

“THE CONTRIBUTION OF OFFSHORE WIND TO THE BALTIC SEA MEMBER STATES’ ENERGY TRANSFORMATION”

November 16th | 13h00 |, European Parliament Brussels

(The event will start with light lunch)

AGENDA:

WELCOME

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Chair of the Steering Committee of SME Connect

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ZDZISŁAW KRASNODEBSKI MEP

Vice-Chair of ITRE Committee

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INESE VAIDERE MEP

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ZDZISŁAW KRASNODEBSKI MEP

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MARCIN NOWACKI

Vice-President, Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers (ZPP); President, European Enterprise Alliance; Rapporteur for the EESC opinion on Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy

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ABOUT THE WORKING LUNCH

The generation of offshore wind power is one of the fastest-growing energy sectors in Europe. With its low environmental impact and its increasing efficiency, this technology provides clean and competitively priced electricity to millions of European citizens, hence it is a viable replacement to fossil fuel-based technology. Europe's leadership in offshore renewable energy can be based on the enormous potential offered by the European Union's seas for example from the North Sea and the Baltic to the Mediterranean and others. Unlocking this technological and physical potential is crucial if Europe is to achieve its carbon emission reduction targets by 2030 and become climate neutral by 2050. Amongst renewable energy, offshore energy technology is associated with the greatest potential to scale up. The European Commission estimates to reach 60GW by 2030 with the aim to achieve 300GW by 2050 with all its advantages in terms of decarbonizing electricity generation and of jobs and growth that positively contributes to the COVID-19 recovery. Furthermore, it reinforces the EU's leadership in clean technologies with the target of climate neutrality and zero pollution.

On the 30th of August 2022, 8 Baltic Sea EU Members States – Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden signed the [Marienborg Declaration](#) committing to achieve ca. 20 GW of installed capacity in offshore wind energy by 2030. To achieve this target, there is a need to urgently speed up the development of new projects, as currently the total offshore wind capacity on the Baltic Sea is ca. 2.8 GW. One of the projects which will enable the achievement of this objective is the 1.2 GW offshore wind investment in the Polish area of the Baltic Sea being developed by Baltic Power.

In the scope of this working lunch, we will underline, with the participation of MEPs from the Baltic Sea Member States, the need for various offshore wind projects as tools for fulfilling the Marienborg Declaration and REpowerEU strategy objectives and the importance to accelerate RES development by 2030 to abolish the dependency of the EU on Russian fossil fuel imports in the light of the ongoing war in Ukraine.