

# **Background**

## **- HELCOM Recommendation on seabirds and wind farms**

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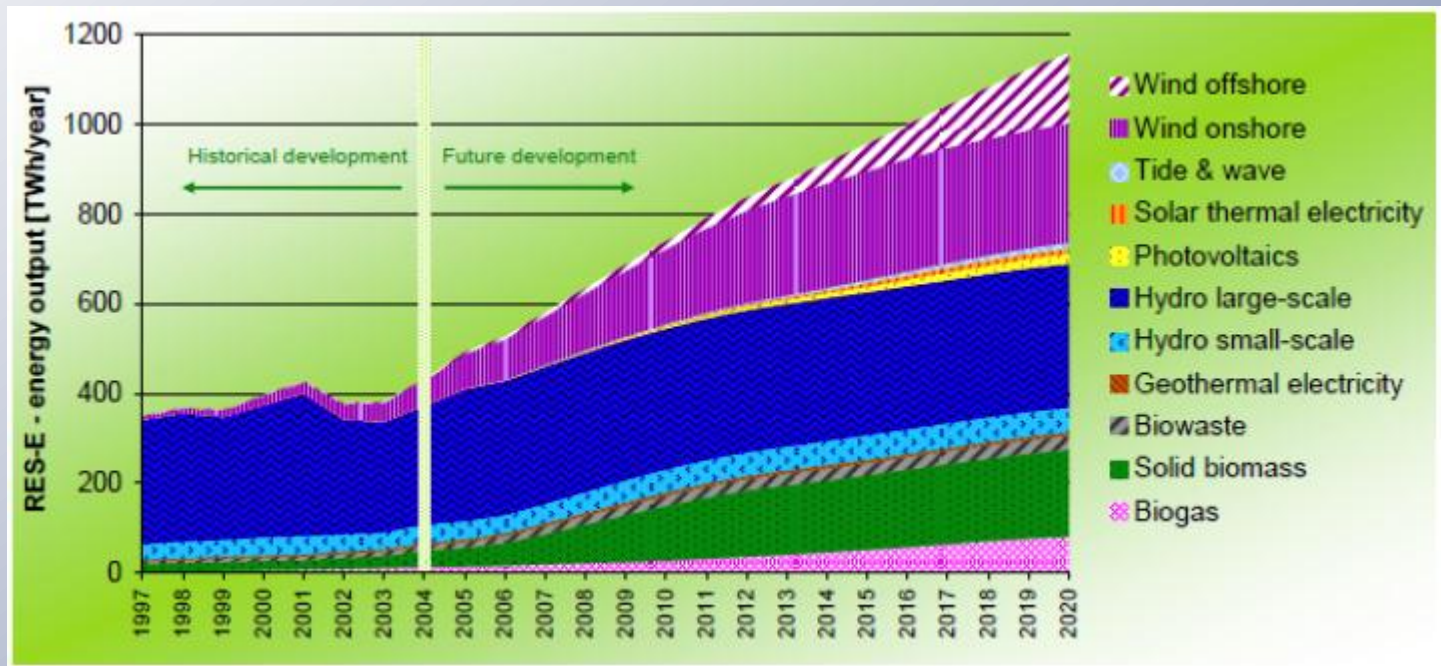
# Seabirds

- Important part of the Baltic Sea ecosystem
- Decline in seabird populations



# Offshore wind farms

Offshore wind industry in the Baltic Sea is expanding (EU 20-20-20)



Source: EU Commission report "Wind energy developments and Natura 2000"



# Wind farms may impact birds via

- Collisions
- Disturbance
- Habitat modification and loss



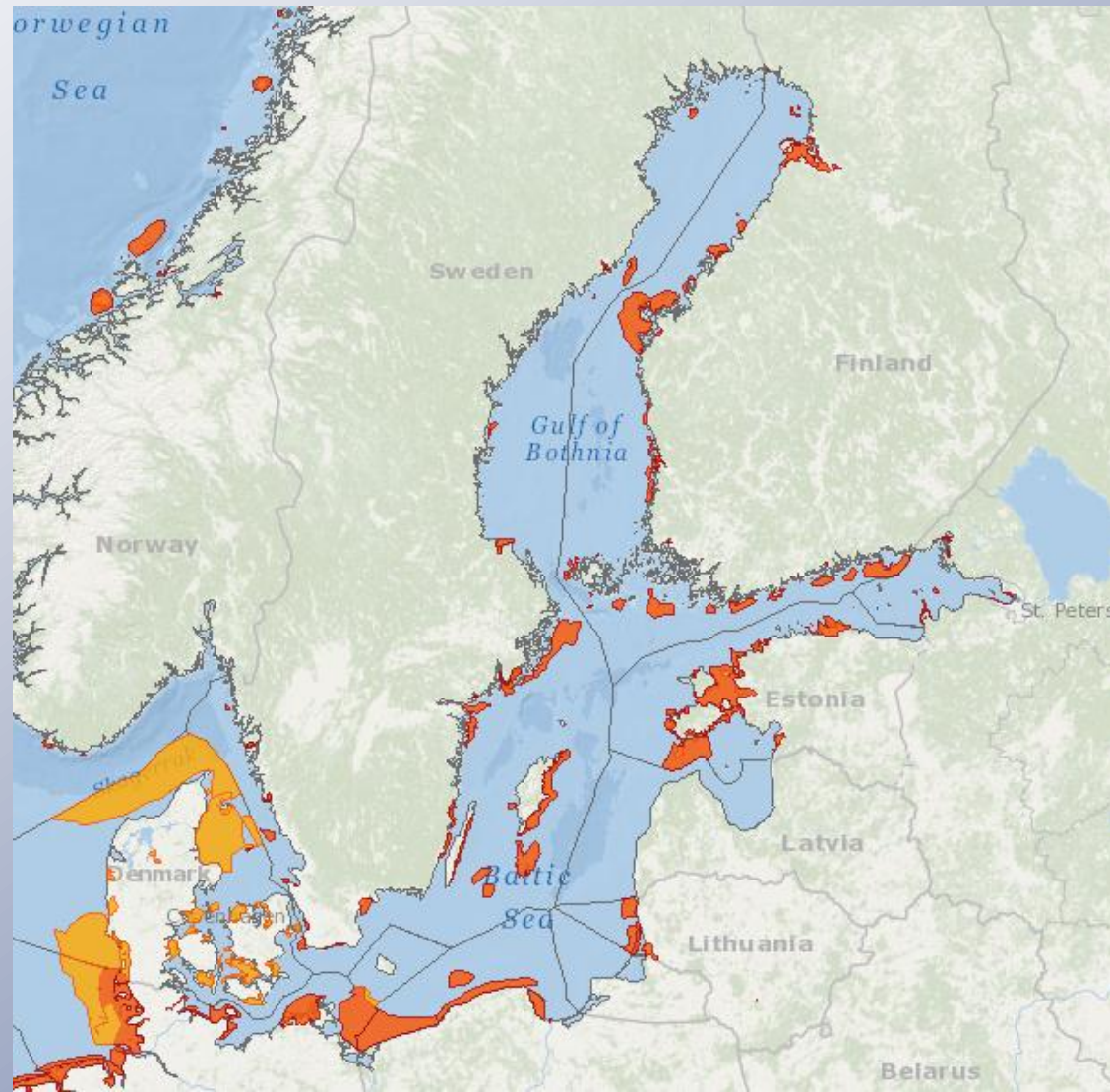


# Migratory routes



# Important Bird Areas

Offshore  
banks and  
shallow  
coastal  
areas





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