



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

99-00-127-36  
30 June 2026, Sofia

**Subject:** Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context regarding an investment proposal for the "Construction of a small modular reactor (SMR) facility intended to generate heat for the district heating network of the city of Kuopio, North Savo region, Finland," commissioned by Kuopion Energia Oy

**DEAR MINISTER MULTALA,**

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your information letter, ref. SYKE/2026/605/21.05.2026, from the Finnish Environment Institute, in which you inform us of the environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the proposed investment project in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the regulations related to the Nuclear Energy Act.

In view of the Republic of Bulgaria's expressed desire, as stated in Letter No. 99-00-127-12 dated May 4, 2026, to participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure, the Ministry of Environment and Water issues the following opinion:

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*After the documentation was submitted to the competent authorities and the public was informed, an analysis was conducted of the main characteristics of the investment proposal, the possible alternatives for the plant's location, the expected impacts on environmental components, and the measures to prevent and mitigate those impacts.*

*The plant is planned to consist of up to four reactor units with a total thermal capacity of up to approximately 150 MWt, intended solely for the production of thermal energy for the district heating system of the city of Kuopio. The reactors under consideration are pressurized water reactors, a proven technology widely used in the global nuclear power industry.*

*Measures have been planned for the management of the radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel generated, including their interim storage and subsequent final disposal in licensed facilities. During operation, controlled releases of radioactive substances are anticipated, which will remain below the regulatory limits established under current Finnish legislation.*

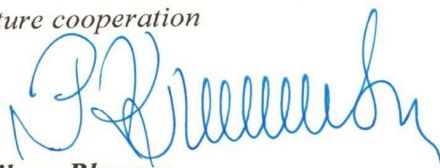
*The assessments and modeling conducted indicate that, under normal operating conditions, no radiation impacts are expected on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. At the same time, it should be noted that this procedure is currently at the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) program stage, and a detailed assessment of the impact on human health and the environment will be presented in the project's EIA report.*

*In light of the foregoing, the Republic of Bulgaria has no objection to the continuation of the EIA procedure for the investment proposal.*

*In light of the above, we believe that, at the next stage of the procedure, the Republic of Bulgaria should be officially informed in English upon submission of the EIA report and during the subsequent stages of the procedure, so that it may conduct a further assessment within its area of competence.*

*Please accept, Honourable Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and readiness for successful future cooperation*

*Sincerely,*



**Rositsa Karamfilova-Blagova**  
**Minister of Environment and Water**