

The format for notification to an affected Party of a proposed activity under article 3 of the Convention was adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context by **Decision I/4** at its first meeting held in Oslo from 18 to 20 May 1998.

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1. INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY	
(i) Information on the nature of the proposed activity	
Type of activity proposed	Construction of a new expressway section
Is the proposed activity listed in appendix I to the Convention?	<u>Yes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Scope of proposed activity (e.g. main activity and any/all peripheral activities requiring assessment)	Preparation and construction of the M44 expressway section between Békéscsaba and Nagyszalonta (national border), including grade-separated junctions, bridges, animal crossings, engineering depots, and rest areas
Scale of proposed activity (e.g. size, production capacity)	Total length is approximately 43 km (43.044 km for variant V01 and 43.431 km for variant V02). The road has a 20 m crown width with 2x2 traffic lanes and no hard shoulder
Description of proposed activity (e.g. technology used)	The expressway will be built on an embankment (min. 2–3 m high). It includes several grade-separated junctions, major bridges (notably over the Kettős-Körös river), and a road inspection station for heavy goods vehicles near the border
Description of purpose of proposed activity	To promote the economic and transport integration of the Hungarian-Romanian border region and develop cross-border infrastructure
Rationale for proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic basis, physical geographic basis)	Fulfilling the order of the Hungarian Ministry of Innovation and Technology to enhance cross-border connections and address the peripheral socio-economic situation of the region
Additional information/comments	Two main route variants (V01 and V02) are being assessed to optimize the crossing of watercourses and minimize costs

(ii) Information on the spatial and temporal boundaries of the proposed activity	
Location	From the existing M44 junction near Békéscsaba (km 111+500) to the Hungarian-Romanian border near Nagyszalonta (Salonta)
Description of the location (e.g. physical-geographic characteristics, socio-economic characteristics)	Predominantly agricultural land with a dense network of drainage canals. The route crosses several Natura 2000 sites (e.g., Körösközi forests, Kettős-Körös floodplain) and watercourses
Rationale for location of proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic basis, physical-geographic basis)	Extension of the existing M44 expressway along a corridor designated for international cross-border traffic
Time frame for proposed activity (e.g. start and duration of construction and operation)	Construction is planned in two phases: Phase I completion by 2030 (only the 2km long section of boarder connection) and Phase II completion by 2033. Traffic load is projected up to 2048.
Maps and other pictorial documents connected with the information on the proposed activity	Visualizations of the Kettős-Körös bridge and traffic redistribution, Natura 2000 site maps are included in the EIA non-technical summary
Additional information/comments	The border crossing complex itself is not located on Hungarian territory; the Hungarian section ends at the border line
(iii) Information on expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures	
Scope of assessment (e.g. consideration of: cumulative impacts, evaluation of alternatives, sustainable development issues, impact of peripheral activities)	Transboundary impacts on air, noise, water, and wildlife, as well as the evaluation of route variants V01 and V02
Expected environmental impacts of proposed activity (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)	Physical land take (primarily agricultural), habitat loss (approx. 3.3–3.5 hectares of good natural habitats), and potential noise/air quality changes near the alignment

Inputs (e.g. raw material, power sources)	Raw materials for embankments, energy for engineering depots and lighting
Outputs (e.g. amounts and types of: emissions into the atmosphere, discharges into the water system, solid waste)	Vehicle emissions (NO _x , CO, dust), traffic noise, and treated rainwater runoff
Transboundary impacts (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)	Negligible impacts are expected across the border for air and noise. Potential concern for the Romanian Natura 2000 site Salonta (ROSCI0387), though field surveys ruled out significant risk to protected species at the border
Proposed mitigation measures (e.g. if known, mitigation measures to prevent, eliminate, minimize, compensate for environmental effects)	Wildlife crossings (2 major ones + several underpasses), noise barriers near Békéscsaba and Doboz, rainwater storage/evaporation ditches, and native planting for landscape integration
Additional information/comments	-
(iv) Proponent/developer	
Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	Ministry for Transport and Public Works 1117 Budapest, Október huszonharmadika utca 18.
(v) EIA documentation	
Is the EIA documentation (e.g. EIA report or EIS) included in the notification?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to the above is no or partially, description of additional documentation to be forwarded and (approximate) date(s) when documentation will be available	-

Additional information/comments	-
2. POINTS OF CONTACT	
(i) Points of contact for the possible affected Party or Parties	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	<p>General Directorate for Impact Assessment and Pollution Control Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests 12, Blvd. Libertatii, Sector 5 RO - 040129 BUCHAREST</p> <p>National Point of Contact of the Espoo Convention Ms. Dorina MOCANU Telephone: +40 21 408 9595 E-mail: dorina.mocanu@mmediu.ro Ms. Anca APREUTESEI Telephone: +40 21 408 95 95 E-mail: anca.apreutesei@mmediu.ro Ms. Ana STANCIU Telephone: +40 21 408 95 95 E-mail: anamaria.stanciu@mmediu.ro</p>
List of affected Parties to which notification is being sent	Romania
(ii) Points of contact for the Party of origin	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	<p>Ministry for the Living Environment Department of Environmental Protection Address: Ajtósi Dürer sor 19. 1147 Budapest, Hungary</p> <p>Dr. Zsuzsanna POCSAI National Point of Contact of the Espoo Convention and its (SEA) Protocol Telephone: +36 1 795 2447 E-mail: zsuzsanna.pocsai@em.gov.hu cc. espoo@em.gov.hu</p>
Decision-making authority if different than authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	<p>Government Office of Pest County (Pest Vármegyei Kormányhivatal) 1016 Budapest, Mészáros u. 58/a.</p>

3. INFORMATION ON THE EIA PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY IS LOCATED

(i) Information on the EIA process that will be applied to the proposed activity

Time schedule	Preparation/permit phase (2025-2026), followed by construction starting for Phase I (target 2030) and Phase II (target 2033)
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to be involved in the EIA process	
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to review and comment on the notification and the EIA documentation	
Nature and timing of the possible decision	
Process for approval of the proposed activity	
Additional information/comments	

4. INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Public participation procedures	
Expected start and duration of public consultation	

Additional information/comments	
5. DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE	
Date	<p>By 17 July 2026 – Preliminary information whether or not Romania intends to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure</p> <p>If Romania decides to take part in the EIA procedure as an Affected Party, comments on the available documentation must be submitted by 12 August 2026, at the latest.</p>