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Authorities and public participation of the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency on the site development plan and the environmental reports (North Sea and Baltic Sea) within the framework of the strategic environmental assessment

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(please quote in your answer)
080001-5442/003

Dear Sir or Madam,

According to §§ 4ff. WindSeeG, the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency (BSH) amends and updates the site development plan.

The site development plan with its designations serves to promote the development of offshore wind energy and grid connection lines that are required for this. Its purpose is to achieve the legally set expansion targets for offshore wind energy, to expand electricity generation from offshore wind turbines in a spatially ordered and with an efficient use of space, to ensure the orderly and efficient use and utilisation of offshore grid connections and to plan, construct, commission and use offshore grid connections in parallel with the expansion of electricity generation from offshore wind turbines.

BSH addresses i.a. the following topics in the procedure of revision and amendment of the site development plan:

- spatial and temporal definition of additional areas and sites for the further expansion of offshore wind energy,
- revision of the determination of installed capacities, taking into account current research results,
- spatial and temporal determination of grid connections and platforms,
- adaptation of standardized technical and planning principles,
- adjustment of spatial determinations resulting from the preceding topics,
- further determinations resulting from the prospective adjustments of the legal framework.

A strategic environmental assessment is being carried out concomitantly.

The preliminary draft of the site development plan and the draft of the scope of the strategic environmental impact assessment were published



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on 17.12.2021. An online hearing on the (preliminary) draft documents and the comments of the transmission system operators took place on 26.01.2022. An extended preliminary draft was published on 14.04.2022. The consultation period ended on 05.05.2022.

The North Sea and Baltic Sea riparian states were notified by letter dated 08.04.2022 in accordance with § 60 UVPG/ESPOO Convention.

The scope of the investigation for the preparation of the environmental reports of the strategic environmental impact assessment was established.

Based on the results of the consultation and the hearing, the draft site development plan and the environmental reports were prepared.

The national authority and public participation was initiated on 01.07.2022.

The documents were made available for inspection at the BSH's offices in Hamburg and Rostock. In addition, the documents are available in German on the BSH website at:

https://www.bsh.de/DE/THEMEN/Offshore/Meeresfachplanung/meeresfachplanung_node.html

For the transboundary participation and on the basis of feedback on the notification of 08.04.2022, the draft documents are available in the following languages at this link:

[BSH - Meeresfachplanung](#)

- Cover letter (German, English, Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Dutch)
- Draft site development plan (German, English, Danish, Swedish, Finnish, Dutch)
- Environmental Report North Sea (German, English, Danish, Dutch)
- Environmental Report Baltic Sea (German, English, Danish, Swedish, Finnish)

Authorities and private parties in the North Sea and Baltic Sea States have the opportunity to comment on the draft documents until 10.10.2022 [two months].

Due to the prescribed time frame, the deadline for comments can principally **not** be extended.

The BSH welcomes comments on the questions raised in the draft plan.

It is requested that comments and statements are to be addressed to:

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or by e-mail to **EingangOdM@bsh.de**

In principle, all comments and statements submitted in the procedure will be published on the BSH website. If complete publication is barred by legal reasons, please submit a blacked-out version suitable for publication. A list of all comments and statements submitted will be published.

In addition, an online appointment on

Thursday, 15.09.2022
at 09:00 a.m.

will be offered.

The online appointment will be held in German.

If you wish to attend a meeting to discuss possible transboundary environmental impacts, please let me know by 16.09.2022. I will then organise a separate date.

Procedural overview:

Initiation of the procedure	17.12.21
Publication of the preliminary draft of the Site Development Plan and the draft scope	17.12.21
Opportunity for comment (national)	18.01.22
Hearing date/Scoping (national)	26.01.22
Early notification (transboundary)	08.04.22
Determination of the scope of the environmental report	30.06.22
Elaboration draft Site Development Plan and draft environmental report	01.07.22
Participation of public authorities and the public (national) und transboundary consultations (transboundary)	Q3/22
Online appointment	15.09.22
If necessary: further participation steps	Q3-Q4/22
Elaboration and coordination/consent final site development plan and environmental reports	Q3-Q4/22
Public announcement (national) and Information on adoption of the plan (transboundary)	Q1/23

With kind regards
On behalf of

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