



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF CLIMATE

To the Points of Contact for the Espoo
Convention in Finland, Latvia and
Lithuania

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Regarding the environmental impact assessment of the
offshore wind farm in the Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 areas

On 22 October 2024, Estonia sent a notification¹ in accordance with Article 3 of the Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the project plan to construct an offshore wind farm, along with hydrogen production and algae cultivation, in areas Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 in the Baltic Sea. Latvia and Lithuania indicated their wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter *EIA*) in a transboundary context. Finland informed that the decision on participation in the EIA procedure will be made in the EIA programme stage. Sweden did not indicate its wish to participate in the EIA procedure.

The developer Tuul Energy OÜ² (hereinafter *the Developer*) intends to construct an offshore wind farm in the Baltic Sea in two areas, Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2. Given the proximity of these areas and the anticipated similar environmental impacts of the projects, the EIA procedures for Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 areas have been combined.

The proposed offshore wind farm in the Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 areas will consist of up to 160 wind turbines with a total capacity of up to 2400 MW. The planned maximum power of one wind turbine is up to 25 MW, and the maximum height above sea level is up to 365 meters. The total planned area of the Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 is 252,3 km². Additionally, in the future, the Developer (potentially) plans to construct up to 6 hydrogen production platforms, along with necessary production facilities, and up to 12 algae cultivation facilities. However, this EIA does not include solutions for hydrogen production and aquaculture.

Hereby, the Ministry of Climate of Estonia informs that the project of the wind farm in areas Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 has reached the EIA programme stage. The Developer has submitted the EIA programme in English, along with brief summaries of the EIA programme in Finnish, Latvian and Lithuanian. The documentation includes an overview of the feedback provided by the neighbouring countries at the notification stage, along with the experts' responses. All the aforementioned documentation has been enclosed. Based on the EIA programme that has been declared compliant, the EIA report will be prepared.

¹ Letter No 6-3/24/4624-2

² Previously Deep Wind Offshore AS; on 18 November 2024, Deep Wind Offshore AS submitted a request to the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority to change the data following the transfer of the project to Tuul Energy OÜ.

In Estonia, the public display of the EIA programme will take place from 16 January 2025 to 14 February 2025. The public meeting will be held on 27 February 2025 in Saaremaa municipality.

The Ministry of Climate of Estonia kindly asks Latvia, Lithuania and Finland to respond by **16 March 2025** (email: info@kliimaministeerium.ee) at the latest, and to:

- acknowledge the receipt of this letter;
- provide any comments and proposals regarding the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory;
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country regarding the EIA programme of the project.

The Ministry of Climate of Estonia also kindly asks Finland to inform whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure of the project.

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Sincerely Yours,

(signed electronically)

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Enclosures: EIA programme (in English, summaries in Finnish, Latvian and Lithuanian)

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