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Aplinkos ministerija pateikė Espoo konvencijos kontaktiniams asmenims strateginio pasekmių aplinkai vertinimo santrauką dėl inžinerinės infrastruktūros vystymo plano, skirto atsinaujinančios energetikos plėtojimui Baltijos jūros teritorijoje.

Informuojame, kad Latvijos Respublikos atsakinga institucija pateikė atsakymą š. m. spalio 7 d. raštu Nr. 4-01/ 887 (raštas pridedamas) su prašymu dalyvauti tarpvalstybinėse konsultacijose (toliau – Raštas). Rašte pateikiami komentarai ir pasiūlymai, kuriuos planavimo organizatorius turi išnagrinėti ir įvertinti.

Aplinkos ministerijos specialistai papildomai konsultuojasi dėl tarpvalstybinių konsultacijų su Latvijos Respublikos institucijų specialistais ir visą gautą informaciją dėl papildomos medžiagos poreikio, konsultacijų eigos ir kitą informaciją pasidalins su Energetikos ministerija.

PRIDEDAMA. Latvijos raštas dėl tarpvalstybinių konsultacijų Nr. 4-01/ 887, 5 lapai.

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Regarding strategic environmental assessment of the Engineering Infrastructure Development Plan for EIDP

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter referred to as the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on the strategic environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as SEA) in the Republic of Latvia, would like to thank The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania for the notification sent regarding 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 (EIDP) (hereinafter referred to as The Plan).

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of the notification and inform that we intend to participate in the SEA procedure of The Plan in accordance with the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention).

We kindly draw your attention to the fact that according to Maritime Spatial Plan of the Republic of Latvia that was assessed and consulted in the transboundary context, there are designated areas for the future development of offshore wind energy farms, and two of these areas (E1 and E2) are located near the location of the planned offshore wind farm zone in the Republic of Lithuania. Considering the cumulative impact and the planned proximity of offshore wind farms in The Plan, most of the consulted stakeholders are of an opinion that transboundary SEA is necessary. Future planned and existing activities in southern sea area of Latvia EEZ as described in the Maritime Spatial Plan of the Republic of Latvia should be taken into account (e.g., biodiversity research areas, exploration of potential offshore oil fields).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia draws attention to the ongoing negotiations on the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on Economic Cooperation in the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf in the Baltic Sea.

The Nature Conservation Agency of the Republic of Latvia informs about an ongoing process of research for designation of a potential Latvian marine NATURA 2000 territory that is near the

planned wind farm development zone in The Plan (reference to the LIFE 19 NAT/ LV000973 REEF project “Research of Marine Protected Habitats and Determination of Necessary Protection Status in the Latvian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEA)”). Communication with The Nature Conservation Agency with an aim of information exchange is advised.

Attached to this letter, please find general and other comments from The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia regarding the scope of SEA.

In conclusion the Bureau informs you that according to the national Law On Environmental Impact Assessment and the Cabinet Regulation No 157 adopted on 23 March 2004 “*Procedures for Carrying Out a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment*” – the time period within which the public concerned and the authorities may submit written opinions, proposals and comments regarding the draft planning document and environmental report is at least 30 days from the publication day of the notification. Considering the time necessary for the publication, compiling the opinions received and translation, we kindly ask you to schedule a time frame of at least 6 weeks for the transboundary public consultation in Latvia.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation, yours sincerely,

Annex: general and other comments from The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia regarding the scope of SEA – 3 pages.

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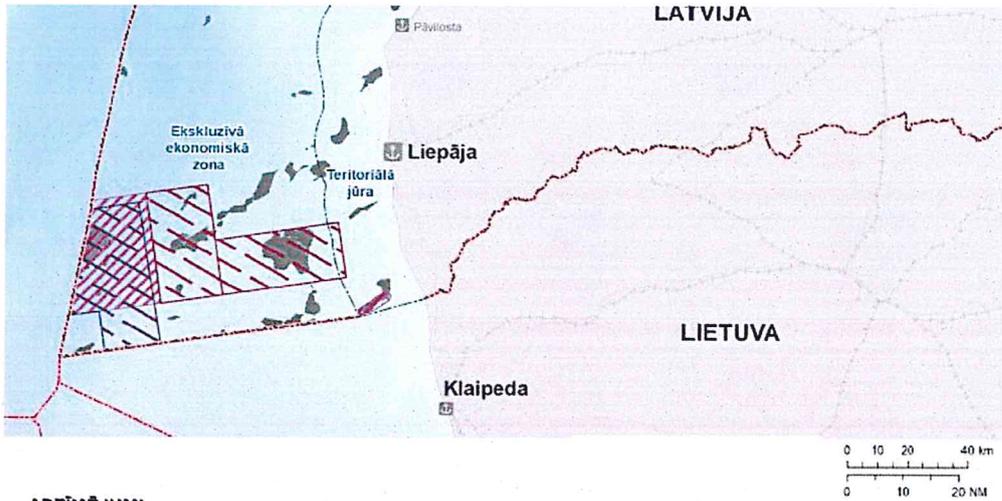
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General comments

It should be noted that there is no agreed borderline between Latvia and Lithuania EEZ.

