

Press release

RWE selects certification partner for its F.E.W. Baltic II offshore wind farm

- RWE chooses UL Solutions for certification of the design fundamentals; Certification will be carried out in accordance with global standards and in consultation with the Polish Register of Shipping, an independent and recognized local expert institution
- As the second-largest player in the global offshore industry and one of the five largest domestic onshore operators, RWE strengthens its presence and continues the process of green energy transition in Poland
- UL Solutions is a global leader in applied safety science and one of the world's largest providers of testing, inspection, and certification services for projects related to renewable energy

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Lukas Prietz, Project Director of the F.E.W. Baltic II Wind Farm Project at RWE Renewables: "We are pleased to have chosen UL Solutions, an experienced certification company for our F.E.W Baltic II offshore wind project. The implementation of the construction process and subsequent operation of F.E.W. Baltic II will be carried out in accordance with the applicable global standards, in compliance with the applicable national and international legislation. As evidence of knowledge sharing, the entire process will take place in consultation with the Polish Register of Shipping. With UL Solutions we are contracting a global market leader that has been operating in Poland for many years, relying on domestic engineers and experts. This fits in with RWE's ongoing local content strategy, which is based on cooperation with domestic companies and specialists."

RWE Offshore Wind Poland, a subsidiary of RWE Renewables, has chosen UL Solutions, an experienced certifier for its F.E.W. Baltic II offshore wind farm. UL Solutions will certify the design fundamentals of the 350 MW project, which will be built in the Polish Baltic Sea about 55 kilometres from the shore, covering an area of 41 square kilometres, at a water depth of 30–50 meters.

UL Solutions will commence the certification in accordance with the provisions of the Maritime Safety Act and international IEC regulations and procedures. The entire process will take place in consultation with the Polish Register of Shipping (PRS), which has long experience in working with projects in the Baltic Sea. The cooperation of UL Solutions with PRS demonstrates how important Polish companies are in the process of building and operating the F.E.W. Baltic II offshore wind farm.

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"The construction of offshore wind farms is particularly important to accelerate the energy transition. With energy generated in the Baltic Sea, it will be easier to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, towards green energy sources. By implementing the F.E.W. Baltic II project, we will significantly contribute to this positive change while accelerating domestic economic development through collaboration with Polish suppliers and subcontractors," says Lukas Prietz, Project Director of the F.E.W. Baltic II wind farm at RWE Renewables. "Poland is one of the most attractive offshore growth markets for our company. That's why we don't want to stop at the F.E.W. Baltic II project and have applied for all 11 areas made available for further offshore wind farms by the Polish government."

"Power produced by offshore wind is key to the transition from reliance on fossil fuels to renewable energies," says Joern Gerlach, Engineering Manager in the Renewables Energy team of the UL Solutions Energy and Industrial Automation group. "Confirming that offshore wind technologies can support the power grid while optimising energy production is crucial to accelerating the development of wind farms and Poland's green energy transition. We're proud to be collaborating with RWE to help advance the adoption of safer and reliable wind energy."

When fully operational, the F.E.W. Baltic II wind farm will be able to produce enough green electricity to meet the needs of around 350,000 Polish households. In addition to offshore wind, RWE operates onshore wind farms in Poland with a total installed capacity of more than 420 MW. This year, the sixteenth onshore wind farm in the company's portfolio, Rozdrażew (16.8 MW), was connected to the grid. Seven turbines have the capacity to generate enough green electricity to meet the needs of more than 27,000 Polish households. Construction of the Wierzchlas project (7 MW) and Żnin (48 MW) are underway. RWE's wind farms Dolice (48 MW) and Lech Nowy Staw III (12 MW) are waiting for their licenses. The Lech Nowy Staw III wind farm in the country. As one of the world's leading companies in the field of renewable energies, RWE supports Polish industry in the process of green energy transition. In addition, RWE is diversifying its Polish renewables portfolio by investing in photovoltaic projects.

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RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

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