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Finland's response to the notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the offshore wind farm in Area 1 and Area 2 in the Gulf of Riga

The Finnish Environment Institute acknowledges that Finland has received the notification on 2 October 2024 from Estonia in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention regarding an environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure of the planned offshore wind farm in Area 1 and Area 2 in the Gulf of Riga.

In its notification, Estonia made a reference to the Agreement between Estonia and Finland on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and to the discussions in the 13th meeting of the joint Commission on EIA pointing out that Finland has a possibility to make the decision on participating in the EIA procedure at the EIA programme stage. Therefore, the Finnish Environment Institute considers the received notification as a preliminary notification. Finland intends to make the decision on its participation in the EIA procedure and to provide possible comments at the EIA programme stage. The Finnish Environment Institute requests to receive relevant EIA programme documents in Finnish.

To make the decision on Finland's participation in the EIA procedure, the Finnish Environment Institute points out that the project's possible significant environmental impacts to Finland should be identified in the EIA programme stage. For instance, attention in the impact assessment should be given to bird species which migrate through the project area and use the area for resting and foraging. In addition, assessing cumulative impacts on, for instance, bird and fish populations is important as similar windfarm projects are planned in the Baltic Sea and more precisely in the Gulf of Riga.



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