

Press release

RWE chooses Chantiers de l'Atlantique as key supplier for its F.E.W Baltic II wind farm - design, construction and installation of the electrical offshore substation

- Installation of substation at RWE's first Polish offshore wind farm scheduled for 2025
- 350 megawatt project capable of supplying 350,000 households with green electricity

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RWE, one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind, is further progressing with developing F.E.W. Baltic II, one of the first offshore wind farms in the Polish Baltic Sea. RWE selected Atlantique Offshore Energy, the marine energy business unit of the French company Chantiers de l'Atlantique, for engineering, procuring, constructing, installing and commissioning of the electrical offshore substation. Once fully operational, the 350 megawatts (MW) wind farm will be capable of producing enough green electricity to supply the equivalent needs of around 350,000 Polish households.

The substation will collect and export the power generated by the offshore wind turbines through high voltage submarine cables, while remotely controlling and monitoring the operation of the wind farm. Design activities have already started, with early permitting activities expected this year and full installation of the substation scheduled for 2025. After the successful delivery of the Arkona offshore substation in 2018, this is the second time that Chantiers de l'Atlantique and RWE have joined forces on an offshore wind project.

Sven Utermöhlen, CEO Offshore Wind at RWE Renewables: "With selecting Chantiers de l'Atlantique, we have passed the next milestone on the way to realising our first Polish offshore wind farm. Poland is one of the most attractive, emerging offshore markets in Europe. With our F.E.W. Baltic II project we will contribute significantly to Poland's green energy transition and accelerate the development of the local supply chain."

For the execution of this project, RWE can rely on the expertise and capabilities of Chantiers de l'Atlantique teams and its subcontractors in France. In addition RWE and Chantiers de l'Atlantique will rely upon a wide range of Polish companies for engineering and supply of equipment and services. This cooperation will allow the French and Polish offshore wind value chain to gather momentum and play an important role in the installation of the substation in Polish waters.

Frédéric Grizaud, Director of Atlantique Offshore Energy: “We are very pleased and proud to welcome back RWE, a worldwide leader in our industry, and to execute for them their first complete project for an Electrical Offshore Substation in Poland. Our continued effort to improve the overall competitiveness of our substations demonstrates again our positive contribution to the European energy transition.”

Through the F.E.W. Baltic II project, RWE will contribute significantly to the local economy as well as to the green energy transition in Poland - one of its strategic core markets in Europe. RWE already has a well-established onshore wind business in the country and is continuously diversifying its renewables portfolio by investing in solar projects in Poland.

In 2021, RWE received the environmental permit for the F.E.W. Baltic II offshore project. It was the first Environmental Impact Assessment for a Polish offshore wind project, which has been assessed under a cross-border procedure (ESPOO convention), with participation of Danish and Swedish stakeholders. Also last year, the Polish Energy Regulatory Office has awarded a Contract for Difference (CfD) to the project, which confirms that RWE's project has been selected for the first phase of Poland's ambitious offshore wind build-out program. The CfD award is subject to final approval from the European Commission, which is expected in 2022.

RWE is a leading global player in renewables and number 2 worldwide in offshore wind. The company currently operates 17 offshore wind farms in 5 countries, and is developing and constructing some of the world's most advanced offshore wind farms. By 2030, as part of its ambitious 50 billion euros gross investment and growth plan 'Growing Green', RWE intends to triple its global offshore wind capacity from currently 2.4 GW to 8 GW.

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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.

Chantiers de l'Atlantique

Thanks to the expertise of its teams and its network of subcontractors, associated with its first-rate industrial facilities, Chantiers de l'Atlantique is a key leader in the fields of design, integration, testing and turnkey delivery of cruise ships, naval vessels, electrical substations for offshore wind farms and services to the fleets. The company is at the core of the challenges of tomorrow, designing and building today ships whose environmental performance exceeds the most drastic standards, as well as equipment for offshore wind power that make it a major player in the energy transition.

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