

**Workshop on  
“Planning offshore windfarms in line with Natura 2000 requirements: legal frame, impacts,  
investigation standards and procedures”**

**29-30 May 2008 in Sigulda, Latvia**

*AGENDA*

**Thursday, May 29, 2008**

9.00            **Opening and introduction**

*Ms. Heidrun Fammler, BEF*

**SESSION I: Current situation with regard to legal framework and planned offshore windfarm projects in the Baltic States**

9.15            **Baltic country reports:**

**Latvia** by *Mr. Raimonds Kašs, Ministry of the Environment & Mr. Edgars Bojars, BEF*

**Lithuania** by *Ms. Migle Masaityte, Ministry of the Environment*

**Estonia** by *Ms. Irma Pakkonen, Ministry of the Environment, et al.*

- *legal framework concerning wind energy and especially planning and building of offshore windfarms*
  - a.        *current situation, responsible authorities*
  - b.        *gaps, main problems*
- *current plans for offshore windfarms*
- *potential conflicts with Natura 2000*
- *next steps, potential solutions for problems*

10.15          Discussion on gaps and solutions

10.45          Coffee break

**SESSION II: Experience from other EU countries: current situation regarding offshore windfarms, legal framework and procedures, marine spatial planning**

11.15          **Overview of the situation in Sweden**

*Mr. Ebbe Adolfsson, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency*

11.45          **Overview of the situation in Denmark**

*Mr. Jesper Kyed Larsen, Vattenfall, Denmark*

12.00          **Overview of the situation in the Netherlands**

*Mr. Jakob Asjes, Institute for Marine Resources & Ecosystem Studies (IMARES), Netherlands*

12.30          **Legal Provisions for Off-Shore Wind Energy and Off-Shore Spatial Planning in Germany**

*Ms. Anne Barbara Walter, Federal Environment Agency, Germany*

12.45          Lunch

13.45          **Offshore wind energy and marine spatial planning in Germany**

*Mr. Nico Nolte, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Germany*

14.30          Discussion

15.30          Coffee break

### SESSION III: Investigations and impact assessments at different scale

16.00	<b>Standards for offshore wind farms in the German Exclusive Economic Zone</b> <i>Mr. Nico Nolte, Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency, Germany</i>
16.30	<b>EIA and Natura 2000 assessment for marine protected areas</b> <i>Mr. Jan Kube, Institute for Applied Ecology, Germany</i>
17.00	<b>Questions and discussion</b>
17.30	<b>Ecological research initiated by the German Federal Government in the North and Baltic Seas in relation to the planned use of wind energy</b> <i>Mr. Jan Kube, Institute for Applied Ecology, Germany</i>
18.00	Questions and discussion
18.30	End of the working day
19.00	Dinner

### Day 2 Friday, May 30, 2008

9.00	Review and preview
9.15	<b>The environmental monitoring programme at Horns Rev and Nysted offshore wind farms, Denmark</b> <i>Mr. Jesper Kyed Larsen, Vattenfall, Denmark</i>
9.45	<b>Avian avoidance behaviour and collision risk: Experiences from the offshore wind farms at Horns Rev and Nysted</b> <i>Mr. Anthony David Fox et al., National Environmental Research Institute, Denmark</i>
10.15	<b>The Monitoring &amp; Evaluation Programme at Egmond aan Zee offshore windfarm and We@Sea project</b> <i>Mr. Jakob Asjes, Institute for Marine Resources &amp; Ecosystem Studies (IMARES), Netherlands</i>
11.00	Coffee break

### SESSION IV: Working groups

11.30	<b>Working groups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Learning points for the Baltic States from the workshop</li><li>- Next steps to do, planning tasks and responsibilities</li><li>- Minimum requirements for investigations, standards? Most important investment needs?</li></ul>
13.00	<b>Reports from working groups</b>
13.30	<b>Conclusions and closing</b>
14.00	Lunch and departure