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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 areas Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 in the Baltic Sea

The Finnish Environment Institute acknowledges that Finland has received the notification on 22 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 areas Saare 2.1 and Saare 2.2 in the Baltic Sea.

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 on Finland should be identified at the EIA programme stage. For instance, attention in the impact assessment should be given to the marine ecosystem as well as migratory birds. As several wind farm projects are planned in the Baltic Sea, assessing potential combined and cumulative impacts is important as well. In addition, since hydrogen production and algae cultivation are planned alongside the offshore wind farm, the Finnish Environment Institute emphasises the importance of assessing the environmental impacts of these planned activities comprehensively.



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