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**Amendment and updating of the Site Development Plan pursuant to sections 8 (1), 4ff. Wind Energy at Sea Act (WindSeeG) and implementation of a Strategic Environmental Assessment in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Act (UVPG)**

- **Announcement of the Site Development Plan 2019/environmental reports**
- **Notification pursuant to section 60 and section 54 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act (UVPG)/Art. 10 para. 1 SEA Protocol**
- **English and Polish preliminary draft of the Site Development Plan 2020**
- **English and Polish translation of the draft scopes for the environmental reports (North and Baltic Sea) of the Strategic Environmental Assessment**

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Dear Sir or Madam,

the Federal Maritime Authority (BSH) has been responsible for federal sectoral planning in the German Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) since 2011.

In 2018 and 2019, the BSH has for the first time drawn up a Site Development Plan in accordance with section 4 ff. Offshore Wind Energy Act (WindSeeG), carried out a Strategic Environmental Assessment and published the corresponding documents (FEP 2019, Environmental Reports) on 28 June 2019.

The Site Development Plan is the sectoral plan for the expansion of offshore wind energy plants and grid connections in the German Exclusive Economic Zone of the North Sea and Baltic Sea and - under certain conditions - in territorial waters. Its purpose is to achieve the statutory expansion targets for offshore wind energy by 2030, to expand electricity generation from offshore wind energy plants in a space-saving manner, to ensure the efficient use and capacity utilisation of offshore grid connections and to plan, construct, commission and use offshore grid connections in

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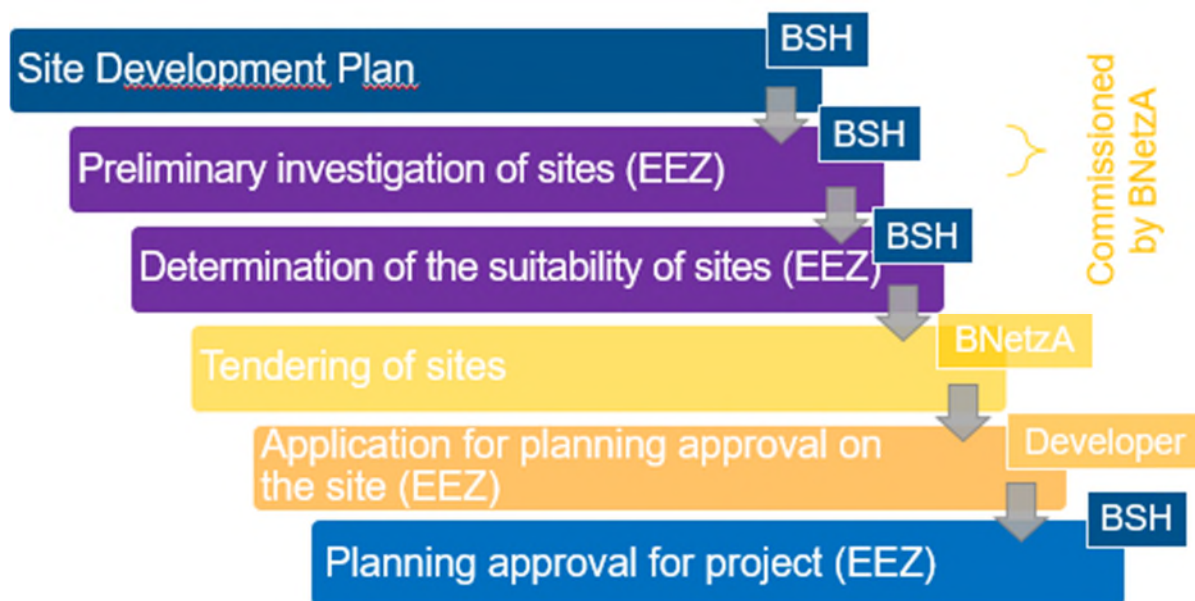
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parallel with the expansion of electricity generation from offshore wind energy plants.

The Site Development Plan 2019 implements the expansion target for offshore wind energy of 15 gigawatts by 2030 in accordance with section 4 para. 2 no. 1 WindSeeG.

The Site Development Plan is only one stage in the central system of offshore wind energy expansion in the German EEZ.



The German version of the Site Development Plan 2019 for the German North Sea and Baltic Sea, the environmental reports and other documents are available on the BSH website:

#### Site development plan 2019

[https://www.bsh.de/DE/THEMEN/Offshore/Meeresfachplanung/Flaechenentwicklungsplan/flaechenentwicklungsplan\\_node.html](https://www.bsh.de/DE/THEMEN/Offshore/Meeresfachplanung/Flaechenentwicklungsplan/flaechenentwicklungsplan_node.html)

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[https://www.bsh.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen\\_Oeffentl\\_Bekanntmachungen/Meldungen/2019/Bekanntmachung\\_Flaechenentwicklungsplan2019.html?nn=1939528](https://www.bsh.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen_Oeffentl_Bekanntmachungen/Meldungen/2019/Bekanntmachung_Flaechenentwicklungsplan2019.html?nn=1939528)

The complete English translation of the Site Development Plan 2019 and the environmental reports for the German North Sea and Baltic Sea can be found on the BSH website:

