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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 “Gävle Öst” in Sweden’s Exclusive 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 Finland regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Gävle Öst” in the Gulf of Bothnia.

**Information on the project**

The developer, Gävle EW AB plans to apply for permission to construct and operate the offshore wind farm Gävle Öst Havsvindpark. The project area is planned in Sweden's economic zone (EEZ) about 80 km east of Söderhamn and about 65 km from the Swedish island of Agö outside Hudiksvall. The shortest distance to the Finnish mainland is approximately 140 km. The project area has a total area of approx. 400 km<sup>2</sup> containing a maximum of 324 wind turbines with a maximum effect of approx. 4,860 megawatts (MW). The planned maximum height of the wind turbines is 385 m above sea level. However, the final location and design of the wind turbines will be decided at a later stage and depends on several factors such as bottom conditions, technical parameters and adaptations based on prevailing environmental conditions.

The developer has prepared a summary of the consultation document in Finnish and Swedish based on planned investigations and further work with the EIA. The full document and further information can be seen at the developers project page: <https://orsted.se/vara-grona-losningar/havsbaserad-vindkraft/vara-projekt/gavle-ost-havsvindpark>

### **Application process**

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 Exclusive Economic Zone Act (1992:1140). In a permit assessment under the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone Act, certain rules in the Swedish Environmental Code (1998:808) apply. Government approval is also required in accordance with the Continental Shelf Act (1966:314) for the developer to be allowed to place out cables on the continental shelf including both the internal network cables within the OWF as well as the marine cables from the OWF 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 Environmental Impact Assessment (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 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024** at the latest and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether Finland 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](mailto:registrator@naturvardsverket.se) Please indicate Case number NV-03268-24 and "Gävle Öst" in your answer.

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Attachments

Espoo report notification Gävle Öst Havsvindpark (Finnish)

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