

**DECLARATION**

of 25 September 2020 on establishing the initiative:

**POMERANIAN PLATFORM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT**

**OF OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY IN THE BALTIC SEA**

Parties to the Declaration:

**Pomorskie Voivodeship (Województwo Pomorskie)** with registered office in Gdańsk at ul. Okopowa 21/27 (80-810 Gdańsk), with NIP number: 583-31-63-786, REGON: 191674836, represented by:

* Mieczysław Struk – Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship
* Leszek Bonna – Deputy-Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship

**Municipality of Gdynia (Gmina Miasta Gdyni)** with registered office in Gdynia at al. Marszałka Piłsudskiego 52/54, 81-382 Gdynia, NIP: 5862312326, REGON: 191675557, represented by:

* Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała – Deputy Mayor of Gdynia by virtue of authorisation granted under order no. 514/14/VII/S of the Mayor of Gdynia, of 31 December 2014 and order no. 3194/15/VII/S of 7 September 2015 on granting Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała – Deputy Mayor of Gdynia the authorisation to manage the affairs of the Municipality of Gdynia and to issue administrative decisions on behalf of the Mayor of Gdynia

**Municipality of Rumia (Gmina Miejska Rumia)**, ul. Sobieskiego 7, 84-230 Rumia, NIP: 5882367750, REGON: 191675178 represented by:

* Michał Pasieczny – Mayor of Rumia

**Municipality of Kosakowo (Gmina Kosakowo)**, ul. Żeromskiego 69, 81-198 Kosakowo, represented by:

* Marcin Majek – Mayor of Municipality

**Rumia Invest Park** Sp. z o.o. with registered office in Rumia, ul. Dębogórska 148,

84-230 Rumia, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VIII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000674167, NIP: 588-24-27-498, REGON: 367085124, represented by:

* Agnieszka Rodak – President of the Management Board

**Gdańsk University of Technology (Politechnika Gdańska)** with registered office in Gdańsk, ul. Narutowicza 11/12, NIP: 5840203593, REGON: 000001620, represented by:

* Prof. Janusz Nieznański, PhD hab., Eng. – Vice-President for Internationalisation and Innovation of PG - Gdańsk Technical University

**Gdynia Maritime University (Uniwersytet Morski w Gdyni)**, ul. Morska 81-87, 81-225 Gdynia, NIP: 586-001-28-73, REGON: 000145112, represented by:

* Tomasz Tarasiuk, PhD hab., Eng., professor titular of UMG – Vice-President for Cooperation and Development

**Pomeranian Development Fund (Pomorski Fundusz Rozwoju** Sp. z o.o.) with registered office in Gdańsk, ul. Straganiarska 24-27, 80-837 Gdańsk, entered in the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000264374, NIP: 5862179689, REGON: 220307372, share capital of: 2,864,550.00 PLN represented by:

* Sławomir Koprowski – President of the Management Board
* Jarosław Kała – Vice-President of the Management Board

**Voivodeship Labour Office (Wojewódzki Urząd Pracy)** with registered office in Gdańsk, ul. Podwale Przedmiejskie 30, 80-824 Gdańsk, represented by:

* Joanna Witkowska – Director of Labour Office

**Pomerania Development Agency Co. (Agencja Rozwoju Pomorza** S.A.), with registered office in Gdańsk at Al. Grunwaldzka 472 D, 80-309 Gdańsk, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000004441, share capital of 26.320.000,00 PLN, paid-in capital of 26.320.000,00 PLN, represented by:

* Łukasz Żelewski – President of the Management Board
* Piotr Ciechowicz – Vice-President of the Management Board

**Pomeranian Regional Chamber of Commerce (Regionalna Izba Gospodarcza Pomorza)** with registered office in Gdańsk, al. Grunwaldzka 82, 80-244 Gdańsk, KRS number: 0000311830, acting also on behalf of **Safe Baltic Group Cluster,** represented by:

* Adam Protasiuk – Vice-President of the Management Board
* Damian Mucha – Vice-President of the Management Board

**Pomeranian Employers Association (Organizacja Pracodawcy Pomorza)** with registered office in Gdańsk, Al. Zwycięstwa 24, 80-219 Gdańsk, entered into the Register of Associations maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000160084, NIP: 957-07-44-558, REGON: 190179164, represented by:

