

The public consultation period will end in late november.

The public consultation period on the environmental impact study of the future floating LNG terminal on the island of Krk started yesterday and will last until 28 November. The document itself can be reviewed at the Municipal Council of Omisalj.

At nearly 600 pages, the study deals with possible effects of the floating LNG terminal on the environment and proposes certain environmental protection measures.

“The LNG terminal has a long history and is not something unknown to the island of Krk and to Primorje-Gorski Kotar County. It was also discussed as part of a land-based LNG terminal project. Since a floating LNG terminal has certain different characteristics that have not been discussed in Croatia so far, I invite all interested parties to participate in the public consultation process. We want to provide answers to all questions that are of interest and concern to the local community, and most importantly, to create preconditions for realistic and satisfactory solutions,” said Goran Francic, director of LNG Croatia.

The main public presentation of the study will be held on 15 November in the sports hall of the Omisalj Primary School. Citizens who will not be able to attend the public presentation and who wish to submit their comments can write them in a comment book at the location where the study is presented now, or they can send them in writing to the Administrative Department of Physical Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection in Rijeka or via email before the closing day of the public consultation.

LNG Croatia added that the terminal was a strategic investment project for Croatia and one of 195 key EU energy infrastructure projects which should help achieve shared energy and climate goals. The terminal should provide security of supply to Southeast European countries, which mostly depend on just one supply route - Russian gas, which is why the project has been included in the list of the European Energy Security Strategy.

In June last year, the Croatian government decided to accelerate the realisation of the project and its implementation in two phases - first as a floating, and later as a land terminal. The terminal will enable berthing of LNG ships, the transfer of gas into containers, gasification of liquid gas, and its delivery via gas pipelines to end customers.

The project will be partially funded by European Union in the amount of 102 million euros, and it should become operational in 2020. The land terminal should be built by the end of the next decade.

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