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Information on the planned offshore wind farm project named 'Baltica 1 OWF'

Dear all,

I would like to inform you that the Republic of Poland is conducting an environmental impact assessment for the planned project involving the construction of an **offshore wind farm Baltica 1 OWF**, in the Polish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Baltic Sea. The planned investment will be located in close proximity to the Swedish EEZ and at a distance of approximately 47 km from the Danish EEZ. The closest Natura 2000 protected area is the Swedish Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna (SE0330308), which borders the said area to the north for 3 km.

As no significant negative impacts of a transboundary nature have been identified on the Estonian, Finnish, Lithuanian and Latvian territory, the information on the project and its characteristics is provided to you by the Polish Party for information purposes only, in order to maintain the transparency of the environmental impact assessment procedure.

I am enclosing (electronically) the following documentation:

- application for a decision on environmental conditions in Swedish, Danish and English,
- Project Information Sheet in Polish, Swedish, Danish and English.

The aforementioned documentation is available for download until 23 September 2022 at the following address:

<https://owncloud.gdos.gov.pl/index.php/s/KQMoOj4WuSGSzqZ>

Project information

The project will involve the construction and operation of an offshore wind farm consisting of up to 104 wind turbines with a total capacity of 1560 MW. It will include up to 2 offshore substations and up to 250 km of internal power and telecommunication cables. The total area of project will be 128.53 km². The project will also include all the infrastructure required to construct and operate the farm. In the area of the Baltica 1 OWF there will be about 10-15 km of corridors for export cables included in the set of power evacuation facilities.

Transboundary impact

The source of impacts in this type of projects may be, for example, the emission of underwater noise, generated during the installation of wind turbine foundations and substations, affecting marine mammals and fishes (including cumulative impacts). Due to the location of the project (in vicinity of the Swedish EEZ and the Natura 2000 area Hoburgs bank och Midsjöbankarna, approx. 47 km from the Danish EEZ) and the possibility of occurrence of the above-mentioned effects, a potential negative impact of the said project on the Swedish and Danish side cannot be excluded. At the same time, no impacts of a significant negative nature are anticipated on the territory of Estonia, Finland, Lithuania and Latvia.

Environmental impact assessment procedure in Poland

In Poland, environmental impact assessment proceedings, including in a transboundary context, are regulated by *the Act of 3 October 2008 on the provision of information on the environment and its protection, public participation in environmental protection and environmental impact assessments*.

Under the aforementioned Act, the procedure for assessing the environmental impact of a project is a procedure aimed at issuing a decision on environmental conditions. The decision on environmental conditions, completes the environmental impact assessment procedure and is a binding for the authority issuing the investment decision.

At the current stage of the environmental impact assessment, the authority in charge of the proceedings, namely the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gdańsk, carries out the determination on the scope of the environmental impact assessment report (scoping).

Deadline for reply

The General Director for Environmental Protection is kindly asking for:

- an immediate acknowledgement of receipt of this letter and its attachments,
- presenting the statement, if there are, in your opinion, indications of the possibility of a significantly negative impact on your territory,
- a simultaneous presentation of the aforementioned reasons and, if applicable, the statement on the scope of the environmental impact assessment report.

Please provide the above-mentioned information **within 30 days from receipt of this letter.**

Your answer to the above should be forwarded to:

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