* Stanisława Kierznikowicz – Vice-President of the Management Board
* Michał Sznycer – Vice-President of the Management Board

**Gdansk Entrepreneurial Foundation (Gdańska Fundacja Przedsiębiorczości)** with registered office in Gdańsk, ul. Lęborska 3B, 80-386 Gdańsk, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000234045, NIP: 583-290-74-40, represented by:

* Tomasz Szymczak – President of the Management Board
* Magdalena Wójtowicz – Vice-President of the Management Board

**Polish Offshore Wind Energy Society (Polskie Towarzystwo Morskiej Energetyki Wiatrowej)** with registered office in Gdańsk – ul. Jana Uphagena 27, 80-237 Gdańsk, entered into the Register of Associations maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VIII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000256472, NIP: 584-22-08-169, REGON: 191342488, represented by:

* Mariusz Witoński – President of the Management Board
* Jakub Budzyński – Vice-President of the Management Board

**Polish Register of Shipping S.A. (Polski Rejestr Statków** S.A.) with registered office in Gdańsk, al. gen. Józefa Hallera 126, 80-416 Gdańsk, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000019880, NIP: 584-03-04-472, REGON: 000144992, represented by:

* Andrzej Madejski – President of the Management Board
* Leszek Pokora – Proxy

**Maritime Advanced Research Centre (Centrum Techniki Okrętowej** S.A.) with registered office in Gdańsk at ul. Szczecińska 65, 80-392 Gdańsk, REGON: 000030596, NIP: 5830269981, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs under KRS number: 0000201647, maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register, share capital of 15,500,000.00 PLN, paid in full, represented by:

* Leszek Wilczyński – Director for Research and Development

**Institute of Power Engineering - Research Institute (Instytut Energetyki - Instytut Badawczy)** with registered office in Warsaw, ul. Mory 8, 01-330 Warszawa, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, XIII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000088963, NIP 525-00-08-761, within the operations of Gdańsk Branch with registered office in Gdańsk, at ul. Mikołaja Reja 27, 80-870 Gdańsk, REGON: 00020586-00046, represented by the Director’s proxy disclosed in KRS:

* Michał Izdebski, PhD, Eng. – Branch Director

**Educational Research Institute (Instytut Badań Edukacyjnych)** with registered office in Warsaw, ul. Górczewska 8, 01-180 Warszawa, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, XII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000113990, NIP: 525-000-86-95, represented by:

* Tomasz Bartczak – Chief Accountant, Acting Deputy Director for Finance and Management

**Pomeranian Special Economic Zone (Pomorska Specjalna Strefa Ekonomiczna** Sp. z o.o.) with registered office in Sopot (81-703) at ul. Władysława IV 9, entered in the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VIII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000033744, NIP: 5880019192, share capital 376,603,000.00 PLN paid in full, represented by:

* Przemysław Sztandera – President of the Management Board
* Katarzyna Pasternak – Proxy

**New Competencies Centre (Centrum Nowych Kompetencji** Sp. z o.o.) with registered office in Gdynia, at ul. Oficerska 12/4, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register, maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VIII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000753533, REGON: 381598203, NIP: 5862337579, represented by:

* Tomasz Lisiecki – President of the Management Board

**GO ROPES GROUP** Sp. z o.o. with registered office in Gdańsk, ul. Jabłoniowa 64, 80-175 Gdańsk, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000793053, NIP: 957 111 69 82, REGON: 383777571, represented by:

* Mateusz Archacki – Member of the Management Board

**Vulcan Training & Consultancy** Sp. z o.o. with registered office in Szczecin, ul. Ludowa 8C, 71-700 Szczecin, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register, maintained by the District Court in Szczecin, Commercial Division under KRS number: 0000597863, REGON: 363542197, with share capital of 60,000.00 PLN, NIP: 8513190949, represented by:

* Artur Ambrożewicz – President of the Management Board

**Baltic Sea & Space Cluster** (**Bałtycki Klaster Morski i Kosmiczny**) with registered office in Gdynia, ul. Polska 13a, 81-339 Gdynia, established on 27 July 2009 and entered into KRS on 22 October 2009 under KRS number: 0000340133, NIP: 586-224-58-25; PIC: 930379963 (European Commission); REGON: 220889256, represented by:

