



## Press release

# RWE secures long-term lease of land in Ustka for offshore wind operation and maintenance base

- RWE signs agreement for lease of land in Port of Ustka to construct service base for F.E.W. Baltic II offshore wind farm
- Start of construction planned after 2025
- Up to 50 permanent jobs in Ustka to service RWE's offshore wind farm

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RWE and the Ustka Port Authority have signed a land lease agreement for the construction of an operations and maintenance base for the F.E.W. Baltic II offshore wind farm. The base is one of the key elements in the realisation and subsequent operation of the planned wind farm, and will have a service life of at least 30 years.

**Lukas Prietz, Project Director of the F.E.W. Baltic II wind farm at RWE:** “Securing the land for the operation and maintenance base is another important step in the realisation of our first wind farm off Poland’s Baltic coast. The administration and control building will meet the international sustainability certification standard BREEAM, and will be constructed at the port after 2025. We plan to use the service base for the monitoring and day-to-day operation of our F.E.W. Baltic II offshore wind farm. By establishing the base at the Port of Ustka, RWE will be able to create up to 50 new jobs for the local community.”

**Maciej Karaś, President of the Ustka Seaport Authority:** “The signing of the agreement with RWE is an important milestone in our long-standing cooperation, which began in 2018. At that time, the concept of offshore wind farms in Poland was still in its infancy – and suddenly, we became leaders in this nascent industry. I am all the more pleased that our long-term efforts are bearing fruit, confirming that the strategy chosen by the town of Ustka, and which I have implemented, was the right one. From my point of view, it is equally important to be able to work with a partner with such great competence and experience in the offshore wind industry.”

**Jacek Maniszewski, Mayor of Ustka:** “It is with great satisfaction that I see Ustka actively participating in the development of the new offshore wind energy industry. We are one of the most important ports for power companies, and I am convinced that this will generate benefits for our city. I also hope that this will be another argument for the development of the port in Ustka – for this we need its long-awaited expansion. I would like to thank our partners from RWE for their cooperation so far and the experience we are gaining thanks to them.”

RWE will locate the operations and maintenance facilities for the F.E.W. Baltic II project at the Western Quay at the port in Ustka. The main rationale for choosing Ustka is its extensive port infrastructure, the possibility of crew transfer vessel repair and refuelling vessels for regular operations and social facilities for employees.

Another key factor in the choice of this site was the distance from the port to the F.E.W. Baltic II wind farm. This 350-MW project by RWE is located some 50 km offshore in the Polish part of the Baltic Sea, north of the town of Ustka, and covers an area of approx. 41 km<sup>2</sup>. Implementation of the project is on schedule with commercial operation expected by the end of this decade. The F.E.W. Baltic II wind farm is at an advanced stage of preparation, pending further decisions and administrative approvals.

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