into consideration the results of the national and transboundary consultations; - completion of the SEA procedure and issuance of the environmental approval; - adoption of National Strategy on Medium and Long-term on the Safe Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Radioactive Waste by the Romanian Government Decision.
Legal basis for the planning procedure (quoting the regulation or other legal basis)	<p>In accordance with EC Directive 2011/70 / EURATOM, Member States of the European Union have an obligation to define national policies and programs for the responsible and safe management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste. This directive was transposed into national legislation by Law no. 378/2013, regulation that modifies and completes two reference acts in the field, respectively Government Ordinance no. 11/2003 on the safe management of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel and Law no. 111/1996 on the safe conduct, regulation, authorization and control of nuclear activities.</p> <p>These regulations establish the national framework for the safe management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste. Thus, according to the mentioned legal provisions, the National Strategy must be updated periodically, in consultation with the authorization holders and endorsed by</p>

	<p>CNCAN and the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests, after prior legal procedure of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and approved by Government Decision. In accordance with EC Directive 2011/70 / EURATOM, the National Program and its implementation are regularly evaluated at least every ten years in order to achieve high safety standards for the management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste.</p>
<p>Description of the phases of the SEA procedure, including participation of the affected Party</p>	<p>According to the national legislation in force (Governmental Decision 1076/2004 transposing the Directive 2001/42/CE), Nuclear and Radioactive Waste Agency has finalized the Environmental Report and the National Strategy and submitted them to the Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests.</p> <p>These documents were made available to the public on the web site of NRWA (http://andr.ro/anunturi/raport-de-mediul/), as well as on the web page of the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests (http://www.mmediu.ro/articol/strategia-nationala-pe-termen-mediu-si-lung-privind-gestionarea-in-siguranta-a-combustibilului-nuclear-uzat-si-a-deseurilor-radioactive/3787).</p> <p>The Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forest notifies Bulgaria, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Hungary and sends the proposed National Strategy and the Environmental Report, asking whether the Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Moldavian and Hungarian party is interested to participate in the SEA procedure.</p> <p>In case of an affirmative answer, the notified countries are obliged to make available to its own public and authorities the received documentation, in order to ask for comments and opinions. All comments and opinions, if possible in editable format as well, will be sent to the Romanian Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests to be taken into account in the SEA procedure.</p> <p>The final decision regarding the National Strategy will be made available to the Bulgarian, Moldovan, Ukrainian and Hungarian authorities.</p>
<p>Legal basis for the SEA procedure (quoting the regulation or other legal basis)</p>	<p>Governmental Decision nr. 1076/2004 for setting up the environmental assessment procedure of certain plans and programmes</p>
<p>Present phase of the planning procedure and of the SEA procedure</p>	<p>The SEA procedure has started in July 2017.</p> <p>During the SEA procedure the National Strategy has been developed, the final version of the strategy is now ready for consultation.</p> <p>The Environmental Report has been drawn up and it is posted on the web site of the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests, together with the Strategy, for consultation and receiving comments.</p> <p>The Romanian public has access to both documents (NS and ER) the documents on the Ministry' s of Environment, Waters and Forests (http://www.mmediu.ro/articol/strategia-nationala-pe-termen-mediu-si-lung-privind-gestionarea-in-siguranta-a-combustibilului-nuclear-uzat-si-a-deseurilor-radioactive/3787) and Nuclear and Radioactive Waste Agency (http://andr.ro/anunturi/raport-de-mediul/)</p>
<p>Time schedule of the foreseen continuation of the planning procedure and of the SEA procedure</p>	<p>Planned date for finalizing the SEA Procedure: February 2021.</p>

