



Republic of Estonia Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications



### LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN

# THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,

### MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,

### MINISTRY OF ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

AND

### MINISTRY OF CLIMATE, ENERGY AND UTILITIES OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

## ON COOPERATION ON CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION WITH A FOCUS ON OFFSHORE WIND

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Estonia, The Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania and The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities of the Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants");

Welcoming the ambition of EU climate neutrality by 2050 at the latest, the REPowerEU and the emphasis on clean energy transition and the build out of offshore wind as a key part of delivering climate neutrality;

Considering the importance of strengthening energy security, and diversifying the energy supply in Europe and the role that the transition to clean energy plays herein;

Recognizing the common interests in the clean energy transition and the development of offshore wind as a clean and sustainable energy source;

Wishing to promote mutually beneficial cooperation on the transition to clean energy and the development of offshore wind as reflected by the Participants' respective targets for offshore wind development;

Bearing in mind that this LoI provides a general framework for cooperation and to express the cooperative intent of the Participants;

Have come to the following understanding:

### Section 1 – Objective

The objective of this Letter of Intent is to initiate multi- and bilateral cooperation between the Participants in the field of green energy transition and particularly offshore wind. The Participants will cooperate on sharing knowledge, experiences, data, and best practices relevant to clean energy transition, focussing on offshore wind.

### Section 2 – Cooperation

The cooperation between the Participants under this LoI will be supported by the Danish Energy Agency, the Environmental Investment Centre of Estonia, the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia, and Lithuanian Energy Agency together with EPSO-G UAB of Lithuania.

Each Participant will designate a Senior Official responsible as coordinator to supervise and steer the planning, execution, and evaluation of the cooperation activities to be carried out by the Participants under this LoI. Representatives of the respective agencies will meet on a regular basis to share information, and the Participants commit to engage other government institutions including regulators, grid operators, organisations, private companies, research institutions and other stakeholders relevant to the themes of this partnership on a broad basis. The following topics are identified as topics of high relevance for cooperation between the Participants, but is a non-exhaustive list of topics for cooperation:

- a. Promoting information sharing, best practices, and policy initiatives to support development and regulation of offshore wind energy resources;
- b. Working to identify and discuss challenges associated with risk management for offshore wind facilities;
- c. Knowledge sharing on a wide range of offshore wind energy issues, including Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP), permitting and environmental assessments/protection, supply chain and industrialization, offtake, grid integration/interconnection, system planning to optimize offshore wind energy deployment, socio-economic benefits and local content issues, data on other benefits of offshore wind energy, strategies for achieving cost reductions as well as technical and environmental studies for offshore wind; and
- d. Promoting information sharing in other areas of clean transition of relevance to the Participants of the LoI, such as sector integration and green hydrogen.

### Section 3 – Arrangements of the Participants

This LoI does not create any rights and obligations under international law and does not impose any financial obligations on the Participants.

All costs resulting from cooperation under this LoI are to be borne by the Participant that incurs them, unless otherwise mutually jointly decided/consented.

#### Section 4 – Final Provisions

This LoI will come into effect upon signature and will be jointly reviewed upon written request of one of the Participants.

Signed at Marienborg, Copenhagen on 30 august 2022.

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