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Notification in accordance with Article 10 of the protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo convention regarding the plan and Strategic Assessment for Energy Island Bornholm in Denmark

Denmark hereby informs you of the upcoming consultation in connection with the scoping phase for the plan and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) regarding Energy Island Bornholm.

As announced in the previous letter from 14 October 2021, the scoping phase for Energy Island Bornholm is scheduled to commence in November 2021. The Danish Energy Agency (DEA) will conduct a public hearing of 5 weeks in Denmark and consequently a corresponding 5 weeks Espoo hearing according to Article 10 of the protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo-convention. The consultation period will be conducted from **8 November 2021 to 13 December 2021**.

Background

In June 2020, a broad majority of the Danish Parliament adopted a climate agreement on green transformation of industry and the energy sector. According to the agreement Denmark will initiate the construction of the world's first two energy islands: one on the island of Bornholm with a capacity of 2 GW offshore wind, and one in the North Sea with initially 3 GW offshore wind and with a long-term capacity of at least 10 GW offshore wind.

On 29 of November 2020, the Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities instructed the Danish TSO Energinet to carry out, among other things, preliminary site investigations, including environmental surveys and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the plan for Energy Island Bornholm. The SEA of the plan for the Energy Island Bornholm is expected to be approved in Q1 2023.

The Energy Island Bornholm

Energy Island Bornholm in the Baltic Sea will consist of two offshore wind farms connected to the Island of Bornholm and cable connections to Zealand and neighbouring countries. The offshore windfarms will be located south of Bornholm.

Environmental Assessment Process

The at present initiated Strategic Environmental Assessment process and the following steps of the environmental assessment process for Energy Island Bornholm will include:

- **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

Prior to commencement of the tender process for the offshore windfarms, the DEA will conduct a SEA of the plan for the Energy Island Bornholm covering both the onshore and offshore developments.

Timeline: 2021/2023

- **Environmental Impact Assessment – Onshore**

The Danish TSO Energinet will conduct EIA of the specific projects onshore from the landfall and onwards to the point of connection to the high-voltage station.

Expected timeline: 2022/2024.

- **Environmental Impact Assessment – Offshore wind**

An EIA of the specific project for offshore wind and up to the landfall at Bornholm is to be carried out after the concession winner for the offshore windfarms has been appointed, and the specific project has been described in sufficient detail.

The concession winner is to carry out and complete the project-specific EIA offshore. The EIA report must comply with current regulations in the Environmental Assessment Act, and there must be relevant consultations etc. An approved EIA report is required before the Danish Energy Agency can issue a licence for construction of the offshore wind farm.

Expected timeline: 2026/2028

Espoo Consultation

The following materials are available to you as part of the Espoo Consultation:

- A note on the framework of the plan for the Energy Island Bornholm
- A draft of the scoping decision for the plan for Energy Island Bornholm
- Danish Energy Agency English website for the Energy Islands:
<https://ens.dk/en/our-responsibilities/wind-power/energy-islands/denmarks-energy-islands>
- Danish Energy Agency website for the public consultation:
<https://ens.dk/ansvarsomraader/vindenergi/udbud-paa-havvindmoelleomraadet/danmarks-energioeer-1>

Denmark, as Party of origin, kindly asks you to answer to the following no later than **13 December 2021**:

- Please acknowledge receipt of the present notification and let us know if you wish to participate in the SEA-process,
- Please submit any comments you might have concerning the hearing material.

Please kindly send your comments to Espoo@mst.dk with reference to journal number **2021-2094**.

For more information about the SEA for Energy Island Bornholm:

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If you have any questions regarding the Energy Island Bornholm related to the Espoo consultation, do not hesitate to contacting us for clarifications at Espoo@mst.dk.

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