

Dear all,

We are contacting you to make use of a very important chance!

### **Background of Loviisa nuclear power plant life-time extension**

As many of you know, usually the life-time extension of nuclear power plants simply takes place without the public even taking note of it and without environmental impacts being assessed. In the past years however many NGOs complained on different levels against this – government, national court, European Court – and the Ukrainian NGOs succeeded at the Espoo Convention Implementation Committee. The Espoo Convention is the Convention on trans-boundary Environmental Impacts.

However, while the experts at the Espoo Convention Implementation Committee clearly saw that NPP Rivne 1 and 2 in Ukraine after 30 of operation needs to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the member states in 2014 made clear, that they are not going to follow this clear verdict. Since then the fight is on and might be concluded in the next months with a guideline on how to apply the Espoo Convention for lifetime extension of nuclear power plants in Espoo countries.

### **YOUR HELP NEEDED:**

Notification: Currently Finland is already conducting an EIA – scoping actually – for its two old reactors in Loviisa. Finland notified its neighboring countries and the Espoo Convention's Baltic Sea subregion and Austria by its request. Additionally Finland is informing all other Parties to the Espoo Convention on the project – so your national Espoo Contact Point most likely already received this information and you only need to demand notification/participation in this EIA. Here you can see what this looks like [https://www.umweltbundesamt.at/fileadmin/site/themen/energie/kernenergie/verfahren/finnland/uvp\\_loviisa\\_lte/notification\\_lte\\_loviisa\\_npp\\_austria.pdf](https://www.umweltbundesamt.at/fileadmin/site/themen/energie/kernenergie/verfahren/finnland/uvp_loviisa_lte/notification_lte_loviisa_npp_austria.pdf) and read up on the alternatives (extending the operation, decommissioning in 2027) in the scoping document: [https://www.umweltbundesamt.at/fileadmin/site/themen/energie/kernenergie/verfahren/finnland/uvp\\_loviisa\\_lte/loviisa\\_eia\\_programme\\_english.pdf](https://www.umweltbundesamt.at/fileadmin/site/themen/energie/kernenergie/verfahren/finnland/uvp_loviisa_lte/loviisa_eia_programme_english.pdf).

1. **Contact your national Espoo Contact Point** and ask for a notification. Only if the state notifies with the state of origin your public and your NGOs can participate in the procedure.  
Espoo Contact Point country by country:  
<https://www.unece.org/env/eia/focalpoints.html>
2. Send your **statement** to the Contact Point in the now ongoing Scoping Process. We will prepare a template statement and send it to you including a map showing how your country would be affected by a severe nuclear accident at the NPP Loviisa

Please let me know whether you have questions or are not prepared to take those steps or need more help. This is very important also to achieve a LEVEL PLAYING FIELD for RENEWABLES, where every project needs an EIA. If no EIA for NPP takes place, there is nothing easier than the endless unnoticed extension of existing old nuclear power plants.

Best,

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