

20 March to 20 July 2013

Offshore wind farm off the coast of Courseulles-sur-Mer

PUBLIC DEBATE

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Led by Éoliennes Offshore du Calvados, the wind farm project off the coast of Courseulles-sur-Mer will be the topic of a public debate organised and mediated by a Special Commission for Public Debate (SCPD). This commission is unbiased and independent and has 5 members. Between 20 March and 20 July 2013, the opportunities, goals and specifications of the project will be examined and debated at a series of meetings open to all.

A dedicated website will also be used to gather public opinion.

*This project affects you.
Find out more and take
part in the debate!*

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PUBLIC DEBATE: A KEY PHASE OF THE PROJECT

In June 2012, Éolien Maritime France referred to the National Commission for Public Debate (NCPD)*, an independent administrative authority in charge of ensuring the respect of public participation in the procedures of infrastructure planning and development projects.

In view of national interests, environmental impact, related infrastructure and the socio-economic challenges of the wind farm project off the coast of Courseulles-sur-Mer, the NCPD has decided to **organise a public debate and has set up an SCPD to oversee the process.**

The wind farm will involve the construction of 75 offshore wind turbines each with a capacity of 6 MW, generating a total energy output of 450 MW. It will be constructed between 6 and 10 miles from the Calvados coast, near Courseulles-sur-Mer.

* For more information: www.debatpublic.fr

WHO DOES WHAT?

The Special Commission for Public Debate (SCPD) will oversee the debates and organise discussions. It will not rule on the merits of the project. Its task is to provide complete, transparent and objective information to the public and to give the public the opportunity to be heard (public meetings, website, contributions, committee room, etc.). The commission will also ensure that the contracting authority answers all questions raised by the public.

The contracting authority, Éoliennes Offshore du Calvados*, will present the project to the public and answer all questions.

The SCPD and the contracting authority may also rely on experts to explain particular aspects.

* Eolien Maritime France has incorporated a company to handle the execution of the Courseulles-sur-Mer offshore wind farm, it is called Éoliennes Offshore du Calvados.

WHO CAN GET INVOLVED?

The public debate process is open to all. The location of the project off the D-day landing beaches fully justifies the participation of any British, Canadian and American nationals who may have concerns.

All individuals and organisations have the right to ask questions and give their opinions with equal rights to speak.

The documents produced by the SCPD and the contracting authority are available to everyone on the website www.debatpublic-eolien-en-mer-courseulles.org.

Public meetings will also be announced in the press and through a poster campaign.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND DEBATE TIMEFRAME



*From April 2012 to mid-October 2013. This phase identifies the risks that the project is not executed or that commissioning is delayed.

WHAT WILL THE DEBATES BE ABOUT?

Issues and topics under debate:

- Energy challenges
- Impact on the countryside and natural areas
- Benefits for the local economy
- Impact on shipping, fishing and tourism
- Impact on historic sites and memorials
- Connection to the national grid
- Port facilities

> All these issues will be covered and debated over the course of the 11 planned public meetings.

THE PROJECT IN FIGURES

The wind farm will be constructed at least **6 miles** off the coast of Courseulles-sur-Mer

Its total area will be **12 acres**

75 wind turbines with a height of 570 feet (mast + blades), separated from each other by a distance of around **1/2 mile**

They will be connected to the national grid by under-sea and underground cables

The total cost will be **1.8** billion Euros



PUBLIC DEBATE: THE GOALS

The debates will take place between 20 March and 20 July 2013.

The public debate process has four main goals:

- To inform the public about the construction of the wind farm off the coast of Courseulles-sur-Mer: opportunities, challenges, main characteristics;
- To allow all interested parties to express their opinions, to comment, to ask questions, and to make suggestions and proposals concerning all aspects of the project;
- To give everybody the chance to understand the positions and arguments of all parties concerned;
- To inform the contracting authority of any new assessment factors.

PUBLIC DEBATE: THE PRINCIPLES

The NCPD and the SCPD must comply with the following principles:

Neutrality: The SCPD will not take sides concerning the topic being debated. They will oversee the quality of the public debate.

Independence: The SCPD is entirely independent of the contracting authority and all other parties involved in the debate.

Transparency: All information relating to the project and the debating process is made public. The SCPD is an open and accessible commission.

Equity: Any person who has concerns about the project may be heard, whatever their status. All citizens, institutional representatives, associations and experts will have an equal right to speak.

Confrontation and respect for arguments: The SCPD will make sure that all opinions expressed are well founded and that everyone enjoys their right to be heard.

PUBLIC DEBATE: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Within a period of two months from the close of the debate, the President of the SCPD will publish a report on the public debate and the President of the SCPD will give a summary overview.

Within three months of the publication of these documents, the contracting authority will make an informed decision and make known the actions they intend to carry out, taking into consideration the information provided during the public debate. If they decide to proceed, they will announce how they intend to provide information to the public and how the public can participate during the course of the project. They will also specify the measures they intend to implement in response to the issues raised during the debate.

