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Answer to the notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the wind farm Baltica-1 in the Polish Economic Zone (EEZ)

Finland has received notification on 3 April, 2013 from Poland concerning the environmental impact assessment (EIA) of the wind farm Baltica-1 within the Polish EEZ. The notification was made in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention. Included with the notification was a Project Description document of the project.

Finland has given the public and the authorities the possibility to comment the Project Description document during 26.4.-20.5.2013. Due to the national legislation the Ministry of the Environment needed to translate the provided Swedish version of the document partly into Finnish which has prolonged the possibility to put the material out for comments. Therefore Finland is not able to provide comments within the given one month dead line period. Due to the fact that already another similar project has been notified by Poland, Finland is able to state that it will participate in the EIA of the Baltica-1 project. Finland will make comments on the Project Description document with an additional statement to Poland by 24 May 2013.

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