

To the Points of Contact for the Espoo Convention in Sweden, Latvia and Lithuania

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Regarding the Saare Wind Energy OÜ offshore windfarm project in the west coast of Saare county

On 9 July 2020, Estonia notified Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania concerning the Saare Wind Energy OÜ offshore windfarm project in the west coast of Saare county. Sweden, Latvia and Lithuania indicated its wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure. Finland indicated that it does not intend to participate in the EIA procedure.

The developer plans to construct an offshore windfarm consisting of up to 100 wind turbines with a maximum approximate capacity up to 1400 MW. The project includes an offshore substation and cables connected to the substation and an electricity transmission system up to the land-based connection point. The developer is also considering the possibility of co-operation on the connection of the windfarm with an additional electricity connections.

Hereby we are informing you that the project has reached the EIA programme stage. The developer has translated the EIA programme into English, also brief summaries in Swedish, Latvian and Lithuanian have been prepared. Inter alia, the documentation includes an overview of the feedback provided by neighbouring countries to the EIA notification together with the developer's responses. All the forementioned documentation has been enclosed.

In Estonia, the public display of the EIA programme takes place from 15 April to 7 May 2021. The public hearing will take place virtually on 13 May 2021. On the basis of the approved EIA programme, the EIA report will be prepared.

Estonia kindly asks the addressed Parties to respond by 11 June 2021 (e-mail: keskkonnaministeerium@envir.ee) at the latest and:

- to provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory;
- to submit the comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country regarding EIA programme.

Contacts information

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Sincerely Yours,

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Enclosures: EIA programme in English and summaries in Swedish, Latvian and Lithuanian

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