

## Wind Power in Latvia and the Baltic countries



**Friday 15 June 2012, Global Wind Day**  
**Islande Hotel, Riga, Latvia**

Policy workshop on Global Wind Day organised by EWEA in association with: Baltic Wind Park, the Latvian Association of Wind Energy and Kurzeme Business Incubator.

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### Programme

#### Session 1: Thriving in a challenging regulatory environment

Delegates heard about the main barrier to the development of wind in Latvia today: the challenging legal framework. In particular speakers addressed the shortcomings of the current support scheme, environmental regulation and building regulation and will confront viewpoints on how to improve them in view of buttressing a strong wind sector in Latvia.

*Session chair:* **Janis Meirans**, General Manager, Baltic Wind Park

**Paulis Barons**, President, LAWE - Latvian Association of Wind Energy

**Gatis Abele**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Economics, Latvia

**Pierre Tardieu**, Regulatory Affairs Advisor - Member States & Trade, EWEA, Belgium

**Dace Cirule**, Attorney at Law, Law Office ADVERSU, Latvia

#### Welcome address

**Views of the Ministry of Economics** (oral speech only)

[A sound legal framework for wind development \(PDF - 949KB\)](#)

[Legal regulations \(PDF - 377KB\)](#)

## **Session 2: Grids: the gateway to power**

This session focused on the bottlenecks linked to infrastructure for the development of wind farms on- and offshore in Latvia. In addition to information on the local experience, delegates benefited from insights of high-level European experts representing the TWENTIES projects, who discussed examples of best practice and provided their perspectives on future energy systems. [TWENTIES](#) is the largest renewable energy research project ever funded by the European Union.

*Chair:* **Sharon Wokke**, Project Manager, EWEA

**Jan van den Berg**, Senior Project Advisor - DC Interconnections, TenneT TSO B.V, The Netherlands

[The TWENTIES project](#)  
(PDF - 1.5MB)

**Jos Spits**, Manager Environmental Planning, TenneT TSO B.V, The Netherlands

[Optimizing planning and permitting for offshore interconnectors](#)  
(PDF - 749KB)

**Daniel Huertas-Hernando**, Researcher Market - Grid Analysis, SINTEF Energy Research, Norway

[Offshore wind power variability, hydropower potential flexibility and grid implications](#)  
(PDF - 2.2MB)

## **Session 3: Show me the money!**

In the context of regulatory instability and the economic crisis, the financing of wind farms has become more difficult in recent years. The session will allow delegates to have a better understanding of the expectations of bankers when assessing the viability of wind projects. The viewpoints of international and local financial institutions will be completed by the perspective of project developers active in Latvia.

*Chair:* **Pierre Tardieu**, Regulatory Affairs Advisor - Member States & Trade, EWEA

**Andrejs Silins**, Chairman, Baltic Wind Park, Latvia

[Offshore wind project financial management and challenges](#)  
(PDF - 344KB)

**Hans Jacob Bull-Berg**, Export and Project Finance, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, Norway

[Financing wind power projects: banks' risk assessments and some experiences](#)  
(PDF - 611KB)

**Sophie Jablonski-Moc**, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

[EIB financing of renewable \(and wind\) energy: key requirements](#)  
(PDF - 317KB)

**16:00 - 17:00: drinks reception sponsored by [TWENTIES](#)**