Interested parties must submit by 14 November their expressions of interest in the first Portuguese offshore wind auction. Afterwards, they will be invited to take part in a discussion phase over the auction models.

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## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE FIRST PORTUGUESE OFFSHORE WIND AUCTION

The <u>call for expression of interest</u> in the offshore wind auction announced by the Portuguese Government at the beginning of October is now open.

Interested parties will be invited to participate in a dialogue phase aimed at discussing multiple options related to pre-qualification and bidding models.

The purpose of the auction is to award a title for the reservation of injection capacity in the Portuguese public electricity grid for the generation of electricity by offshore wind power plants located at sea and allocate seabed rights for the use of the national maritime space. The auction will encompass the areas defined in the draft Allocation Plant for Offshore Renewable Energies (PAER), which is currently under public consultation and be accessed via <u>ConsultaLEX Portal</u> or the <u>PARTICIPA Portal</u>.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the Portuguese Directorate of Energy (DGEG) until 14 November via email to <u>offshore@dgeg.gov.pt</u>, accompanied with a set of documents, including, inter alia, identification of the company and the promoter's representative, track record of onshore and offshore development of renewable energy projects, identification of the interested lots, financing models and development plans for equipment supply chains and project assembly.

The first auction is expected to be launched by the end of the year and will allocate approximately 3.5 GW of capacity, distributed across seven lots located in Viana do Castelo (2), Leixões (1), and Figueira da Foz (4), each lot having approximately a total capacity of 500 MW.

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