

## Program for the Technical Dialogue for Hesselø Offshore Wind Farm from late October to late November 2021

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The Danish Energy Agency (DEA) and Energinet will conduct a technical dialogue for potential bidders regarding Hesselø Offshore Wind Farm from late October to late November 2021.

### **Purpose and focus of the Technical Dialogue**

In June 2021, the DEA put the call for tender for Hesselø OWF on hold after pre-investigations revealed soft clay formations at the Hesselø-site. Since, further analyses have been completed and the full geophysical report has just been published on <http://www.ens.dk/hesselo> in the section preliminary investigations (please see below how to access data) while the draft report and data from the geotechnical pre-investigations are expected in late October. After this, the DEA and Energinet would like to discuss with potential bidders how the findings affect the attractiveness of the tender.

On the basis of the geophysical and geotechnical reports and data, the technical dialogue will focus on the following three main questions:

1. Given the newly published data about the soft clay sediments at the site, is the tender of Hesselø OWF still considered attractive within the current framework?
2. If the tender of Hesselø OWF is not considered attractive within the current framework, what changes could be suggested in order to make the project attractive, i.e. in terms of changes in the subsidy-cap, project timetable or other relevant factors?
3. If relevant, to what extent is the soft clay formations at the Hesselø site expected to affect project economics?

These three main questions will be supplemented by a few more detailed questions for potential bidders to provide responses to in an input-file, which the DEA will make public late October.

In the technical dialogue, the DEA intends to only discuss the questions posed by DEA and elements of the tender related to or affected by the site conditions. Reflections or comments etc. to non-related elements will therefore not be taken into account in the DEAs later evaluation of the received responses.

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### **Participation in the Technical Dialogue**

The technical dialogue will consist of a virtual seminar, written feedback provided by the potential bidders and, if requested, individual meetings between DEA, Energinet and potential bidders.

Participation in the technical dialogue and the answers provided as part of the dialogue are non-binding to the participants.

If participants in the technical dialogue request that certain information provided as part of the dialogue be kept confidential for competition reasons, the DEA will be able to meet such requests if they do not infringe the obligations under the Freedom of Information Act (Access to Public Administration Files Act), the Danish Public Administration Act, the Environmental Information Act and the Public Procurement rules (in particular the principles of equal treatment and transparency). The information received will under no circumstances be used to provide a competitive advantage to a single market player.

#### *Virtual seminar*

The DEA and Energinet will host a virtual seminar, to be held on **15 November 2021 at 1 - 3 PM (CET (UTC+1), Copenhagen Time)**.

Here, the DEA and Energinet will present the preliminary findings from the pre-investigations regarding the seabed. During the meeting, it will be possible for the participants to post short written questions, which the DEA and Energinet will answer immediately if possible and found to be relevant.

Please sign up to the online seminar by sending an email to [hesselo@ens.dk](mailto:hesselo@ens.dk) no later than 8 November 2021. The DEA will send a meeting invitation including a Teams link prior to the date of the seminar.

The presentations from the seminar will later be made available. The presentations and the technical pre-investigation reports and data will form the basis of the dialogue.

#### *Individual meetings*

Following the seminar, potential bidders and groups of several commercial operators (e.g. a consortium) can request an individual meeting with the DEA and Energinet. Meetings will be either virtual or held at the DEA's office in Copenhagen, with a duration of one hour.

The meetings can take place on either: 22, 23 or 24 November 2021.

Meeting requests should be sent to [hesselo@ens.dk](mailto:hesselo@ens.dk) no later than 17 November 2021.

The DEA reserves the right to reject meeting requests from market actors which are not viewed as potential bidders. The DEA also reserves the right to reject meeting requests if a high number of total meeting requests means that all meetings cannot be held during the three days allocated to the market dialogue. Furthermore, the DEA can reject requests for meetings, if the DEA finds this justified on objective grounds.

*Written feedback*

In addition to the virtual seminar and eventual individual meetings, the DEA encourages all potential bidders to also submit written recommendations and answers to the questions raised by the DEA in an input-file which is expected to be made available 25 October 2021. The request to submit feedback in writing is to ensure that all feedback is gathered in structured manner.

The deadline for submitting written feedback is 26 November 2021.

**Timetable for the Technical Dialogue**

Soft sediment lab-results released	4 August 2021
Geophysical survey report and data published	7 October 2021
Geotechnical survey draft report and data published	Expected 25 October 2021
Input-file released	Expected 25 October 2021
Deadline for registration for the virtual seminar	8 November 2021
Virtual Seminar	15 November 2021, 1-3 PM
Deadline for requesting individual meetings	17 November 2021
Individual meetings if requested	22, 23, 24 November 2021
Deadline for submission of written answers and recommendations in the input-file	26 November 2021

### **Access to Reports and Data**

Reports from completed investigations can be accessed on [ens.dk/hesselo](https://ens.dk/hesselo) (preliminary investigations).

All data will be available on an FTP-server managed by Energinet. The data is made available for free. The Energinet FTP- server can be accessed as follows:

1. Interested bidders must send a request to the DEA to get access to the site. The request should be sent to by email to [hesselo@ens.dk](mailto:hesselo@ens.dk), and include the following information:
  - a. Applicant name (company name or name of the consortium)
  - b. Applicant's contact person, name
  - c. Applicant's contact person, email
  - d. Applicant's contact person, telephone number
  
2. Energinet will send guidelines to the applicant on how to access the FTP server, including username and password.

The FTP site will be updated with data according to the indicative timetable found at [ens.dk/hesselo](https://ens.dk/hesselo) (preliminary investigations)