



We will secure a seabed permit for your Offshore Wind project in Poland and develop it for the success in the auction

### About us

Horizons is a leading RES engineering and development service provider with own development (PV and wind.) We provide **our Clients – potential Investors** – with state-of-the-art technical, legal and commercial support in entering Polish Offshore Wind Market and developing Offshore Wind projects (legal advice is provided in cooperation with one of the leading legal firms in Poland).

### Development of Offshore Wind in Poland

Offshore Wind (OW) business in Poland started in 2012 when first seabed permits were issued. **So far eight projects with seabed permit have obtained grid connection conditions / agreements for a total capacity of ca. 8 GW**, three of them have environmental decisions. The most advanced projects belong to a JV of Polenergia and Equinor (3000 MW), PGE (3440 MW), PKN Orlen (1200 MW), RWE (350 MW) and EDPR (400 MW).

### The wind of change and new regulations

With European Green Deal, OW becomes a vital element of the Polish energy mix. According to forecast prepared by the Polish Wind Energy Association, the first offshore wind farms should be built by 2025. **By 2030 the capacity of Polish Offshore Wind Farms (OWF) should be ca. 10 GW, with another 10 GW built by 2040.**

To facilitate this rapid growth **Poland plans to adopt an Offshore Wind Act (OWA) and Maritime Spatial Plan (MSP)** by Q4 2020 and Q1 2021, respectively. A draft of OWA (published on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020), provides a structured framework for the support scheme for offshore energy, simplifies permitting, construction, interconnection and operation of OWF and most importantly, **provides new rules concerning seabed permit proceedings.** The new rules are:

- resumption of all – currently suspended – seabed permit proceedings after adoption of the MSP,
- for existing seabed permit application non-compliant with the MSP: option to adjust application to comply with the MSP – within 60 days from Minister's call in this respect,
- re-opening of proceedings for new competition – with respect to areas, where seabed permit application were adjusted to comply with the MSP.

### New business opportunities in OW in Poland

The re-opening of seabed permits proceedings sets a fresh start, especially for new Investors to enter the Polish Offshore Market. The Investors may now reap a number of benefits leading to much greater project attractiveness.

With newly established stability of regulation, well defined support scheme and simplified permitting process, Investors have an opportunity for effective project development in much shorter timeframe and predictable revenue stream after project completion.

### How can we help to develop your project?

Our offer includes:

- **Identification of actual investment opportunities in OW in Poland:**
  - **Relevant** investment opportunities (e.g. list of promising, specific locations; investment timeframe; potential cooperation partners)
  - **Effective** market entry options (individual entry, JV, etc.)
  - **Focused** stakeholder engagement plan
  - **Client centric** investment decision advisory
- **Preparation of seabed permit application effectively responding to the permit awarding criteria, focusing on Investor's differentiating factors:**
  - **Adequate** capacity and proper financial standing of the Investor (proving assurance of project realization to Polish authorities)
  - **Smart** development of own organization and supply chain, with particular emphasis on using local content
  - **Proper** project definition and identification of investment technical parameters, allowing for the necessary flexibility, future technology development and potential change of approach
  - **Flexible** concept of power evacuation / energy transport to shore
  - **Convincing** project financing approach (own funds, loans) and proposed co-financing from the public funds
- **Project management and support in preparation of auction admission certificate:**
  - **Comprehensive** project management: (i) managing acquisition of all permits / documents required to file an application for auction admission certificate (e.g. decision on environmental conditions, connection promise, etc.) (ii) managing planning and execution of other studies required by an Investor (e.g. wind measurement, geotechnical, metocean, etc.)
  - **Focused** communication with Polish administration, regulatory bodies and other key stakeholders, such as Ministry of National Defense, fishing industry, local authorities and communities
  - **Effective** cooperation support with Polish supply chain (ports, subcontractors, etc.)
  - **Independent** verification of final application (e.g. completeness from legal perspective, cohesion of documentation, etc.).

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With first class understanding of local requirements, experience in offshore and large scale projects as well as effective network, we are well positioned to support you in successful implementation of Offshore Wind projects in Poland