Process and timing of the possible adoption of the plan or programme	Planned date for adoption of the Strategy by Governmental Decision approval: March2021.
Information on the public participation process in the Party of origin	
Opportunities for the public to participate:	
Start and end dates for the public to provide comments on the environmental report and draft plan or programme	The public can provide comments on the environmental report according with the legal basis for the SEA procedure. The public can also provide comments during the public hearing. The public hearing is envisaged to take place according with the legal basis of the SEA procedure.
How the public is informed of the public participation process	The public is informed at different stages of the SEA procedure through public announcements in mass-media and also on the web sites of the environmental and NRWA. Also, information can be physically consulted at the head offices of the public authorities. The announcements include the time, the place of the public hearing and the documents which can be consulted and upon which comments can be made
Whether a public hearing is organized and, if so, when	A public hearing will be organized and announced, in due time according with the legal basis of the SEA procedure.
How the public is informed of the adoption of the plan or programme and how the information specified in article 11, paragraph 2, is made available	At the adoption of the strategy, the Romanian public and authorities will be informed. The strategy will be made available together with a statement summarizing how the environmental, including health, considerations have been integrated into it, how the comments received have been taken into account and the reasons for adopting it in the light of the reasonable alternatives considered.
Expected time schedule for transmittal of comments and questions by the public of the affected Party on the draft plan or programme and on the full environmental report	Romania expects comments and questions from the public and the authorities of the affected Party on the draft strategy and the environmental report until 30 th of January 2021. The comments and questions transmitted must be presented in English language.
Authority responsible for the planning procedure	Nuclear and Radioactive Waste Agency (NRWA)
Authority/institution responsible for the adoption of the plan or programme	Romanian Government, by Governmental Decision
Authority responsible for the SEA procedure	Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests - Romania
Authority/institution responsible for the SEA decision (if applicable)	Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests - Romania
Affected Parties	
List of Parties to which notification has been sent	Bulgaria, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Hungary
Point of contact for the transboundary procedure	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the transboundary SEA procedure: Name, address, e-mail, tel and fax numbers	Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the transboundary SEA procedure is: the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests-Romania Directorate for Impact Assessment and Pollution Control 12, Blvd. Libertatii, Sector 5 RO - 040129 BUCHAREST Telephone: +40 21 408 9595 Fax: +40 21 316 0421 E-mail: dorina.mocanu(at)mmediu.ro

Deadlines for response to the notification	
Deadline for responding to indicate whether the affected Party wishes to participate	The affected Parties will inform Romania if they intend to participate in the SEA procedure for the National Strategy until 07 th of January 2021
Deadline for transmission of comments on the draft plan or programme and the full environmental report by authorities of the affected Party (if different from above)	Romania expects comments from the possibly affected Parties on the National Strategy and on the environmental report until 30 th of January 2021. The comments and questions will be transmitted in English and if possible in editable format.
Means of communication	
Means by which letters from the Party of origin are sent (e.g., e-mail, fax, post, via embassy)	<p>By e-mail to the following focal points for SEA Protocol</p> <p>For Bulgaria: Ms. Silviya DIMITROVA Director of EIA, SEA and Pollution Prevention Directorate Ministry of Environment and Water 22 Maria-Luisa Blvd. 1000 SOFIA Telephone: +359 2 940 6219 Fax: +359 2 988 5316 E-mail: sdimitrova(at)moew.government.bg E-mails: minister(at)moew.government.bg edno_gishe(at)moew.government.bg</p> <p>Ms. Kamelia PETROVA Expert, EIA, SEA and Pollution Prevention Directorate Ministry of Environment and Water 22 Maria-Luisa Blvd. 1000 SOFIA Telephone: +359 2 940 6282 Fax: +359 2 988 5316 E-mail: kpetrova(at)moew.government.bg</p> <p>For Hungary: Mr. Dr. Hunor ORBÁN HoD Department of Environmental Preservation Ministry of Agriculture Apáczai Csere János u. 9. 1051 BUDAPEST Telephone: + 36 1 795 2452 E-mail: hunor.orban(at)am.gov.hu</p> <p>Ms. Zsuzsanna POCSAI Department of Environmental Preservation Ministry of Agriculture Apáczai Csere János u. 9. 1051 BUDAPEST Telephone: +36 1 795 2447 E-mail: zsuzsanna.pocsai(at)am.gov.hu</p> <p>For Ukraine Mrs. Oleksandra KOZLOVSKA Director of the Department for International Cooperation Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources V. Lypkivskogo street, 35 03035 KYIV Telephone: +38-044-206-38-55</p>

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<p>Means by which affected Parties are asked to send their letters</p>	<p>By e-mail to the following Romanian focal point:</p> <p>Ms. Dorina MOCANU Director Directorate for Impact Assessment and Pollution Control Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests 12, Blvd. Libertatii, Sector 5 RO - 040129 BUCHAREST Telephone: +40 21 408 9595 Fax: +40 21 316 0421 E-mail: dorina.mocanu(at)mmediu.ro</p> <p>Ms. Mihaela MĂCELARU Senior Councillor Directorate for Impact Assessment and Pollution Control Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests 12, Blvd. Libertatii, Sector 5 RO-040129 BUCHAREST Telephone: +40 21 408 9588 Fax: +40 21 316 0421 E-mail: mihaela.macelaru(at)mmediu.ro</p>