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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm called “Fyrskeppet” in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's exclusive economic zone.

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies Finland regarding the plans for offshore windfarm “Fyrskeppet” in the Sea of Bothnia.

Information on the project

The developer, Fyrskeppet Offshore AB (FYOAB), is investigating the possibility to establish an offshore wind farm northeast of the coast of Gävle in the Bothnian Sea. The area holds up to 215 wind turbines and is approximately 534 km² large. The activity refers to a group station for wind power with a total height of 350 m. For the wind farm with associated export cables to be implemented, a permit is required in accordance with the Sweden's Economic Zone Act (1992: 1140), the Act on the Continental Shelf (1966: 314) and the Swedish environmental code. For export cables, a permit is required for water activities in accordance with the environmental code and permits in accordance with the Electricity Act from the Energy Market Inspectorate. The export cables are a sequel to the wind farm and will be tested in a special order. The application area is in the Bothnian Sea and cross-border impact cannot be ruled out.

Attached to this notification letter contains consultation documents provided by the developer in Swedish and Finnish which further explains the proposed project.

Future permit applications with associated EIA will be designed based on what emerges during the consultations.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond **no later than the 21th of April 2022** at the latest and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-01248-22 and “Fyrskeppet” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish)

Consultation document translated (Finnish)

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