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RE: TRANSBOUNDARY CONSULTATIONS

Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – the Ministry of Energy) hereby submits the Minutes of the public meeting, held on 03 February 2022, related to Transboundary Consultation with the Republic of Latvia for „The Engineering Infrastructure Development Plan for Marine Areas of Lithuania’s Territorial Sea and/or the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, Designed for the Development of Renewable Energy“.

ATTACHMENT: public meeting Minutes of Transboundary Consultations with the Republic of Latvia for „The Engineering Infrastructure Development Plan for Marine Areas of Lithuania’s Territorial Sea and/or the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, Designed for the Development of Renewable Energy“, 4 pages.

Vice-Minister

Daiva Garbaliuskaitė

**TRANSBOUNDARY CONSULTATION WITH REPUBLIC OF LATVIA FOR
„THE ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MARINE AREAS OF LITHUANIA’S
TERRITORIAL SEA AND/OR THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA IN
THE BALTIC SEA, DESIGNED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY“
PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
2022-02-03, 10:00-11:58
(live online meeting)**

Chairman: Mantas Morkvėnas; UAB „Ardynas“, project manager;
Secretary: Zita Labanauskienė, UAB „Ardynas“, spatial planning manager;
Presenters: Jevgenija Jankevič, Ministry of Energy of Republic of Lithuania, Adviser of the Sustainable Energy Policy Group;
Darius Šaliūnas, UAB „Ardynas“, project manager;
Rosita Millerienė, VšĮ "Pajūrio tyrimų ir planavimo institutas", director.

Attendees: Dzintars Vainovskis, Ministry of Transport (LV)
Vineta Maskava, Environment Agency (LV)
Andrius Baltakojs, UAB "Energetikos projektavimo institutas" (LT)
Roman Bykov, Lithuanian Energy Agency (LT)
Jūratė Pravalackaitė, Ministry of Energy (LT)
Juris Skrube, Latvian Maritime administration (LV)
Nerijus Blažauskas, VšĮ "Pajūrio tyrimų ir planavimo institutas" (LT)
Mārtiņš Grels, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (LV)
Dalia Kraulytė, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (LT)
Justinas Linkevičius, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (LT)
Algimantė Treinienė, Ministry of Environment (LT)
Ilze Sabule, Nature Protection Agency (LV)
Živilė Mantrimaitė, VšĮ "Žiedinė ekonomika" (LT)
Asta Rokickienė, Ministry of Environment (LT)
Ilze Urtāne, Nature Protection Agency (LV)
Edvardas Minkevičius, Ministry of Environment (LT)
Karolis Kinčius, Ministry of Environment (LT)
Dace Mieme, South Kurzeme municipality (LV)
Rasa Griškevičienė, Ministry of Environment (LT)
Daiga Avdejanova, Environment Agency (LV)
Jolanta Paplauskienė, UAB "Ardynas" (LT)
Renate Bula, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (LV)
Julius Morkūnas, VšĮ "Pajūrio tyrimų ir planavimo institutas" (LT)
Neringa Urbonienė, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (LT)
Justina Čunderova, Ministry of Environment (LT)
Andrejs Apaņuks, Ministry of Economics (LV)
Anete Bērziņa, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (LV)
Daina Dzeguze, Environment Agency (LV)
Pēteris Daknis, Nature Protection Agency (LV)
Arūnas Balčiūnas, VšĮ "Pajūrio tyrimų ir planavimo institutas" (LT)
Domantas Tracevicius, VšĮ "Žiedinė ekonomika" (LT)

Agija Kaunese, South Kurzeme municipality (LV)
Laura Mazmača, State Environment service (LV)
Ilze Rasa, Ministry of Economics (LV)
Daira Armane, Ministry of Economics (LV)
Jonas Pašukonis, State Service for Protected Areas (LT)
Ingūna Draudiņa, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (LV)

Presented: The engineering infrastructure development plan concept for marine areas of Lithuania's territorial sea and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic sea, designed for the development of renewable energy and report of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Language: The meeting was held in English and translated into Latvian by Inese Murmane.

UAB Ardynas project manager Mantas Morkvėnas:

- informed that Mantas Morkvėnas would be the chairman of the public introduction and Zita Labanauskienė would be the secretary;
- introduced the organizer of the plan - the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania and invited its representative Jevgenija Jankevič to present the planning goals.

The representative of the organizer of the plan Jevgenija Jankevič, Adviser of the Sustainable Energy Policy Group at Ministry of Energy of Republic of Lithuania, presented Lithuania's strategic goals for the development of renewable energy until 2030 and 2050 and noted the importance of the planned development of offshore wind farms for the implementation of these goals.

UAB "Ardynas" project manager Darius Šaliūnas presented the agenda of the public meeting, which consisted of 4 main parts:

1. Information on public information and submission of proposals.
2. Presentation of the development plan concept (Darius Šaliūnas, project manager of UAB Ardynas).
3. Presentation of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report (Coastal Research and Planning Institute, Director Rosita Milerienė)
4. Questions - answers, discussions.

