

**REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

MEĐIMURJE COUNTY

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|  | ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT  FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE MANAGEMENT |

CLASS: 612-07/12-03/9

REG. NO.: 2109/1-11-12-04

Čakovec, 2 July 2012

Pursuant to Article 37.a, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Nature Protection Act (Official Gazette 70/05, 139/08 and 57/11) and Article 5, paragraph 2 of the Ordinance on the appropriate assessment of the impact of plans, programmes and projects on the ecological network (Official Gazette 118/09), regarding a request submitted by the developer, Hrvatske vode, Water Management Department for the Mura and Upper Drava, Varaždin, Međimurska 26b, to carry out appropriate assessment of the project “Making the Mura Dike Functional (km 22+594 – 25+912)” for the ecological network, the Administrative Department for Environmental Protection and Municipal Service Management of Međimurje County issues the following

**CONFIRMATION**

The project “Making the Mura dike functional (km 22+594 – 25+912)” in the municipalities of Domašinec and Goričan, at cadastral plots 12779 and 12800, cadastral municipality of Domašinec, and 358 and 9776/1, cadastral municipality of Goričan, **has no significant impact on the conservation objectives and the integrity of the ecological network areas.**

The purpose of the project is to adjust the dike height to the levels of a 100-year Mura flood, which were defined by agreement between Croatian and Hungarian water management authorities, with superelevation of 1.0 m to the dike crest. The section of the right-bank Mura dike foreseen for reconstruction is 3,366 m long. The cross section of the dike is trapezoid with a crest 4.0 m wide and with slopes 1:3 on both sides. A service gravel and earth road 4.0 m wide is foreseen along the entire route on the landward side of the dike. In order to enable communication between the landward side of the dike and the Mura flood zone, 4 crossing ramps are foreseen at the existing crossings. In order to enable passing, the dike crest is foreseen to be widened at profiles 6), 18, 35, 48, 58 and 68. Following the clearance of the ground from vegetation by cross sections, a 20 cm thick top soil layer shall be excavated, stepped excavation of the existing dike slope shall be done, and the dike body shall be made from appropriate gravel and earth material in layers with compaction of each layer. An earth/gravel road shall also be made on the landward side of the dike with superelevation over the existing road. The slopes of the new dike are lined with the disposed top soil material in a layer of 20 cm and are sown with grass.

The planned project site lies with the ecological network area HR2000364 Mura and runs along the boundary of the area HR2000618 Murščak – šuma (forest), areas important for wild taxa and habitat types. Another area important for wild taxa and habitat types, HR2000373 Kotoriba – šuma (forest) lies at a distance > 3 km from the project site.

Since during the screening the potential of significant negative impacts on the integrity and conservation objectives of the ecological network areas can be excluded, in our view this project is acceptable and the **main assessment of the project with the assessment of alternative solutions is not required**.

Since the project lies within the Regional Mura-Drava Park and the Significant Mura River Landscape, nature protection requirements shall be obtained pursuant to the Nature Protection Act (OG 70/05, 139/08, 57/11).

**Justification**

On 30 May 2012, the developer, Hrvatske vode, Water Management Department for the Mura and Upper Drava, Varaždin, Međimurska 26b, submitted to the Administrative Department for Environmental Protection and Municipal Service Management of Međimurje County a request for the screening of the project “Making the Mura dike functional (km 22+594 – 25+912)”.

Pursuant to Article 37.a, paragraph 2 of the Nature Protection Act (Official Gazette 70/05, 139/08 and 57/11), this administrative body shall during the screening procedure request a preliminary opinion of the State Institute for Nature Protection. This administrative body requested (letter Class: 612-07/12-03/9, Reg. No.: 2109/1-11-12-02, dated 30 May 2012) an opinion of State Institute for Nature Protection the about the need to carry out the main assessment.

In its letter (Class: 612-07/12-29/96, Reg. No.: 366-07-3-12-2, dated 21 June 2012), the State Institute for Nature Protection states that on the basis of the screening, the potential of significant negative impacts on the integrity and conservation objectives of the ecological network areas can be excluded. In its view, the project is acceptable and the main assessment of the project with the assessment of alternative solutions is not required.

Government stamps associated with the request in accordance with the Administrative Fees Act (OG 8/96, 77/96, 95/97, 131/97, 68/98, 66/99, 145/99, 30/00, 116/00, 163/03, 17/04, 110/04, 141/04, 150/05, 153/05, 158/06, 129/06, 117/07, 25/08, 60/08, 20/10 & 69/10) have been properly paid.

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To be delivered to:

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2. Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection, Directorate for Inspection Affairs, Sector for Nature Protection Inspection, Zrinsko-frankopanska 9, 40000 Čakovec
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