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THE PORT PLANNING AND THE IMPACT STUDY OF THE FORESEEN LOVIISA-KUNDA FERRY SERVICE ARE IN PROGRESS

The port planning for preparing the ports of Loviisa and Kunda for foreseen roro traffic are under way. In Kunda the port quay will be designed to adapt roro traffic. It was decided to select a single quay line solution based on concrete construction which enables double life time compared with steel structure. A single quay line will enable berthing of different size of vessels.

In Loviisa the general plan for port extension area is prepared. The work includes the necessary infra planning, cost analysis and a stepwise integration of the area to the port activities. Furthermore, a groundwater study is conducted in the area.

A study of the impacts generated of the foreseen Loviisa-Kunda ferry service is progressing. The impacts on mileage, travel time and costs within the eastern Finland – eastern Estonia transport corridor have been calculated. Furthermore, the calculations have been made also for Finnish foreign trade transports transiting Estonia to benchmark the Loviisa-Kunda connection to existing port options. Environmental impact is estimated by comparing CO2 emissions of different port options and routes. Finally, the impacts of a new ferry route on local and regional development is explored. The study report will be available in the summer 2020.