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NV-00320-24

To point of contact in:
Finland
Estonia
Latvia

Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm "Ran" in Sweden's territorial waters east of Gotland.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency notified your state on the 10th of January 2024 of the developers plans to apply for a permit for the "OWF Ran" wind farm. In response to the notification, Finland, Estonia and Latvia replied to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency that they request to participate in consultations in accordance with the Espoo Conventions article 4-5.

In accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden hereby invites your state to submit comments on Ran Vindpark AB permit application and environmental impact assesment (EIA) for the plans for the offshore windfarm project "Ran" in Sweden's territorial waters east of Gotland.

The planned project

The developer, Ran Vindpark AB, is planning an offshore wind farm in Swedish territorial waters in the Baltic Proper, east of Gotland, called Ran. The wind farm is planned to comprise up to 121 wind turbines. The wind turbines will have a maximum total height of 310 metres and an estimated capacity of approximately 15-20 MW per turbine. The wind farm is located in the Baltic Proper 12 kilometres east of Gotland, within Swedish territorial waters. The distance from the planned Ran Wind Farm to the mainland of Latvia is about 125 km, the distance to the island of Saaremaa, which belongs to Estonia, is about 150 km, to Finland about 300 km. The planned project area covers an area of approximately 327 km².

A permit application for wind farms within territorial waters requires a permit for environmentally hazardous activities and water operations in accordance with Chapters 9 and 11 of the Environmental Code (1998:808). The permit is issued by the Land and Environmental Court. For wind power in territorial waters, approval is also required from the municipality/municipalities where the wind farm is planned to be established.

Upcoming process

The developer has now submitted an application containing the environmental impact assessment to Land and Environmental Court in accordance with the Environmental Code (1998:808).

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 24th of April 2025** and to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country.
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate Case number NV-00320-24 and “OWF Ran” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Ran Windfarm Non-technical summary 2025-02-04 (Estonian, Latvian and Finnish)
Espoo report (English and Swedish)
Annex B.1 Response to comments received in the context of the Espoo consultation (English and Swedish)

Cc.

The Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Sandra Jalalian and Elenora Rönström