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Regarding the strategic environmental impact assessment for the decision on selecting potential offshore wind farm sites within the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone

The Energy and Environment Agency (hereinafter – the Agency), acting as a Point of Contact of Latvia regarding Notification in accordance with Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (hereinafter – the Espoo Protocol) and the competent authority on the strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – the SEA) in Latvia, would like to express gratitude to the Finnish Environment Institute for notification sent regarding the SEA for the decision on selecting potential offshore wind farm sites within the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone (hereinafter – the Planning document) with reference to Article 10 of the Espoo Protocol (hereinafter – the Notification).

The Agency hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notification and prepared documentation¹.

Please be informed that the Agency published received information regarding the Planning document on Agency's webpage² on 28 May 2025 and sent information directly to the involved authorities. The Agency received opinions regarding the Planning document and its potential transboundary impacts within the scope of competence from the Ministry of Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Economics 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 State Centre for Defence Logistics and Procurement, the Nature Conservation Agency, the State Environmental Service, the Kurzeme Planning Region, the Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology, the Ventspils State City municipality. The Agency has not received comments from the public.

¹ Received on 26 May 2025, registration No 2.10/1749/2025-S.

² <https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/somijas-republikas-valdibas-lemumprojekts-par-potencialo-juras-veja-parku-vietu-izveli-baltijas-jura-somijas-ekskluzivaja-ekonomiskaja-zona>

The Agency has gathered and evaluated opinions expressed by mentioned stakeholders and agrees with estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the SEA of the Planning document and transboundary consultations under the Article 10 of the Espoo Protocol. Latvia has no significant comments regarding the Planning document or scope of the SEA.

Nevertheless, we kindly ask the Finnish Environment Institute to inform us about the results of the SEA, incl. impact assessment on biodiversity in the Baltic Sea, and findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible on the territory of Latvia, incl. fish resources and Latvian fisheries interests.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation.

Sincerely yours, Director

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