Offshore Wind - Estonian Perspective

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Percentage of renewable energy
Located on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea, on the west coast of Estonia, the average annual wind speed is 6-7 m / s, making it a particularly promising area for the development of wind energy. Offshore wind farms potential is even greater.
Number of turbines and production increase
Perspective offshore windfarms

- North-Weast offshore windfarm - 700 MW
- Offshore wind farm in Gulf of Livonia - 600 MW
- Offshore wind farm between islands Saaremaa and Hiiumaa - 2000 MW
- Offshore wind farm on the western coast of Saaremaa - 600 MW
Principal legal framework

- **Electricity market act** - Support scheme - producer is entitled to receive support from the transmission network operator for electricity generated from a renewable energy source.

- **Planning act** - Details of planning procedures - open procedure with *actio popolaris* - (Anyone who finds that the planning decision is contrary to public interest or infringes his or her rights can go to the court).

- **Water act** - Building permits regarding offshore installations (extensive public involvement).

- **EIA Act** - Non-discretionary initiation of EIA procedure and peculiarities of „Nature assessment“ (Habitats directive art. 6(3)).

- **Narture protection Act** - Natura areas strict protection.