

## Letter of Intent

### Introduction

This Letter of Intent sets out the intentions in the collaboration between the parties; The Regional Municipality of Gotland, The Regional Municipality of Bornholm and The Government of Åland, hereafter "The parties".

The parties agree to partake in a process of knowledge-sharing and collaboration in different work packages within "The Three Energy Islands' Initiative" in order to promote the following goals for the individual participants, as part of the effort to develop renewable energy resources:

- Maximising local benefits in upcoming tendering and/or permit application processes
- Net-positive environmental solutions through multifunctional planning and concrete on- and off-shore efforts
- Local business development, local content inclusion, and green path development
- Inclusion of democratic engagement activities
- Promote energy infrastructure projects in the region
- Successfully influence national and international agendas in the acceleration of green transition related to islands

### Overview of activities envisioned

The parties agree to establish formalised work groups to gather and share knowledge on the subjects outlined above.

Work groups will meet according to internally established guidelines, timelines and goals.

Collaboration will focus on, but not necessarily be limited to, activities aiming at gathering and sharing knowledge in the work groups on efforts in the region or elsewhere that:

- Aim to secure local benefits through tender or similar contracting processes at a local or national level.

- Aim at preserving or improving the environment in relation to renewable energy or energy infrastructure projects.
- Aim at developing local businesses within 'green path development' and at strengthening local content inclusion in tendering processes and renewable energy project structures.
- Aim at strengthening democratic engagement activities involving the local communities affected by renewable energy projects and energy infrastructure.
- Aim at communicating progress and findings in the work groups as well as e.g. through the forum Baltic Energy Island Summit.
- Aim at strengthening interregional energy infrastructure that can aid both energy independence and economic development for the parties.
- Aim at strengthening the voice of island communities nationally and internationally in order to continue the acceleration of climate and green energy transition.

### **Timeline**

The parties agree to outline and establish timelines for individual projects pertaining to the collaboration within six months of the signing of this agreement.

### **Exclusivity**

This agreement shall be considered non-exclusive. All parties remain open to other collaborations.

### **Funding**

At the outset, this collaboration is non-funded. All parties should thus fund their own overhead. The parties and their collaborators are free to seek and collaborate on external funding.

### **Non-Binding Commitment**

This Letter of Intent states the interest of the parties in establishing this collaboration. However, none of the parties shall be bound legally by this commitment.

This letter of intent has been executed in three (3) copies. Each party has received one (1) copy.


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