I would like to receive:

Documents concerning the debate: by e-mail by post

Surname:.....Firstname:.....

E-mail:

Address:

Post code and town:

Questions and comments:

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This information is exclusively for use in the public debate. The Commission will not take anonymous questions or comments into consideration. In accordance with the French Law on "Computers and Liberty" of 6 January 1978, you have the right to access and modify this information.

MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC DEBATE

PRESIDENT OF THE SCPD



Claude BREVAN

Honorary Inspector-General of Construction

Was President of the SCPD for the "Extension of the A16"

and the "Acceleration project for conversion to 2x2 lanes for the Route Centre Europe Atlantique between the A6 and the A71 motorways."

Was a member of the SCPD for the "Future of the RN 154"

THE MEMBERS OF THE SCPD



Jean-Louis CHEREL

General of the Gendarmerie (2nd section)

Local Court Judge (2004-2011)

Was a member of the SCPD for the "Acceleration project for conversion to 2x2 lanes for the Route Centre Europe Atlantique

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Consultant in environment and water management

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Roger SILHOL

Honorary Prefect

Former prefect in charge of public services

Former sub-prefect of Dreux (28) and Montluçon (03)

The SCPD is supported by a general secretariat in charge of setting up, organising and tracking the debate.

Alexandra Moreau, Secretary General, and Julie Quentel, Deputy Secretary General, are at your disposal. Please feel free to contact them for any further information.

To contact the SCPD

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HOW TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE ?

The SCPD provides you with a variety of tools. You can acquire essential information and participate in the public debate during the four months it lasts.

- **Participate** in the 11 public meetings organised in Calvados.
 - **Download documents on the debate** (records of the contracting authorities, studies, RTE (company responsible for high and very high voltage electricity transportation in France) contribution and minutes of the public meetings). You can ask questions on the debate website and give your opinion about the project. The contractor's documents are available in English on the SCPD website.
- Your document requests, questions and opinions can also be sent to the SCPD using the T coupon, by post or by email.*
- **Provide a written contribution** with details of your arguments concerning the project. Some of these contributions will be kept by the SCPD to be included in stakeholder reports. They will then be formatted to standard and printed by the SCPD before being handed out at meetings. They will also be available on the Internet and through subscription.
 - **You can follow debate news** online and check out the latest information. (www.debatpublic-eolien-en-mer-courseulles.org)
 - **You can also view the available documents and studies concerning the debate** at the offices of the SCPD in Bayeux* and every Tuesday morning at the information desk in the Town Hall of Courseulles-sur-Mer.

* Open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

DATE	PLACE	ADDRESS	TOPIC
20/03/2013 8pm-11pm	Bayeux	Salle Saint Laurent 46, rue Saint Laurent 14400 BAYEUX	<i>Kick-off meeting</i>
04/04/2013 8pm-11pm	Courseulles-sur-Mer	Salle de l'Edit Allée de l'Edit 14470 COURSEULLES-SUR-MER	<i>General presentation of the project The place of wind energy in the energy mix, energy transition, legal aspects, general economics of the project</i>
12/04/2013 6pm-9pm	Port-en-Bessin	Salle des fêtes Quai Baron Gérard 14520 PORT-EN-BESSIN HUPPAIN	<i>Fisheries, shipping, marine and air safety</i>
23/04/2013 8pm-11pm	Ranville	Salle des Fêtes Henri ROBIN Place du Major Jack WATSON 14860 RANVILLE	<i>Cabling and port facilities</i>
29/04/2013 8pm-11pm	Ver-sur-Mer	Salle Saint Exupéry Place Amiral Byrd 14114 VER-SUR-MER	<i>General public meeting</i>
15/05/2013 8pm-11pm	Caen	Centre des Congrès de Caen Amphithéâtre Caliste 13 avenue Albert Sorel 14000 CAEN	<i>Economic impacts, employment, the industrial sector</i>
31/05/2013 8pm-11pm	Bernières-sur-Mer	Salle de la Mer Place du 6 juin 14990 BERNIERES-SUR-MER	<i>Public hearings</i>
12/06/2013 8pm-11pm	Arromanches*	Salle des fêtes Place du 6 juin 14117 ARROMANCHES-LES-BAINS	<i>Historic sites, the countryside and the environment</i>
20/06/2013 8pm-11pm	Ouistreham	Grange aux Dimes Place Albert Lemarignier 14150 OUISTREHAM	<i>Installation, operation, decommissioning, construction phase, carbon footprint</i>
11/07/2013 8pm-11pm	Lion-sur-Mer	Salle TRIANON Place du 18 juin 1940 14780 LION-SUR-MER	<i>General public meeting</i>
18/07/2013 8pm-11pm	Courseulles-sur-Mer	Salle de l'Edit Allée de l'Edit 14470 COURSEULLES-SUR-MER	<i>Closing meeting</i>

* Simultaneous translation into English will be proposed at this meeting.