[https://www.bsh.de/EN/TOPICS/Offshore/Sectoral\\_planning/Site\\_development\\_plan/site\\_development\\_plan\\_node.html](https://www.bsh.de/EN/TOPICS/Offshore/Sectoral_planning/Site_development_plan/site_development_plan_node.html)

The comments received in the context of the participation are available in various languages on the BSH website:

[https://www.bsh.de/EN/TOPICS/Offshore/Sectoral\\_planning/Site\\_development\\_plan/site\\_development\\_plan\\_node.html](https://www.bsh.de/EN/TOPICS/Offshore/Sectoral_planning/Site_development_plan/site_development_plan_node.html)

The treatment of the comments and the result of the consultation can be found in Chapter 9 of the 2019 Site Development Plan.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment comes to the conclusion that, on the basis of the available data and knowledge, no significant environmental impacts and no adverse transboundary environmental impacts are to be expected (Chapter 4.13).

The avoidance, reduction and compensation measures is contained in Chapter 8 of the environmental reports for the North Sea and Baltic Sea. The summary environmental statement and the monitoring measures are provided in Chapter 9 of the environmental reports. The non-technical summary is arranged in Chapter 11 of the environmental reports for the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

### **Updating and amending the Site Development Plan**

On the occasion of the draft law to amend the offshore wind energy act and other regulations adopted by the Cabinet on 3 June 2020, and in particular due to the increased expansion path of 20 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 provided for therein, it is necessary to update and amend the Site Development Plan 2019.

It is intended to work on the following topics in the framework of the update and amendment of the Site Development Plan 2019:

- Spatial and temporal definition of areas for 20 GW by 2030 and areas in zone 3 of the North Sea, taking into account the update of the site development plan for the German North Sea and Baltic Sea EEZ
- Definition of requirements for the connection concept +/- 525 kV DC
- Revision of the performance assessment for zone 3 in consideration of current research results
- Spatial and temporal definition of interconnectors and platforms
- Adaptation of small-scale area definitions N-6 and N-7, e.g. 66-kV direct connection concept for NOR-6-3
- Review of the definitions of "interconnections".
- Designation of other energy production areas
- Adaptation of planning principles, including updating the provisions on the 2 C criterion
- Adaptation of the spatial definitions to the conditions resulting from the previous themes
- Informational presentation of spatial or temporal definitions beyond the period 2030 (Figure Scenario frame 2021-2035), taking into account new, potentially relevant findings.

A strategic environmental assessment will be carried out for extended and modified definitions, taking into account updates - if not already done.

As far as the legal framework conditions are available, the procedure is to be completed by the end of 2020.

The following procedural steps are carried out in the amendment and update procedure:

Public notification of procedures and expected completion	Q2 2020	✓
Preliminary draft plan/draft scope of environmental reports	Q2 2020	✓
Statement Transmission System Operators	Q2 2020	✓
Early national consultation	19.06. - 20.07.2020	✓
Early hearing/Scoping	11.08.2020	✓
Definition of the scope for the environmental reports		
International notification		
Draft plan and draft environmental reports		
National and international consultation		
Hearing		
Final version of plan and environmental reports		
Public notification (national, international)		

The (preliminary) draft documents are available in German on the BSH website at:

[https://www.bsh.de/DE/THEMEN/Offshore/Meeresfachplanung/Fortschreibung/fortschreibung-flaechenentwicklungsplan\\_node.html](https://www.bsh.de/DE/THEMEN/Offshore/Meeresfachplanung/Fortschreibung/fortschreibung-flaechenentwicklungsplan_node.html)

The preliminary draft of the site development plan 2020 and the translation of the drafts of the scopes are available in English and Polish under the following link:

<https://filebox.bsh.de/index.php/s/PbsypyFZxDiH8lf>

If you would like the documents to be sent in paper form, please notify me at the above address or by e-mail to [EingangOdM@bsh.de](mailto:EingangOdM@bsh.de).

**There will be an opportunity to comment on the documents until 16.10.2020.**

Please address the comments or statements to

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In principle, all comments and statements submitted in the proceedings will be published on the BSH website. If you do not agree to this publication, please also submit a redacted version suitable for publication. A list of all comments and statements submitted will be published.

The discussion date for the discussion of the draft site development plan 2020, the draft environmental reports is expected to take place on

**Wednesday, 18 November 2020  
at 10:00 am  
via online conference**

The event will be held in German.

In order to facilitate the planning of the event, I would like to ask those who will make a statement or comment to register by e-mail at [EingangOdM@bsh.de](mailto:EingangOdM@bsh.de).

If you are interested in taking part in a consultation meeting on possible transboundary environmental impacts, please let us know by 16.10.2020. I will then organise a separate date. In this case, please also let me know whether the date can be held in English.

**Please inform me by 16.10.2020 at the above address or at [EingangOdM@bsh.de](mailto:EingangOdM@bsh.de) whether you would like to participate in the procedure.**

**If you would like to be involved, please also indicate for the preparation of the draft site development plan 2020 and the draft environmental reports for the North and Baltic Seas whether a translation of the relevant information for cross-border participation in English is sufficient or whether a translation into your official language is required.**

With kind regards

On behalf of

