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Ämne: Response to the notification pursuant to Art. 3 of the Espoo-convention, OWF Bothnia (SYKE/2023/392)
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Sweden's response to the notification from Finland pursuant Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context [Espoo Convention] regarding the planned offshore wind farm "Bothnia"

Please see attached Swedish responses to the notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo-Convention regarding the planned offshore wind farm *Bothnia* in Finland's exclusive economic zone.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency hereby acknowledges having received the notification and hereby expresses the wish for Sweden to participate in the upcoming Espoo-process.

Enclosed, statements made in Swedish

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

On behalf of,

Richard KRISTOFFERSSON

Point of Contact for the Espoo Convention

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Från: Helminen Ulla <Ulla.Helminen@syke.fi>

Skickat: den 27 juni 2024 16:14

Till: Hundertmark, Emma <Emma.Hundertmark@Naturvardsverket.se>; transboundaryEIA.SEA <transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi>

Kopia: Kristoffersson, Richard <Richard.Kristoffersson@Naturvardsverket.se>

Ämne: RE: Missing reply to notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm project "Bothnia" in Finland's exclusive economic zo

Dear Emma,

Thank you very much for the clarification. We look forward to receiving your reply by 1 July 2024. Meanwhile, I will inform the Centre for Economic Development, Transport, and the Environment of Southwest Finland of the delay.

Best regards,

Ulla

From: Emma.Hundertmark@Naturvardsverket.se <Emma.Hundertmark@Naturvardsverket.se>

Sent: torstai 27. kesäkuuta 2024 17.00

To: [transboundaryEIA.SEA](mailto:transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi) <transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi>

Cc: Helminen Ulla <Ulla.Helminen@syke.fi>; Richard.Kristoffersson@Naturvardsverket.se

Subject: Sv: Missing reply to notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm project "Bothnia" in Finland's exclusive economic zo

Dear Ulla,
thank you for your patience!

After having conferred with our colleagues, it seems like the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency has had a technical malfunction when sending out the national notification. Our preliminary assessment is that Sweden intends to participate in the EIA-procedure for OWF Bothnia. We are currently discussing internally and with the team at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management about our formal response that we feel confident will reach you by Monday, June 1st at the latest. It will, nevertheless, be less extensive than usual. In order to further to remedy this error, we will also reach out to the national parties that were to be included by early next week to make sure that they are prepared for the steps ahead.

Again, I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience caused.

Best regards,
Emma

Från: [transboundaryEIA.SEA](mailto:transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi) <transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi>

Skickat: den 27 juni 2024 13:57

Till: Hundertmark, Emma <Emma.Hundertmark@Naturvardsverket.se>; Helminen Ulla <Ulla.Helminen@syke.fi>

Ämne: RE: Missing reply to notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm project "Bothnia" in Finland's exclusive economic zo

Dear Emma,

Thank you for your quick reply. Can you please confirm as soon as possible whether Sweden intends to participate in the EIA procedure and if you have collected any response and when it would be possible for you to send the reply? If you intend to participate, please note that the Finnish authorities have a legal deadline to process the response, and the deadline of 26.6.2024 was already stretching it, so the absolute latest you should provide your answer is Monday 1.7.2024. Can you make that happen?

Best regards,

Ulla

From: Emma.Hundertmark@Naturvardsverket.se <Emma.Hundertmark@Naturvardsverket.se>

Sent: torstai 27. kesäkuuta 2024 14.39

To: transboundaryEIA.SEA <transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi>

Subject: Sv: Missing reply to notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm project "Bothnia" in Finland's exclusive economic zo

Dear Ulla,

Thank you for your email and the reminder that the Swedish response regarding OWF Bothnia has not yet reached you.

I will have a look at the case but will, unfortunately not, be able to provide a response from our part before you leave for vacation. I apologize for the inconvenience caused.

Regards,

Emma

Emma HUNDERTMARK

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Från: transboundaryEIA.SEA <transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi>

Skickat: den 27 juni 2024 13:30

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Ämne: Missing reply to notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm project "Bothnia" in Finland's exclusive economic zo

Resending the email below.

From: transboundaryEIA.SEA

Sent: torstai 27. kesäkuuta 2024 14.25

To: 'emma.hundertmark@naturvardsverklet.se' <emma.hundertmark@naturvardsverklet.se>;

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Cc: Syke Kirjaamo <Kirjaamo@syke.fi>; Helminen Ulla <Ulla.Helminen@syke.fi>

Subject: Missing reply to notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm project "Bothnia" in Finland's exclusive economic zone

Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, 26 June 2024, was the deadline for the attached notification. We did not receive any reply from Sweden. In accordance with the extract of the notification letter below, could you please provide your answer? I am leaving on holidays tomorrow, so could you please reply by 12 o'clock tomorrow (Finnish time)?

Best regards,

Ulla

Participation in the EIA procedure

The public display of the EIA programme takes place in Finland from 16 April to 14 June 2024. Contracting Parties to the Espoo Convention have the right to participate in the EIA procedure in another country if a project under assessment may have adverse environmental impacts on that state. **Please send the response by e-mail to the register office of the Finnish Environment Institute (kirjaamo@syke.fi) and transboundaryEIA.SEA@syke.fi by 26 June 2024 at the latest and:**

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
- indicate whether your state intends to participate in the EIA procedure,
- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the likely significant environmental impacts of the project affecting your state, and
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country.

Please indicate our reference number SYKE/2023/392 in your letter.

Ulla Helminen

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