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**Subject:** Notification according to the Espoo Convention in a Transboundary Context – “M44 Békéscsaba –Salonta expressway Project”

**Dear Ms. Mocanu,**

In accordance with the provisions of the Espoo Convention (*Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context*), signed in Espoo, Finland, on 25 February 1991 and the EIA Directive (*Directive 2011/92/EU*), Romania is hereby officially notified that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedure for the “*Construction of the M44 Expressway Link between Békéscsaba (Hungary) and Salonta (Romania), Including a New Border Crossing Point*” project (hereinafter referred to as the “M44 Expressway Project”) has been initiated in Hungary.

As the proposed activity is listed in Appendix I, item 7, of the Espoo Convention, an environmental impact assessment is required to be carried out for the *M44 Expressway Project*. To initiate the procedure, the project proponent, the Ministry for Transport and Public Works of Hungary, has submitted an **application for development consent, together with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report** (hereinafter referred to as the “EIA Report”), to the competent Hungarian authority, the Government Office of Pest County (Pest Vármegyei Kormányhivatal).

Pursuant to Article 3(1) of the Espoo Convention, the **documentation relating to the proposed project is available at the following link:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1W67xX71oUy8oQC6j6yn3hmq07OzFa3pP?usp=sharing>

Please note that the full *EIA Report and all its annexes* are available in **Hungarian**. However, the *Non-Technical Summary* and the *chapter on transboundary effects* are available in **English, Hungarian and Romanian languages**. Please refer to the annex to this letter for detailed list of the documentation.

Furthermore, the project proponent has submitted a *Notification Form with detailed information on the proposed project in English, Hungarian and Romanian*, which is also enclosed for your convenience.

The electronically published application and its attachments, as well as further information on domestic procedure in Hungarian, are available at:

<https://kormanyhivatalok.hu/dokumentumtar?combine=m44&forras=170&kozzeteve=All>

Alternative access to documentation in Hungarian:

Please visit the official website of the competent authority (<https://www.pvkh.hu/>) First, select the “*Dokumentumok, nyomtatványok*” menu item (second icon from the top in the left-hand navigation bar). This will open the document search interface, where you should enter the keyword “M44” in the search field. The relevant result will display the document entitled “*Környezetvédelmi közlemény - M44 gyorsforgalmi út Békéscsaba – országhatár (Nagyszalonta) közötti szakasz - Közzététel ideje: 2026.06.08.*”, together with the related documentation.

**By 17 July 2026, please inform us whether Romania intends to participate** in the transboundary EIA procedure for the *M44 Expressway Project*, in accordance with the Espoo Convention.

Should Romania be unable to exclude the possibility of significant adverse transboundary environmental impacts of the proposed project, and therefore decide to participate in the EIA procedure as an Affected Party, **comments on the available documentation should be submitted no later than 12 August 2026**. Please note that comments received after this deadline may not be taken into consideration.

To facilitate the effective involvement of the public and the competent authorities, all documentation required for publication – **in Romanian, English and Hungarian** – has been **provided in a publication-ready format**, so that the Romanian Party is not required to undertake any additional preparatory steps for public disclosure. In light of the above, we kindly request that Romania submit its response by the indicated deadline, in order to ensure that the transboundary phase of the EIA procedure can proceed without delay.

Should Romania decide to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure, and in order to ensure compliance with Article 3(8) of the Espoo Convention, we kindly request that the **attached documentation be made available to the relevant public and authorities in Romania**.

According to Hungarian national legislation (*Government Decree No. 314/2005. (XII. 25.) on environmental impact assessment and on integrated environmental usage permitting process*),

the documentation is required to be made publicly available for a period of **30 days in order to enable the public and environmental non-governmental organisations to submit comments**. We would appreciate it if you would **allow the same time period for comments in your country**.

Please **acknowledge receipt of this notification and submit your response to Dr Zsuzsanna Pocsai, Hungarian National Contact Point for the Espoo Convention** (*Ministry for the Living Environment, Department of Environmental Protection, Ajtósi Dürer sor 19, H-1147 Budapest; e-mail: [zsuzsanna.pocsai@em.gov.hu](mailto:zsuzsanna.pocsai@em.gov.hu)*).

For administrative purposes, please copy your response to: [espoo@em.gov.hu](mailto:espoo@em.gov.hu)

We look forward to your response. Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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Annex:

- Index of Documents – detailed list of the submitted documentation (1 PDF file)

