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Espoo, AT, Development of the Nordbahn railway, northern section between Gänserndorf and Bernhardsthal

Dear Mr. Skorka,

The Espoo Contact Point of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action has been informed by the competent department (Supreme Railway Authority) of the same Ministry about the railway project „Development of the Nordbahn, section between Gänserndorf and state border near Bernhardsthal.“ The respective documents in your language are attached. A preliminary procedure has been conducted in Austria in 2016 and 2017 for the same project, which has been limited to the southern section in 2020 and is conducted now for the northern section.

As Slovakia did not want to participate in the preliminary proceedings for the entire project (8175/2016-I/7/rS of 21st of December 2016), we assume that you do not wish to participate in the transboundary procedure under the Espoo Convention relating to the northern section either?

Nevertheless, it is kindly requested to provide your answer about a possible participation in a transboundary procedure on the respective project by the 20th of December 2022 directly to the competent authority (Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Directorate general IV Transport, Directorate Railways, Unit E2, Supreme Railway Authority)

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(and cc to antonia.massauer@bmk.gv.at).


In this case you will be provided with the full environmental report and will have the opportunity to make it publicly available for 6 weeks as in Austria.

In case you need some more documents and / or some more information, in particular in your language, in order to be able to assess the situation and prepare your answer, please don't hesitate to get into contact and let us know.

Best regards,

On behalf of the Federal Minister

Mag. Antonia Massauer

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