



**Ministry of Environment  
and Food of Denmark**  
Environmental  
Protection Agency

To point of Contact for Espoo Convention in: Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia,  
Lithuania, Russian Federation and Sweden as per the enclosed list

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### **Notification regarding Aflandshage offshore windfarm in Øresund**

According to Article 3 of the Espoo Convention on 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1991, regarding the environment impact assessment across country boundaries, the Ministry of Environment submits a notification on the initiation of the environmental assessment of the Aflandshage offshore windfarm. The notification is made in relation with the public hearing and hearing of affected authorities, which must be made prior to the delimitation of the environmental assessment report in accordance with the Act on Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programs and Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects.

#### **The project**

Hovedstadens Forsyningsselskab (HOFOR) is planning an offshore windfarm with the capacity of max. 250 MW consisting of up to 25 turbines of each 10 MW capacity or up to 63 turbines of each 4 MW capacity located in the Øresund.

This notification includes a description of the project, map showing the location of the project, as well as a description of the environmental conditions, which the Danish Energy Agency currently expects to be assessed in the environmental assessment report.

#### **Approval process by authorities**

The Act on Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programs and Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects, Appendix 2, condition 3 covers the project and it has been decided that the preparation of an environmental assessment of the project should be undertaken.

The idea phase of the environmental assessment begins on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2019 and continues until the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. During the idea phase, the public, affected authorities and other interested parties will have the opportunity to come with ideas and suggestions in relation to, what should be included within the environmental assessment. After the consultation process the Danish Energy Agency will review all consultation responses and prepare a statement to HOFOR, which will determine the requirements of the environmental assessment report to be subsequently prepared. The statement will also include requirements regarding the contents of the environmental assessment report relating to cross country border impacts. The EIA will later be sent into public hearing.

**Request for consultation response**

There is hereby a request to provide the following information regarding Article 3 of Espoo Convention and participation in the Danish environmental assessment process for the Aflandshage offshore windfarm:

- Receipt to confirm information has been received
- Information on, whether recipients of this letter wishes to participate in the Danish environmental assessment process
- Detailed comments on the project and possible cross border environmental impacts to be examined in the environmental assessment report from the public and authorities in your country

It is requested that the consultation responses are received no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Yours sincerely,



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