

# Status check on EEZ

Wind Offshore 2026

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# Political will to promote clean energy production is strong



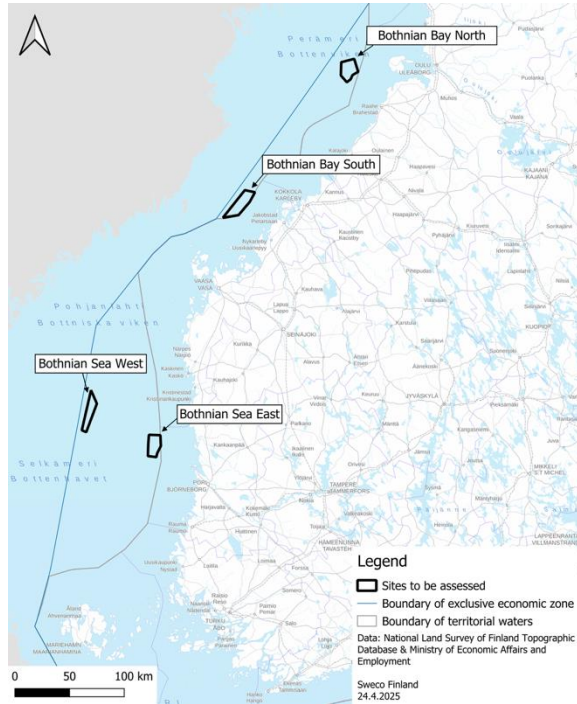
- Programme of Prime Minister Petteri Orpo's Government
  - The Government is committed to increase clean electricity production.
  - This is essential in order to significantly accelerate industrial investments and replace fossil fuels with electricity-based solutions in industry, heating and transport.
  - The rules for offshore wind power will be clarified through a legislative project that will define the legislation, permit processes, compensation and tax matters concerning waters belonging to Finland's exclusive economic zone without delay, and these rules will be coordinated with the rules for projects carried out in territorial waters and land areas.
- Energy and Climate Strategy
  - The Government will enable offshore wind capacity of  
12 GW in 2040 and  
20 GW in 2050

# Recent legislative developments concerning EEZ



- The Offshore Wind Power Act for the EEZ entered into force in January 2025
- Key content:
  - The Government makes decisions on sea areas to be put up for competitive tendering
  - The Energy Authority organises the competitive tendering
  - The winner can apply for an exploitation permit from the Government
- A decree under the Act is being prepared – it will clarify rules on tendering and securities.
- The challenging profitability outlook of the offshore wind projects in Finland has been taken into account in the design of the tendering process → The goal is to ensure continued project development in the EEZ.
- TSO's connection obligation has been extended to EEZ

# Potential offshore wind areas in EEZ



- Four potential offshore wind areas have been identified
- Strategic Environmental Assessment is ongoing
- The Government will designate the areas and decide the schedule of the tendering
- The Bothnian Bay areas appear the most technically and economically feasible.

# Tendering process



- The Energy Authority organises the competitive tendering
- The winner is selected on the basis of price (exploitation fee) and qualitative criteria
- The selection criteria will be laid down in a Government decree
  - The draft decree was circulated for comments in summer 2025.
- All participants must fulfil certain minimum requirements
- First tender will be launched in 2026 at the earliest

