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Regarding the environmental impact assessment report of the planned offshore wind farm “Ran” in Sweden’s territorial waters east of Gotland

The Energy and Environment Agency (hereinafter – the Agency) of the Republic of Latvia would like to express gratitude to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for information sent regarding the results of the environment impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) of the project “The planned offshore wind farm “Ran” in Sweden’s territorial waters east of Gotland” (hereinafter – the Project). The Agency hereby acknowledges the receipt of the documentation¹ of the EIA report.

We inform that the term for the process of public participation of the EIA report of the Project in Latvia was determined from 19 March 2025 until 22 April 2025. Information regarding the EIA report of the Project and public participation options was published on the Agency’s webpage² and sent to the various stakeholders considering the national procedure of the EIA in the transboundary context. Please be informed that we have received response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Smart Administration and Regional Development Ministry of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with State Joint Stock Company “Latvia State Radio and Television Centre”, the State Centre for Defence Logistics and Procurement, the Nature Conservation Agency and the State Environment Service. The Agency has not received comments from the public.

The below-mentioned authorities provided more detailed comments regarding the EIA report and transboundary impact assessment.

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia considers that the Project will not have an impact on the territory of the Republic of Latvia in terms of human health.

¹ Received on 11 March 2025; registration No 2.10/694/2025-S.

² <https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/parrobezu-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/atkrastes-veja-parka-ran-buvnieciba-baltijas-jura-zviedrijas-teritorialajos-udenos>

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia concludes that the EIA report contains sufficient information on the studies carried out and an assessment of the impact of the proposed action on fish resources.

The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia noted that although the location of the Project is in a significant distance from Latvia, an examination of the information on the planned location on the website of the Project's initiator <https://www.ox2.com/projects/ran/> shows that it affects the State Joint Stock Company "Latvia State Radio and Television Centre" electronic communications network infrastructure – the optical sea cable *Ventspils – Gotland (Fårösund)* route at the Baltic Sea. If as a result of the public consultations an agreement will be reached regarding the location of the wind farm "Ran" in the territories indicated in the Project, then for the development of construction projects and the performance of construction work the developer of the Project shall inform the State Joint Stock Company "Latvia State Radio and Television Centre" and receive the technical regulations as well as agree on the necessary measures for the protection of the sea cable.

The Nature Conservation Agency informed that

1. Views and proposals submitted to the Agency and set out in its letter No. 5-05/161/2024 of 16 February 2024 "Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of the planned offshore wind farm "Ran" in Sweden's territorial waters outside of Gotland" have been taken into account and included in the EIA report.
2. The Nature Conservation Agency expresses its willingness to follow the development process of the Project so that the Latvian side is informed about the progress of the construction and operation of the offshore wind farm "Ran" in the Baltic Sea, in the territorial waters of Sweden.
3. The Nature Conservation Agency requests to foresee periodic monitoring in decision making process. The Nature Conservation Agency points out that when implementing the Project within the meaning of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) on transboundary impacts, it is necessary to inform the Latvian side about the results of the monitoring, including negative transboundary impacts, if such are detected.

The State Environment Service noted that the EIA report received assesses the potential impacts (including transboundary) on the surrounding flora and fauna (including fish, bats, birds, etc.), landscape, cultural heritage, recreational resources, fisheries, etc. The State Environment Service concluded that no significant environmental impacts are expected on the territory of Latvia.

Other authorities informed that they have reviewed received documentation and have no comments or suggestions regarding the results of the EIA of the Project.

Regarding further procedures we kindly ask you to send us the information mentioned in Article 6 of the Espoo Convention on the final decision of the Project to conclude the process of the transboundary consultations. The Agency kindly asks you to inform us about the findings of ex-post evaluation of the Project, especially if any adverse transboundary impact on territory of Latvia is determined during implementation of the Project. In addition, we kindly ask to consider the proposal of the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia and the State Joint Stock Company "Latvia State Radio and Television Centre" regarding further cooperation to protection of the mentioned sea cable.

Looking forward to further effective cooperation in the field of environmental impact assessment in the transboundary context the transboundary context.

Enclosure: 2 documents (files: *Ministry of Transport_Ran.pdf*, *Nature Conservation Agency_Ran.pdf*).

Sincerely yours,

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