Analyzing the feasibility of any alternatives described in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Development Plan, future planned and existing activities in southern sea area of Latvia EEZ as described in the Maritime Spatial Plan of Latvia should be taken into account (e.g., biodiversity research areas, exploration of potential offshore oil fields).



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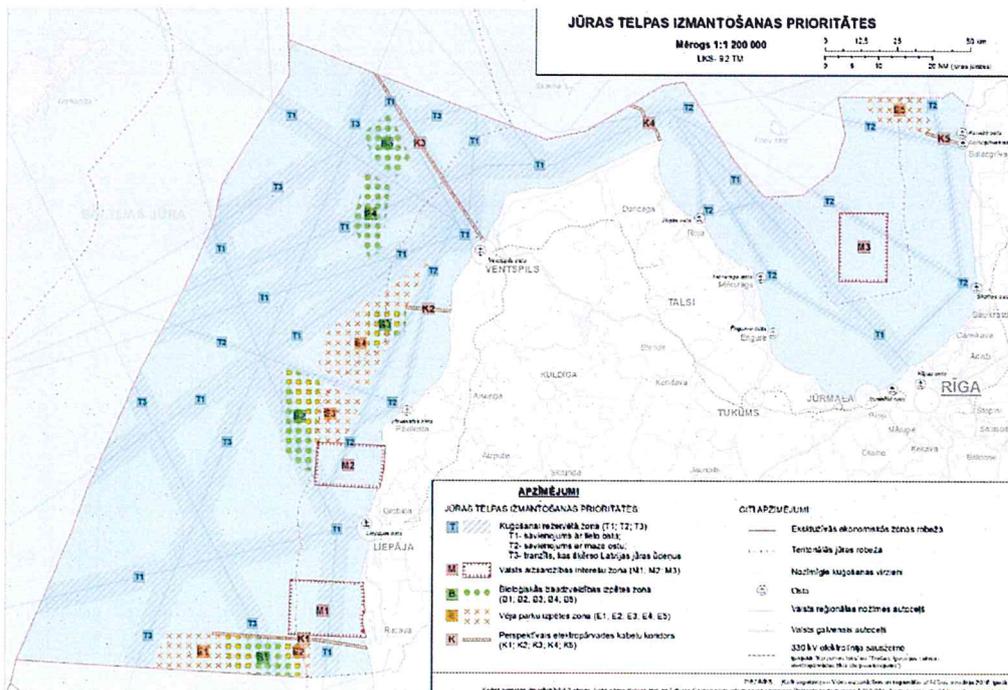
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- Ostas
- Galvenie autoceļi
- Dzelzceļš
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- Ekskluzīvā ekonomiskā zona un valsts robeža
- Sauszeme

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- Kļūpānāli rezervācija zona (T1, T2, T3)
 - T1- kļūpānāli zona ar lieliem ostu
 - T2- brīdīti, kas šķērso Latvijas jūras došenu
 - T3- brīdīti, kas šķērso Latvijas jūras došenu
 - Valsts aizsardzības interešu zona (M1, M2, M3)
 - Bioloģiskās daudzveidības aizsardzības zona (B1, B2, B3, B4, B5)
 - Vēsturiskās kultūras zona (E1, E2, E3, E4, E5)
 - Perspektīvas enerģētiskās kabelu koridori (K1, K2, K3, K4, K5)

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- Ekskluzīvā ekonomiskā zonu robeža
- Teritoriālās jūras robeža
- Nācīgās kuģošanas vietas
- Ostas
- Valsts reģionālās nozīmes autoceļi
- Valsts galvenie autoceļi
- 330 km rādiusa jūras pasūtītņu zonām (K1, K2, K3, K4, K5)

Other comments

1. The Development Plan provides planned potential area for offshore wind farm (OWF) e. g. placement of wind turbines (WT) and offshore transformer substations (OTS) at distance in about of 1 km from Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Republic of Latvia in the Baltic Sea.

In the same time SEIA does not provide exact protection zones around WT and OTS.

Thus, Latvia raised concerns about final placement of WT and OTS which should not create any obstacles to develop alternative OWF at Latvian EEZ in equidistant location from Lithuanian EEZ in the Baltic Sea along planned potential development area in subject.

2. Development Plan I – (1) alternative and I - (2) alternative provides connection of the OWF area to the Lithuanian electricity transmission networks through placement of underwater (submarine) power cable at corridor between OWF and Latvian EEZ.

