

Public announcement by the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency on the public consultation of the draft site development plan and the environmental reports (North Sea and Baltic Sea) as part of the strategic environmental assessment and on the hearing on 4 September 2024

The purpose of the site development plan is to promote the expansion of offshore wind energy and the offshore connection lines required for this. The purpose is to achieve the statutory expansion targets for offshore wind energy, to expand electricity generation from offshore wind turbines in a spatially organised and space-saving manner, to ensure the orderly and efficient use and utilisation of offshore connection lines and to plan, construct, commission and use offshore connection lines in parallel with the expansion of electricity generation from offshore wind turbines.

The BSH has dealt with the following topics, among others, in the current amendment and update process of the FEP:

- Spatial definition of areas and sites to achieve the statutory expansion target of at least 40 GW by 2035 and 70 GW by 2045
- Timing of areas in line with the grid development plan
- Spatial and temporal definition of connection lines and platforms
- Spatial definition of cross-border power lines
- Spatial definitions and review of the definition for "interconnections"
- Adaptation of planning principles
- Adaptation of the spatial specifications to the conditions resulting from the previous topics
- Determination of acceleration areas resulting from an adjustment of the legal framework conditions.

A strategic environmental assessment will be carried out to accompany the updating and amendment process.

The preliminary draft of the site development plan and the draft of the scope of the investigation were published on 1 September 2023. An additional online video conference on the documents and the comments of the transmission system operators took place on 2 November 2023.

The scope for the preparation of the environmental reports was established.

The draft site development plan and the environmental reports were prepared on the basis of the results of the consultation and the additional online video conference.

Authorities whose remit is affected have the opportunity to comment on the documents until **8 July 2024**.

The draft site development **plan** and the **environmental** reports for the North Sea and Baltic Sea are available for consultation from **7 June 2024** up to and including **8 July 2024** during opening hours at the BSH libraries in Hamburg and Rostock at the addresses given below.

Opening hours of the BSH libraries

Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency
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Bernhard-Nocht-Straße 78
20359 Hamburg

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
09:00-15:00

Tuesday
09:00-16:00

Friday
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18057 Rostock

Monday, Wednesday and
Thursday

08:30-11:30 and
13:00-15:00

Friday
08:30-11:30 and
13:00-14:00

Tuesday
closed

The public has the opportunity to comment on the documents until **8 August 2024**.
Once the deadline for comments has expired, all comments that are not based on
special private law titles are excluded.

Due to the time frame set, the deadline for comments **cannot** be extended.

The documents are also available on the [BSH website](#).

The BSH welcomes comments on the issues raised in the draft plan.

Please send your comments or remarks to:

by e-mail: EingangOdM@bsh.de

or

Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency
Department O/O15 (Organisation of the Sea)

**Bernhard-Nocht-Str. 78
20359 Hamburg**

In principle, all comments and statements submitted during the procedure will be published on the BSH website. If there are legal reasons preventing full publication, please submit a redacted version suitable for publication. A list of all comments and statements submitted will be published.

The hearing to discuss the main changes to the plan since the preliminary draft, the main contents of the environmental reports and the comments and statements will take place on

**Wednesday, 4 September 2024
at 10:00 a.m.
at the Handwerkskammer
Holstenwall 12, 20355 Hamburg
- Large room 304 -**

The hearing will also take place without the presence of all parties involved. For better planning of the hearing, those submitting comments or statements are requested to register for the hearing by email at EingangOdM@bsh.de by **24 August 2024**.

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