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Regarding the environmental impact assessment programme of offshore wind farm projects “Liivi 1” and “Liivi 2” in the Gulf of Riga, Estonia

The Energy and Environment Agency of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter – the Agency) would like to express gratitude to the Ministry of Climate of the Republic of Estonia for the information sent regarding prepared environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) Programme¹ for the offshore wind farm projects “Liivi 1” and “Liivi 2” in the Gulf of Riga (hereinafter – the Project).

On 13 June 2025 by letter No 2.10/1075/2025-N the Agency confirmed the receipt of the Ministry of Climate of the Republic of Estonia letter No 6-3/24/1948-9 of 11 June 2025 and attached documentation – the EIA programme for the Project in English and EIA programme summary in Latvian². In view of the request for information in the letter on the necessity of the public hearing, the Agency, considering opinions received from involved authorities and nearest local municipality, confirmed that the organisation of a public hearing for the EIA programme of Project would be necessary. The Agency proposed that the meeting be held online, by providing a translation in Latvian (the proposed date for the meeting – 22 July 2025).

According to the national legislation and bilateral cooperation regarding public participation process, the term for the process of public participation in Latvia was determined from 8 July 2025 until 31 July 2025. Information regarding the EIA programme of the Project and public participation options was published on the Agency`s webpage³, local newspaper “Talsu Vēstis”

¹ The Agency`s registration No 2.10/313/2025-S from 17.02.2025.

² Registration No 2.10/2010/2025-S, on 11 June 2025.

³ <https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/parrobezu-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/atkrastes-veja-parku-liivi-1-un-liivi-2-buvnieciba-rigas-juras-lici-igaunija>

(in the Edition on the July 2025) and send directly to the various stakeholders considering the national procedure of the EIA in the transboundary context. The Minutes of the public hearing held on 22 July 2025 on Microsoft Teams platform, and the presentation of the hearing was published on the Agency's webpage.

The Agency has received response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport 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 Economics of the Republic of Latvia, the State Environmental Service, the State Centre for Defence Logistics and Procurement and the Talsi District Municipality. The Agency has not received comments from the public.

The Agency provides a short overview of received comments and opinions regarding the EIA Programme.

- The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia concludes that potential wind farm deployment areas are located in the Maritime Coast Guard Search and Rescue responsibility area of the Latvian National Armed Forces. SJSC Latvia State Radio and Television Center (hereinafter – LSRTC) does not have at its disposal studies on the impact of the presence of wind farms on the operation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (hereinafter – GMDSS) and Automatic Identification System (hereinafter – AIS) or on the communication possibilities of ships and other shipping facilities with the Maritime Coast Guard.

In order to verify that wind farms do not affect the operation of the GMDSS and AIS systems and the ability of vessels to communicate, LSRTC indicates that after the wind farm has been put into service measurements of the GMDSS and AIS systems should be carried out to verify that the required coverage is guaranteed and to determine the need to establish additional coastal radio stations or AIS base stations.

If the necessary coverage of the GMDSS and AIS systems is not guaranteed, the project implementer shall perform additional construction of the coastal base station for ensuring sufficient coverage in the area of responsibility of Latvia.

- The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia concludes that the EIA programme includes sufficiently extensive studies related to the impact of the planned activity on fish resources and fisheries. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia also confirms that the proposals made by the Ministry regarding participation in the project EIA transboundary consultations have been taken into account.
- Considering that the environmental impact assessment indicates that the specific wind farm will be located in Riga in the central part of the Gulf about 25 km from Latvia's land border, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia concludes the operation of the particular wind farm will not affect the health of Latvian residents.
- The State Environmental Service concludes that EIA Programme of the Project contains the proposals made by both authorities regarding the assessment of potential transboundary impacts expressed during public information process of the notification stage of the Project. Thus, no additional conditions or proposals to the EIA Programme of the Project would be necessary.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the State Centre for Defence Logistics and Procurement, the Talsi District Municipality informed they had no comments or proposals for the EIA Programme of the Project.

The Agency sent the Minutes of the public hearing to all the authorities whose representatives participated in the public meeting and received opinions that there is no need for any ads for the Minutes. The Agency also published the Minutes of the public hearing on its website; no comments were received from the public.

The Agency would like to express willingness to continue commenced successful bilateral cooperation in the next steps of the transboundary environmental impact assessment of the Project.

Enclosed: 5 documents (files: *Talsi District Municipality_Liivi 1_Liivi 2.pdf*, *Ministry of Transport_Liivi 1_Liivi 2.pdf*, *Ministry of Agriculture_Liivi 1_Liivi 2.pdf*, *State Environmental Service_Liivi 1_Liivi 2.pdf*, *Ministry of Health_Liivi 1_Liivi 2.pdf*).

Sincerely yours, Director

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