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**Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context
regarding the plans for the offshore wind farm in the Sea of Bothnia in
Sweden's economic zone, Olof Skötkonung.**

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency notified Finland on the 22th of July 2022 of the developers plans to apply for a permit for the "Olof Skötkonung" wind farm. Finland replied to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency that they request to participate in consultations in accordance with the Espoo Convention.

In accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden hereby invites Finland to submit comments on Olof Skötkonung OWF ABs permit application and environmental impact assesment (EIA) for the plans for the offshore windfarm project "Olof Skötkonung" in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's exclusive economic zone.

The planned project

The developer plans to establish an offshore wind farm in the Gulf of Bothnia, northeast of Gävleborg and Uppsala counties, in Sweden's exclusive economic zone, approximately 74km north-west of Åland. The application concerns the establishment of a wind farm comprising a maximum of 70 wind turbines. The wind turbines have a maximum height of 370 meters and an installed capacity of 25 MW per wind turbine. The project area amounts to approximately 480 km². The wind farm is planned to be established with foundations in the seabed. The project area is located near the Natura 2000 Finngrundet (western, eastern and northern bank) and is partly overlapping with the national interest of commercial fishing. Due to the size of the documentation, original documents and appendixes in Swedish will be attached for download.

As the project is located in Sweden's economic zone, a permit is required according to Section 5 of the Swedish Economic Zone Act (1992:1140) to build and operate the facilities. Permits under SEZ are reviewed and decided by the government. To an application in the case of an SEZ permit, an EIA must be drawn up and chapter. 2–4 shall be applied for the examination. and chapter. 5 §§ 3–5 and 18 of the Environmental code.

Upcoming process

The developer has now submitted an environmental impact assessment to the government in accordance with the law (1992:1140) on Sweden's economic zone (SEZ), the government has commissioned the county administrative board of Uppsala to prepare the permit application.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 27th of February 2025** and to:

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

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to:
registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate Case number NV-06333-22 and “Olof Skötkonung” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Permit application (Swedish and Finnish)
ESBO report (Swedish and Finnish)
Compressed EIA (Finnish)

Cc.

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