### Balancing nature and energy:

Ignitis Renewables Environmental Impact Assessment journey for Lithuanian offshore wind farm



# Ignitis Renewables: leading the green generation breakthrough in the Baltics

Ignitis Group purpose is to create a 100% green and secure energy ecosystem for current and future generations.

#### **Strategic priorities**

Delivering 4–5 GW of installed green and flexible capacities by 2030 with a focus on:

- → Offshore wind
- → Onshore hybrid
- → P2X & storage



Ignitis Renewables and partners, developing OWF projects in Lithuania and Estonia, implement the strategic goal of Ignitis Group and significantly contribute to national energy independence objectives.





~120 km²

AREA OF THE BALTIC SEA

~36-54 km

DISTANCE FROM THE SHORE

700 megawatts (MW)

**INSTALLED CAPACITY** 

~3 terawatt-hours of green electricity per year

**ELECTRICITY GENERATED** 

Up to **55**\*

POTENTIAL NUMBER OF WIND TURBINES

~300-350 m\*

MAXIMUM POSSIBLE HEIGHT OF WIND TURBINES

\*Depends on the findings of studies, the environmental impact assessment the technologies used and other conditions.

Palanga

Klaipėda

BALTIC SEA

eringa

#### A thorough EIA for successful development of the **OWF** in the Baltic Sea



#### For the best results

The team of highly skilled experts in the OWF development team from:

- → Lithuania
- → Denmark
- → Germany
- → United Kingdom
- → other European countries





#### Aligned with the best international practices









### Project development timeline

#	EIA Programme	Period
1	Publication of the EIA Programme and coordination with EIA entities	Q1 2024
2	Submission to EPA Transboundary consultations	Q1–Q2 2024
3	EPA's conclusion on the EIA Programme	Q2–Q3 2024
#	EIA Report	Period
1	Publication of the EIA Report Coordination with EIA entities Submission to EPA Transboundary consultations	Q3–Q4 2025
2	Public meeting and stakeholder engagement	Q3 2025
3	EPA's final decision on the environmental impact assessment of the proposed economic activity	Q4 2025



#### Unlocking benefits and opportunities of the project

### Energy independence

- 25 % of Lithuania's energy needs;
- Reduced dependence on energy imports;
- Greater energy independence;
- Contribution to European decarbonisation goals.

### Economic development

- Investments in the region;
- High-skilled jobs;
- Favourable conditions for the economic development.

## Protection of the Baltic Sea ecosystem

- Application of best international practices;
- Built-in measures for ecosystem protection, e.g., implementing buffer zones to sensitive area:
- Nature-based solutions, e.g., refuge area for fish, artificial reefs;
- Exploring innovative monitoring and contribution to ecosystems methods.

#### Support for local communities

- Engagement with interested communities from early stages of the project;
- Financial contributions to the budget of affected municipalities;
- Support for local initiatives.



#### Navigating the EIA risks









