



To points of contact for Espoo Convention in:
Sweden, Germany and Poland

**Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the
Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the
amendment to the EIA-report for Kriegers Flak offshore
windfarm**

Denmark is conducting an Espoo consultation for the amendment to the EIA-report (2015) for Kriegers Flak offshore windfarm. The Danish Energy Agency finds that environmental impacts from the project not described in the original EIA-report is of minor significance and not causing significant adverse effects. The Danish Energy Agency expects to issue final EIA-permit and approval of the project in January 2020.

In 2012 the EIA-process for Kriegers Flak offshore windfarm was notified according to article 3 of the Espoo Convention. Denmark, as Party of Origin, received your response where you indicated your wish to participate in the EIA procedure.

The EIA-report itself was submitted for Espoo consultation in December 2015 where responses was received from Germany and Sweden. Attached to this letter you will find the official note dated June 2016 in which the Danish Energy Agency has listed the received consultation responses and reply to responses. A construction license for the Kriegers Flak offshore windfarm was issued to Vattenfall in December 2016.

According to the construction license, Vattenfall had to submit a detailed project plan to the Danish Energy Agency for final approval. The detailed project plan contains information on the selected wind turbines, specific layout of the offshore windfarm, detailed plan for the construction works etc. and documentation supporting that the detailed project is covered by the EIA. The Danish Energy Agency received the detailed project plan in May 2019.

under construction, or the offshore substations, which are not affected by the detailed project.

Evaluation of the amendment to the EIA-report

The Danish Energy Agency has examined the amendment to the EIA-report prior to the public hearing and Espoo consultation and finds, that the additional environmental impacts overall are of minor significance and not causing significant adverse effects. It should be noted that the Danish Maritime Authority has approved the navigational risk in June 2019 based on an updated analysis of the navigational risk from the detailed project. It should also be noted that Vattenfall is required to follow the Danish guidelines from mitigation of impacts on marine mammals, which will ensure that no significant adverse effects from the pile driving are suffered by the affected species.

The Danish Energy Agency thus expects to be able to give Vattenfall the final approval of the detailed project and final EIA-permit in week 3 of 2020 with scheduled construction to start in February 2020 and with final deadline for the connection of the windfarm to the grid by January 1st 2022.

Consultation process

Denmark, as the Party of Origin, would like to draw your attention to the obligation of the concerned parties to arrange for distribution of the documentation to the authorities and the public in the areas likely to be affected.

Denmark would also like to emphasize that the consultation is *only* in relation to the amendment to the EIA-report and the impacts from the detailed project not covered by the EIA-report from 2015. This consultation does *not* regard the project or the EIA-report itself, since these were subject to public hearing and Espoo consultation in December 2015 and that construction permit for the project was given in December 2016.

Final approval of the detailed project, including the final EIA-permit, is awaiting the public hearing and Espoo consultation of this amendment to the EIA-report.

For your information, the public, NGOs and the authorities in Denmark will be consulted on the supplementary EIA documentation from the 22nd of October until the 17th of December 2019.

Denmark kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 17th of December 2019** and to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country from Denmark,

List of EIA documentation

1. Non-technical summary of the amendment to the EIA-report and report on the transboundary effects, dated October 2019 (*available in Danish, German and Polish*)
2. Official note by the Danish Energy Agency, dated June 2016, on the replies from the Espoo consultation of December 2015 and the agency's response to the raised issues (*available in English*).
3. Non-technical summary of the EIA-report from 2015 (*available in English*)

Item 1- 3, documents relevant for the transboundary environmental impact assessment, can also be downloaded from the Danish Energy Agency's website

<https://ens.dk/service/hoeringer/offentlig-hoering-af-tillaeg-til-vvm-rapport-kriegers-flak-havvindmoellepark>

The link to the Danish Energy Agency's website will be active from the 22nd of October 2019.

For more information about the project and the amendment to the EIA-report

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