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NV-09797-21

To point of contact in:
Denmark
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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm “Arkona” in Sweden's economic zone.

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies your state regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Arkona” in the Baltic Sea.

Information on the project

The investigation area for the planned windfarm is situated in the southern part of the Baltic Sea, within the Swedish economic zone between Ystad and Kap Arkona on the German Island of Rügen. West of the site, the nearest land is Fyns’s eastern most tip (about 56 km), in the eastern direction, Rönne on Bornholm (about 66 km) and south of the site is the Island of Rügen, the north of Germany (about 37 km). Within the project area, the developer, Eolus Vind AB plans for up to 70 wind turbines with a tip height of between 260 – 330 m. The planned establishment includes construction, operation, and decommissioning of the wind farm, as well as the installation of cables within the project area.

The construction and operation of wind turbines and associated projects in the Swedish EEZ, requires a permit from the Swedish Government in accordance with the Swedish EEZ Act (1992:1140). Government approval is also required by law of the continental shelf act (1966:314) to lay cables on the continental shelf, including both internal cables within the wind farm and connection to the shore.

Comments received during the consultation process will be compiled and included in a consultation report. The consultation report is a basis for the EIA and is to be added as an attachment when the applications are submitted.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks eventual comments **no later than the 18th of February 2022** at the latest and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-09797-21 and “Arkona” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish and English)

Cc.

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