

VASAB webinar on sharing the knowledge

Offshore wind energy: Challenges and opportunities emerging from new European expansion targets

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Agenda

Offshore wind energy has been a key sector of the blue economy for many years. Framed by the European Green Deal and pushed by renewable energy targets and the desire to achieve energy independence, it is now set to experience renewed growth in the BSR. While maritime spatial planning is an important enabler of offshore wind energy expansion, it also has to anticipate conflicts that may arise with other interests and competing sea uses.

This webinar will discuss the consequences of offshore wind energy expansion for the environment and other sectors. Examples from around the BSR will illustrate how maritime spatial planning is dealing with the challenges of OWF expansion in practice. The webinar will also discuss where BSR states see the greatest knowledge needs and potential for sharing solutions.

Moderator: Dr. Kai Trümpler (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency / BSH)

Time frame: 9.00-12.00 CET/ 10.00-13.00 EET

Online: via MS Teams

	Agenda item	Action
9.00 -9.10	1. Opening of the webinar	Welcome by Daniel Meltzian, German Federal Ministry of Housing, Urban Development and Construction
9.10 -9.35	2. Setting the scene: Summary of recent developments in offshore wind energy in the BSR member states	Presentation by Nele Meyer (BSH)
9.35 -9.50	3. VASAB cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region	Presentation by Elina Veidemane (<i>VASAB Secretariat</i>)
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10.00 -10.25	4. Shipping and the use of maritime space in times of offshore wind energy expansion in the Baltic Sea	Presentation by George Savvopoulos and Diego Cerquenich (ABL LOC Group) Short discussion
10.25 -10.50	5. Maritime spatial planning for offshore wind energy: Ecological impact avoidance using a spatial prioritization approach	Presentation by Markku Viitasalo and Elina Virtanen (SYKE) Short discussion
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11.00 -11.25	6. The Swedish planning approach for offshore wind energy: From MSP to project level	Presentation by Joacim Johannesson (SwAM) Short discussion
11.25 -11.55	7. Open discussion with key-note speakers and audience led by moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cross-border effects, challenges and opportunities in the field of OWE</i> • <i>Strategies to solve conflicts between climate protection & nature protection</i> • <i>The goal of energy independence as new driver for OWE</i>
11.55 - 12.00	8. Closing	