



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF CLIMATE

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

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Regarding the Saare Wind Energy OÜ
offshore wind farm project in the west
coast of Saare county

On 9 July 2020, Estonia notified Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Finland concerning the Saare Wind Energy OÜ offshore wind farm project in the west coast of Saare county. Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden indicated its wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure. Finland indicated that it does not intend to participate in the EIA procedure. The EIA programme of the project has been sent to the affected Parties for commenting on 15 April 2021.

The developer Saare Wind Energy OÜ wishes to build an offshore wind farm consisting of a maximum of 100 wind turbines with a total capacity of up to 1400 MW west of the coast of the island Saaremaa in the territorial waters of Estonia, as well as a transmission system up to the point of connection to the general grid for electricity transmission. The envisaged offshore wind farm site is located in wind energy development area No. 2 specified in the Estonian Maritime Spatial Plan.

Hereby we are informing you that the project has reached the EIA report stage: the developer has drawn up the EIA report based on the EIA programme. The developer has prepared a summary of the EIA report in English and also brief summaries in Latvian, Lithuanian and Swedish. All the forementioned documentation has been enclosed. Please be informed that the developer has uploaded the documentation also on the project's webpage <https://swe.ee/en/uudised-ja-materjalid>. Furthermore, also the translated EIA programme documentation from the previous procedural stage can be found on the same webpage.

Estonia kindly asks the affected Parties to respond by 27 October 2023 (e-mail: info@kliimaministeerium.ee) at the latest, and to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country;
- submit the comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country regarding the EIA report.

In Estonia, the public display of the EIA report takes place from 30 August to 29 September 2023. The public hearing meeting will take place on 12 October 2023 in Kuressaare, Saaremaa Municipality (Thule Koda, address Uus 20, starting time 15:00).

Contacts information

- Developer: Saare Wind Energy OÜ – Mr Kuido Kartau, kuido@swe.ee;
- Decision-maker: Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority (i.e. authority carrying out the proceedings regarding the development consent application) – Ms Adeele Vesingi, adeele.vesingi@ttja.ee;
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Sincerely Yours,



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Enclosures: EIA report in English and summaries in Latvian, Lithuanian and Swedish

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Latvia: Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia

Lithuania: Ministry of Environment, Vitalijus Auglys

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