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Regional cooperation as driving force behind the development of offshore wind energy in the Baltic Sea

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Moderation: **Mr Maciej Mierzwiński**, CEO of CEE Energy Group

ABSTRACT

An overview of regional and national activities related to the development of offshore wind energy in the Baltic Sea area and an expert discussion on the role of local governments and initiatives integrating the main stakeholders in the implementation of investments in offshore wind farms.

Energy transformation and achieving ambitious EU goals related to the implementation of Green Deal will not come true without active actions in the Baltic Sea Region. The implementation of individual policies must be fully coordinated and should not focus on specific sectors and power sources but on their mutual synergy and interpenetration. Hydrogen, offshore, photovoltaics, nuclear energy and energy islands are interconnected and interdependent systems of connected vessels. It is crucial for the Baltic Sea Region to focus on building long-lasting foundations for energy independence, educational and market transformations. Actions taken so far in individual regions are insufficient. Greater mobilization and coordination are needed. How to strengthen the impact of local practices and initiatives? How to coordinate these activities effectively so that they do not duplicate each other but mutually strengthen the entire system? What is the role of regional authorities vs. industry organizations? Are economically strong regions natural transformation leaders?

The offshore wind energy industry is at the forefront of these green changes. Investments in the Polish economic zone are starting to gain momentum and the first phase of the implementation of almost 6 GW is already a fact. The second phase, with a major role for national champions, will not take place without cooperation with experienced foreign partners. Offshore is primarily a base of factories that will be built and will constitute a production base not only for this industry but also for other sectors and branches. The machines in these factories have multi-functional uses. How to effectively build Baltic content in fair mutual cooperation? What role can regional authorities play in this process and what activities should be coordinated at the national level or across state borders?

PROGRAMME

- Introducing presentation – Paweł Wróbel, BalticWind (online)
- Panel Discussion

Speaker / Panellists

- Latvian Wind Energy Association – Lasma Livzeniece (tbc)
- RYSTAD Energy – Justin Lo (tbc)
- Danish Energy Agency – (tbc by Danish Embassy)
- Pomeranian Offshore Platform/Polish Wind Chamber of Commerce (tbc)
- BSSSC regional representative (tbc)

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