In accordance with the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Energy order Nr. 1-309 “On approval of installation rules for electric line and installation” from 20th, December 2011 paragraph 96.2. the following protection zone have been established along the submarine cable line - a layer of water with a horizontal width on both sides of the line from the edge cables - 100 m.

At the same time SEAI does not provide exact location of planned underwater power cable lines in corridor between Latvian EEA and planned OWF and alongside Latvian EEA.

Thus, Latvia raised concerns about final placement of underwater power cable lines for connection of the OWF area to the Lithuanian electricity transmission networks which should not create any obstacles to develop alternative OWF at Latvian EEZ in equidistant location from Lithuanian EEZ in the Baltic Sea along planned potential development area in subject.

3. The area between planned potential area for OWF and Lithuanian coastal line had been used for Short Sea Shipping lines, especially for feeder container vessels on their way from Klaipeda to Riga.

SEAI does not provide any information on existing sea routes used by liner vessels at planned potential area for OWF and nearby.

Thus, Latvia raised concerns about possible impact from development of planned potential area for OWF on Short Sea Shipping lines in the Baltic Sea, especially on existing marine route for container vessels between Klaipeda and Riga.

Location	Text in the Plan	Comment
Section 5 Page 18	<i>The distance from the planned area to the Latvian EEZ is about 1 km</i>	In "Alternative I" what is the distance from the underwater power cable to the LV EEZ? It is presumed that “planned area” does not include power cable corridors.
Section 7 Page 40 “Water”	<i>During the installation of the OWF, more intensive shipping may cause local and temporary effect on water quality due to additional water pollution with chemicals (heavy metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, polyaromatic hydrocarbons).</i>	On page 31 Section 6.3 it is mentioned that a ship accident resulting in pollution may occur due to adverse weather conditions. Here it is described that the possibility of pollution may be during the installation of OWF. What source of pollution is presumed here - cargo ship (tanker)

		<p>visiting port or construction works in general? Or is it to be in line with statement made on page 31?</p> <p>What actions may cause pollution if all regulatory enactments on safety of navigation and on pollution prevention are to be obeyed? Does the statement "<i>additional</i>" means that the area is being polluted constantly?</p>
<p>Section 7 Page 40 "Seabed and subsoil"</p>	<p><i>[..] the following preventive conflict reduction measures are planned: [..] - To establish safety zones both for individual wind turbines, substations and for the OWF area [..]</i></p>	<p>The distance of safety zone around the OWF should be specified within this plan in accordance with the UNCLOS provisions.</p>
<p>Page 44 Section 8.1 "Social environment" Paragraph 1</p>	<p><i>The area under the Development Plan is located outside the existing shipping lanes, roadstead, and anchorage sites, therefore, the implementation of the solutions will not have any significant impact on shipping.</i></p>	<p>It is highly advisable to include also <i>planned shipping lanes</i> as it is mentioned in Section 6.3, page 31, paragraph 5.</p>

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Regarding strategic environmental impact assessment of the Engineering Infrastructure Development Plan for EIDP

The Bureau (The State Environmental Bureau Republic of Latvia) already expressed its opinion regarding willingness of the Republic of Latvia to participate in cross-border consultations and in the public consultation planning document "*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*" in a letter on 7th of October, 2021 (No 4-01/887). Regarding to your e-mail on 11th of October 2021 we would like to point out that in order to be able to start cross-border consultations under Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment of the Convention on *Strategic environmental impact assessment* we do provide information on the documents that we would like to receive.

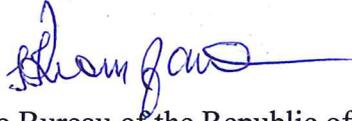
Please provide information as well on the possible time and place (on internet site platform) of the public consultation meeting and information on the participation of representatives of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania and/or on the participation of developers of the planning document in the public consultation process and presentation on the planned activities. We kindly ask you to provide a presentation on the planning document in latvian as well as to provide a translation of the meeting in latvian.

We kindly ask you to submit a statement regarding the start of a public consultation of the planning document (name, developer, area covered by the planning document, duration of implementation period, area likely to be affected by the implementation of the planning document).

Please send us a summary of the planning document and the draft environmental report in english and the non-technical summary of the environmental report in latvian and the cartographic materials.

After receiving documents mentioned above Bureau in its website will publish a statement on starting a communication of a public consultation on the planning document in the cross-border context of the strategic assessment and will publish information on the possibilities for public consultation and the organisation of a public consultation process in accordance with the information on the timetable for the strategic assessment process.

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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 Baltakojis, UAB "Energetikos projektavimo institutas" (LT)
Roman Bykov, Lithuanian Energy Agency (LT)
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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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