

Invitation to a market dialogue about the site investigations for the energy islands in the North Sea and Baltic Sea

During week 25, the Danish Energy Agency will host a market dialogue for bidders and businesses regarding site investigations for the future energy islands in the North Sea and Baltic Sea.

The market dialogue is part of the initial preparations for future tenders concerning the energy islands in the North Sea and Baltic Sea. The final tender framework will be determined later on during a political process.

Market dialogue - purpose and focus

The market dialogue is about the planned site investigations for the energy islands in the North Sea and Baltic Sea. Site investigations include geophysical, geotechnical and environmental investigations, and are undertaken by the Danish TSO Energinet.

The market dialogue will be initiated in week 25 and the purpose is to discuss the most important parts of the planned content and time schedule for the site investiations. Potential bidders and relevant businesses will have the opportunity to contribute with expert knowledge to the ongoing work on the energy islands, and to ensure that the scope of site investigations is appropriate.

The purpose is to optimize the framework for the energy islands, in order to receive as thorough and qualified bids as possible and in order to ensure the best and most cost effective solution for establishing the energy islands for the benefit of the society.

Market dialogue - participation

From week 25 until the 14th of July 2021 the market actors will have the opportunity to give written comments on electronic material distributed by the Danish Energy Agency.

It will be possible for the participants to forward written comments to the Danish Energy Agency. Input from the market dialogue will be part of the following political discussions about the tender framework concerning the energy island.

Background:

- In February 2021, the parties behind the <u>climate agreement of 22nd of June</u> have decided to establish the energy island in the North Sea as an artificial island for the purpose of collecting and distributing the power from adjacent offshore wind farms. Initially, the energy island in the North Sea will handle the power production from 3 GW windmills but in the end, the capacity will be expanded to 10 GW.
- The parties behind the climate agreement also agreed on the location of the artificial island and the first 3 GW off shore wind farms. The island and the offshore wind farms will be located in the North Sea at least 80 km west of Thorsminde. In the Baltic Sea, the offshore wind farms will be located at least 20 km south and southwest of the island Bornholm.

Further information

You will find further information about the Danish energy island and the market dialogue on the Danish Energy Agency website.

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