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Denmark,  
Germany,  
Poland, and  
Sweden.

## **Notification of Article 10 of the SEA Protocol concerning the decision on selecting offshore wind farm sites within the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone**

In accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (the SEA protocol) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessments in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and with Article 7 of the Directive 2001/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, Finland notified Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden on 23 May 2025 on the Strategic Environmental Assessment of authorities' plans and programmes concerning a draft decision about potential offshore wind farm sites within the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone.

As your State has indicated its wish to enter consultations prior to the adoption of the decision, please find attached the draft Government decision on offshore wind power areas in the Finnish exclusive economic zone and the environmental report on the decision prepared in compliance with the SEA Act. The document is translated in English, German, Polish and Swedish.

### **Information on the planned offshore wind farm site(s) in the Finnish EEZ**

Pursuant to the Act on Offshore Wind Power in the Exclusive Economic Zone (937/2024), the Government may make a decision that concerns reserving a site located in Finland's Exclusive Economic Zone for wind energy generation, competitive tendering regarding the site, and the conditions for using the site. Finland's exclusive economic zone is an international sea area that Finland can exploit for such purposes as offshore wind power production. The Government will make its decision on the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment's presentation. The decision will designate one or more sites in Finland's exclusive economic zone for offshore wind power production as well as specify the timeline for the competitive tendering process concerning concessions to use the site(s) in question. The tendering process will be organised by the Finnish Energy Authority. The decision may additionally impose conditions on the use of the site.

In the SEA procedure, the Strategic Environmental Assessment is limited to the four potential offshore wind farm sites in the exclusive economic zone and the transmission connections to land required for energy generation set out in the draft decision as well as the geographical area affected by their impacts. The total area of the assessed potential offshore wind sites is 921 km<sup>2</sup>. The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment proposes that the Government decides on designating four areas located in Finland's exclusive economic zone for the exploitation of wind power. The decision on area selection is binding to the project developers that are later chosen to develop wind power projects in the areas. This decision is a prerequisite for constructing offshore wind power in the Finnish exclusive economic zone.



## The Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure in Finland

In Finland, the environmental impacts of certain types of plans and programmes of the authorities must be assessed pursuant to the Act on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment (200/2005). This obligation also applies to the Finnish Government's decision on offshore wind farm sited in the exclusive economic zone, even if it is a decision rather than a plan in the strict sense.

The Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment, which is preparing the decision, commissioned Strategic Environmental Assessment of the draft decision. This assessment was conducted by Sweco Finland Ltd. in 2025. Should you require more information, please contact Ms Outi Vilén ([outi.vilen@gov.fi](mailto:outi.vilen@gov.fi)) or Ms Tuuli Oikarinen ([tuuli.oikarinen@gov.fi](mailto:tuuli.oikarinen@gov.fi)) at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

The procedure involves two rounds of consultation. The first phase, between May and July 2025, consulted on the design of the environmental assessment and the preparation of the environmental statement. This is the actual consultation on the draft Government decision and the finalised environmental statement. The comments and views received through the first round of consultations on the draft assessment plan and the description of the current state of the environment have been considered as part of the environmental assessment and have influenced the content.

The public display of the Strategic Environmental Assessment takes place in Finland between 24 October and 2 December 2025.

## Participation in the procedure

Please send the response by email to the Register Office of the Finnish Environment Institute [kirjaamo@syke.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@syke.fi) and [transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi](mailto:transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi) by **12 December 2025 at the latest** and:

- acknowledge the receipt of this notification,
- submit comments on the assessment of the likely impacts of the decision on the environment of your State, including comments and proposals received from the public,

Please indicate our reference number **SYKE/2025/1121** in your response.

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*This document has been electronically signed. The electronic signatures can be verified from the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute.*



## Attachment

Draft Government decision on offshore wind power areas in the exclusive economic zone and the environmental report on the decision prepared in compliance with the SEA Act.

Entscheidungsentwurf der Regierung über die Offshore-Windenergiegebiete in der AWZ und dessen Umweltbericht gemäß dem finnischen SUP-Gesetz.

Projekt decyzji Rady Państwa (rządu) Finlandii w sprawie obszarów morskiej energetyki wiatrowej w obrębie strefy ekonomicznej i odnośny raport środowiskowy sporządzony zgodnie z ustawą SEA.

Utkast till statsrådets beslut om områden för havsbaserad vindkraft i den ekonomiska zonen och dess miljörapport enligt SMB-lagen.

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