



Harnessing the Wind: Offshore Wind Power's Regulatory Framework

Åland, 7-8 June 2024

(independent add-on event to the NESS 2024 Conference, which ends in Turku on 6 June)

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Venue

7 June: m/s Viking Glory and the Åland Islands Peace Institute

8 June: Husö biologiska station, Finström, Åland

Theme

Decarbonizing the energy sector is a key policy objective for mitigating climate change. As the world accelerates its transition towards renewable energy sources, offshore wind power has emerged as a critical component of this transformation. In the European Union (EU), for example, offshore wind power is characterized as an essential technology to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. However, the path to harnessing the full potential of offshore wind is often hindered by a complex regulatory framework intersecting a wide range of legal regimes at local, national, and international levels, including environmental law, the law of the sea, energy law, competition law, planning law, and more.

In this workshop, we will explore the complex regulations that govern offshore wind power. We will take a life-cycle approach, covering the pre-construction phases such as planning, auction and licensing processes, market design, development of offshore grid infrastructure, and decommissioning of offshore wind power structures.

Program

Friday 7 June

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| 8.00 | The group gather at Viking Terminal
<i>Address, Ensimmäinen Linja, 20100</i> |
| 8.45 | Boarding m/s Viking Glory in Turku |



9.30-10.00 Coffee
10.00-10.20 Welcome and opening
Professor Henrik Ringbom
Åbo Akademi University

10.20-12.00 Panel 1. Maritime Spatial Planning and Coexistence

Moderator: Henrik Ringbom

Speakers:

10.20-10.40 The role of planning in offshore wind licensing
Aron Westholm, Associate Senior Lecturer, University of Gothenburg

10.40-11.00 Multi-Use in the Baltic Sea and the North Sea: Opportunities and Challenges for Offshore Wind Energy
Leila Neimane, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Bergen

11.00-11.20 Offshore wind energy and shipping, an increasingly strained relationship
Niels Krabbe, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg

11.20-11.40 Coexist, cooperate or compete? Legal prerequisites for activities to coexist in the ocean
Lena Gipperth, Professor, University of Gothenburg

11.40-11.55: Questions and Answers

12.00-13.30: Lunch buffet at Viking Glory

14.10 Arrival at Åland
Address, Hamngatan, 22100 Mariehamn

14.30 Ålands Fredsinstitut (The Åland Islands Peace Institute)
Less than 5 minutes walk from the ferry terminal
Address, Hamngatan 5 AX-22100 Mariehamn

15.00-16.00 Panel 2. Licensing procedures in the Nordics: trends and prospects

Moderator: Gabriela Argüello

15.00-15.20 Towards socio-economic and environmental value in European offshore wind investments – The role of public procurement
Thaysa Portela de Carvalho, Doctoral Candidate, Åbo Akademi University



15.20-15.40 Integrating sustainability into offshore wind licensing processes: A critical examination
Katherine Broch Hauge, Associate Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law, University of Oslo

15.40-16.00 Questions and Answers

16.00-16.45 Strolling around in Mariehamn

16.45 Taxi transportation from Ålands Fredsförening

17.20 Arrival at Husö Biologiska station
Address, Bergövägen 713 AX-22220 Emkarby

18.00 Dinner at Husö Biologiska station

Optional sauna

Saturday 8 June

8.00-9.00 Breakfast

9.00-9.40 Panel 3. Market design and cross-border offshore energy projects

Moderator: Iva Parlov

9.00 – 9.20 Regional complexities in licensing offshore wind power: The Åland experience
Henrik Ringbom, Professor, Åbo Akademi University

9.20-9.40.1 Meshed Offshore Grids: Regulatory Opportunities and Barriers
Gabriela Argüello, Associate Senior Lecturer, University of Gothenburg,

9.40-9.55 Questions and Answers

9.55-10.30 Coffee Break



10.30-11.25 Panel 4. Decommission of offshore wind power structures

Moderator: Lena Gipperth

10.30-10.50 Sustainable decommissioning of offshore wind infrastructures: The case of Norway

Maria Madalena Das Neves, Associate Professor, UiT – The Arctic University of Norway

10.50-11.10 Offshore Wind Decommissioning

Iva Parlov Associate Professor, BI Norwegian Business School

11.10-11.25 Questions and Answers

11.30 Check out

11.45 Taxi Transportation to Mariehamn

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch at ÅSS Åländska segelsällskapet

Address, Sjöpromenaden, Mariehamn

13.30– 14.00 Closing of the workshop: Next steps concerning the special issue on Ocean Development and International Law

14.25 Ferries for Stockholm and Turku leave from Mariehamn

14.30 Sailors re-group and decide on further activities.