It was also noted that a recording will be made during the public meeting (notice of the recording was shown to the participants via an electronic platform) and that the minutes of meeting will be prepared and attached to the SEA report. Upon request, the minutes of meeting will be sent by e-mail. comments on the minutes of meeting shall be submitted in writing, indicating the name, surname, organization (if provided by a legal entity), address, date.

Darius Šaliūnas, a representative of the plan developer UAB „Ardynas“ provided information on public information, indicated the sources of all information on the Development Plan. Indicated that proposals received from the Latvian Environmental Agency's by letter no. 4-01 / 887 are included in the SEA report and the concept of the development plan. He reported that no more proposals had been received during the cross-border consultations and informed that it is still possible to submit proposals on the SEA and the Development Plan concept to the planning organizer by e-mail info@enmin.lt until 2022 February 10. He then presented the goals, objectives, planning basis and concept alternatives of the Development Plan and the principles of their creation.

Rosita Milerienė then presented the SEA report according to the planned agenda.

Presented: Report of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the engineering infrastructure development plan for marine areas of Lithuania's territorial sea and/or the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic sea, designed for the development of renewable energy. It is stated that the assessment was performed on aspects of the individual components and that a risk analysis was performed. The components affected were described. A summary of the impacts assessed in the SEA report is provided and mitigation measures are envisaged.

The principles and conclusions of the multi-criteria evaluation of the concept alternatives performed in the SEA report are also presented.

An overview of the impact assessment for neighboring countries is provided at the end of the presentation of the SEA report.

Questions and answers from participants:

Dzintars Vainovskis asked how it was determined that the development of the parks would not affect shipping? Have you interviewed shipping operators?

Rosita Milerienė answered, that in preparing the Development Plan and the SEA Report, reference was made to the General Plan of the Republic of Lithuania, the Special Plan of the Maritime Territories of the Republic of Latvia, which indicate that the shipping lanes do not intersect with the planned territory. She also noted that the Planned Area was allocated for the development of renewable energy back in 2014, therefore all subsequent planning documents took this into account.

Mārtiņš Grels asked whether the biotopes were studied and assessed, because we have biodiversity research areas and reefs on the Latvian side?

Rosita Milerienė replied that the strategic environmental assessment does not analyze every component of the environment in great detail (that is, within the scope of the environmental impact assessment).

Nerijus Blazauskas mentioned that the SEA report identifies adjacent protected areas and known sites of biodiversity, so that studies have already been carried out, although not in full detail, but the SEA is fully sufficient.

Mārtiņš Grels asked if you can comment on the visual impact assessment methodology?

Arūnas Balčiūnas responded that the assessment was performed using visualization modeling software that determined the vertical viewing angle in various surrounding areas. The assessment was based on visual impact assessment methodologies approved in Lithuania. 250-meter-high wind turbines were used in the assessment.

Mārtiņš Grels asked if you can comment on cable lines for connecting wind farms to the distribution operator's networks.

Nerijus Blazauskas replied that the engineering infrastructure corridors specified in the General Plan of Lithuanian Maritime Territories are potential cable laying corridors for the connection of wind farms, but not the only possible options. There are also NordBalt and HarmonyLink corridors. The Ministry of Energy is currently preparing studies on a cable line to connect parks to land. At present, the cable connection route has not been determined in detail, so we, as the planners, propose to use the already existing infrastructure corridors..

Renate Bula asked about research on potential oil structures at sea, as there are such structures on both the Lithuanian and Latvian sides, do you plan to explore them, when do you plan to do so and will the research data be publicly available?

Nerijus Blazauskas replied that there are such potential oil structures on both the Lithuanian and Latvian sides. Currently, the Lithuanian Ministry of Energy has announced a procurement for oil structure research. Although the study is quite extensive, it is mainly focused on oil structures in Lithuania. But we believe that those structures are geologically similar and interconnected. It is hoped that this geophysical survey will provide more information on the oil structures present in the wind farm area. According to the plan, these studies are to be conducted this year and the data from these studies will be available at least to park developers and stakeholders.

Jevgenija Jankevič added that all research studies and their data will be publicly available.

Mārtiņš Grels asked if there were any consultations or surveys to find out the public opinion about the wind farm, especially from the residents of Palanga due to the visual impact.

Nerijus Blazauskas replied that yes, public consultation and publicity is underway. For the sake of simplicity, I would like to say that informing the public takes place within the framework of development plan. Much more detailed and much more sensitive issues for society will take place during the environmental impact assessment. At the publicity stage of the development plan, we did not receive any negative public opinion.

There were no more questions or suggestions.

Chairman at 11:56 declared that the meeting was over.

Decision: That a public meeting of the cross-border consultations took place.

No proposals had been received by the date of 2022-02-10, which was announced at the public meeting.

Chairman



Mantas Morkvėnas

Secretary



Zita Labanauskienė

Signed on: 2022-02-11

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