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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THE EIA REPORT
(TRANSBOUNDARY CONSULTATIONS FOR A WIND FARM IN THE LITHUANIAN
MARINE TERRITORY OF THE BALTIC SEA)**

Continuing the procedures of transboundary environmental impact assessment consultations for a proposed project - installation and operation of an offshore wind farm with an installed capacity of approximately 700 MW in the in the Lithuanian marine territory of the Baltic Sea, we hereby send the minutes of the public consultation and presentation of the EIA Report which took place on 18 April 2023.

ENCLOSED: Minutes of public transboundary consultation (in English), 3 pages.

Yours sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE OFFSHORE WIND FARM IN LITHUANIA'S MARINE TERRITORY

MINUTES OF PUBLIC TRANSBOUNDARY CONSULTATION

18 April 2023, 14:00-15:50

Remote online meeting via Zoom Meetings

Official language of the meeting: English (consecutive translation into Polish and Latvian)

Agenda

- 14:00:14:03 Opening of the consultations.
Lithuania: Senior Advisor of Pollution Prevention Policy Group, the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania on environmental impact assessment issues Mrs. Beata Vilimaitė Šilobritienė
- 14:03-15:40 Presentation of the project and its Environmental Impact Assessment (further referred to as EIA).
Advisor of the Sustainable Energy Policy Group, Mrs. Jevgenija Jankevič, the Ministry of the Energy of the Republic of Lithuania.

Project Manager of the drafter of the Environmental Impact Assessment documents of the proposed economic activity, Mrs. Rosita Milerienė, Public Institution Coastal Research and Planning Institute.

Project Manager for site investigations Seabed and Earth depths of the drafter of the Environmental Impact Assessment documents of the proposed economic activity, Mr. Nerijus Blažauskas, Public Institution Coastal Research and Planning Institute.
- 15:40-15:50 Session of questions and answers
- 15:50 Closing of the consultations
Lithuania: Senior Advisor of Pollution Prevention Policy Group, the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania on environmental impact assessment issues, Mrs. Beata Vilimaitė Šilobritienė.

Participants

From the **Lithuanian** side: representatives of the Organizer of the proposed economic activity – Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania, representatives of the drafter of the Environmental Impact Assessment – Public Institution Coastal Research and Planning Institute; representatives of the coordinating authority – Mrs. Beata Vilimaitė Šilobritienė, Senior Advisor of Pollution Prevention Policy Group, issues of Environmental Impact Assessment, Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania and Mindaugas Raulinaitis, Advisor of Pollution Prevention Policy Group, issues of Environmental Impact Assessment, Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania.

From the **Latvian** side: Senior Expert in Environmental Quality Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, Mrs. Aija Štāle; Senior Expert of Environmental Impact Assessment Division, The Environmental State Bureau of

the Republic of Latvia, Mrs. Ilze Lielvalode; representatives of other institutions and the interested public.

From the **Polish** site: Counselor of Division of SEA and transboundary EIA/SEA, EIA Department, Directorate for Environmental Protection, Mrs. Joanna Adamowicz; other representatives of institutions and (or) the interested public.

Proceedings of the meeting

1. Technical information and opening of the consultations

The meeting was officially opened by the representative of Lithuanian Ministry of Environment Mrs. Beata Vilimaitė Šilobritienė. The remote online meeting of transboundary consultations (further referred as Meeting) started with a presentation of general technical information and presentation of the participants from the Lithuanian side. She shortly presented the aim of this meeting - to present to the public the information on the Offshore Wind Farm project which is going to be developed in the Baltic Sea.

2. Presentation of the project and its EIA

The presentation round was opened by the representative of the proposed economic activity of Lithuanian Ministry of Energy, Mrs. Jevgenija Jankevič, Advisor of the Sustainable Energy Policy Group, who presented the main information about the project and expectations, that Offshore wind will cover the lack of electricity generation and provide huge local green energy increase (increasing the production of local electricity from renewable energy sources and reducing dependence on electricity imports). She also presented the adoption of decisions of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to develop two Offshore Wind projects and concluded that the Offshore wind project benefit the state and society.

The Project Manager of the drafter of the Environmental Impact Assessment documents of the proposed economic activity, Mrs. Rosita Milerienė, presented comprehensive information about the EIA Report for the Installation and Operation of the Offshore Wind Farm in Lithuania's Marine Territory, informed about the main stages of EIA (EIA program, EIA report), territory of proposed offshore wind energy park, which was selected according to the General Plan of the Republic of Lithuania, presented geographical and administrative Situation of the Territory.

The Project Manager for site investigations Seabed and Earth depths of the drafter of the Environmental Impact Assessment documents of the proposed economic activity, Mr. Nerijus Blažauskas, presented detailed information about the status of the investigation and EIA (technical information for the investigated alternatives, impact assessment during different wind farm development stages, components of the environment and effects assessed in EIA, investigations carried out (sea bottom and underwater cultural heritage, birds and bats, marine mammals, fish, bottom habitats, underwater noise, visual impact), impact assessment on environmental components (water, ambient air and climate, earth: seabed and depths, landscape, biodiversity: state protected and „Natura 2000“ areas, seabed habitats, fish, birds and bats, marine mammals, cultural heritage, public health, material valuables, risk analysis), possible mitigation measures, analyzed threats/risks, alternatives of development scenarios).

The presentation was closed by Mrs. Rosita Milerienė. At the end of the presentation she presented the further steps of the EIA process (submission of EIA report for approval to Lithuania's EIA entities, transboundary consultations (participating countries: Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Poland), coordinated by the Lithuanian Ministry of Environment) and the last step - approval of EIA report by Lithuanian Environmental Agency.

3. Session of questions and answers

The Q&A session started after the presentations of the proposed economic activity and the EIA Report. Information on the questions and answers is presented below.

Ms. Aija Štāle (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia) thanked representatives from Lithuania for the presentation and transboundary consultation meeting. This project provides significant information for Latvia as well.

Q. Peteris Daknis (Nature Conservation Agency, Latvia): How You plan to continue the bird monitoring after the structures are built, keeping in mind, that monitoring flights are much lower than towers?

A. (Julius Morkūnas, CORPI ornithologist): The flight in planned WTP area is conducted at 560 m height, this will not affect post construction monitoring period, as the flight will be performed above planned WTP. We use HiDef survey methodology, when all flight transect are recorded by cameras and later on analysis is made by experts.

4. Closing of the consultations

Whereas no more questions were raised, the Meeting was officially closed by Mrs. Beata Vilimaitė Šilobritienė, representative of the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania.

She presented further procedures of the consultations, she also mentioned that the interested public can still submit questions or comments to the competent authorities. Further information related to the final decision for the EIA report will be sent to each country.

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