* Zbigniew Jaś – President of the Management Board
* Marek Grzybowski – Vice-President of the Management Board

**CEE Energy Group** Sp. z o.o. with registered office in Warsaw, ul. Wybrzeże Kościuszkowskie 45/2, 00-347 Warszawa, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, XII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000837948, NIP: 5252820604, REGON: 385920943, represented by:

* Maciej Mierzwiński – President of the Management Board
* Krzysztof Tomaszewski – Member of the Management Board

**Euroregion Baltic (Euroregion Bałtyk)**, institutionalised form of cross-border cooperation in the south-east of the Baltic Sea region comprising regions from Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Lithuania and Russia, with registered office in Elbląg, ul. Stary Rynek 25, 82-300 Elbląg, KRS 0000042453, NIP 578-24-49-856, represented by:

* Witold Wróblewski – ERB President

**DT Gdynia Renke and Partners Legal Office (DT Gdynia Renke i Partnerzy Radcowie Prawni i Adwokaci** Spółka Partnerska) with registered office in Gdynia (81-340), ul. Hryniewickiego 6C/43, entered into the Register of Entrepreneurs maintained by the District Court Gdańsk-Północ in Gdańsk, VIII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under KRS number: 0000446972, NIP: 5842729951, REGON: 221814272, represented by:

* Adam Soszyński – Legal Counsel
* Krzysztof Renke – Legal Counsel

hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” or individually as a “Party””.

**PREAMBULE**

Whereas the essential element of the Pomorskie Voivodeship economic development policy implemented by the local authority with their key partners involves inspiring and promoting the events that are part of the Pomorskie Smart Specialisations aimed to develop new technologies based on endogenous resources and advantages of the region, and whereas the development of offshore wind farms within the Polish zone of the Baltic Sea is part of the scope of specialisations within the „Offshore, Port and Logistics Technologies”, as well as the „Ecoeffective Technologies in Generation, Transmission, Distribution and Consumption of Energy and Fuels and in Construction”.

Whereas Rumia Invest Park Sp. z o.o. has taken the initiative to establish the Pomeranian Platform for the Development of Offshore Wind Energy in the Baltic Sea, aimed to create favourable conditions for the development of local businesses to participate in the supply chain, which will exert positive impact on the labour market, the vocational schools educational offer, and moreover, contribute to the development of R&D well as innovation sectors.

Whereas the statutory activity of the regional initiative Invest in Pomerania, managed by the Pomerania Development Agency S.A. that actively supports the economic entities implementing investment projects in Pomerania, and that put forth an initiative to develop a regional comprehensive support program for the renewable energy sources (RES) sector.

Whereas other key partners, local authorities, economic entities such as the Port of Gdynia Authority S.A. that is the most predestined to operate as an installation terminal for the investments in offshore wind farms, business-related institutions such as the Pomeranian Special Economic Zone Sp. z o.o., Incubator Starter, universities such as Gdańsk University of Technology and Gdynia Maritime University, and other entities, in particular those affiliated with the Polish Offshore Wind Energy Society and the Polish Wind Energy Association, declare their will to implement, within their tasks and competence, ventures that contribute to the initiative of developing the Pomeranian Platform for the Development of Offshore Wind Energy in the Baltic Sea.

Whereas the tasks related to the implementation of the European guidelines for the investment in the renewable energy sources in the electric power sector, in particular related to the provisions of the European Green Deal and the EU strategy for energy system integration, emphasizing the need to accelerate the development of offshore wind energy, as well as the Renewable Energy Directive requiring from all member states to invest in the renewable energy sources, and indicating the need to take actions to respond to challenges resulting from climate change, which is reflected in the draft Pomorskie Voivodeship Development Strategy 2030.

Whereas the development of offshore wind farm sector is the strategic course in the transformation of the Polish energy sector, which is reflected e.g., in the draft Energy Policy of Poland until 2040, the Poland's National Energy and Climate Plan for 2021-2030 and in the draft bill dedicated to the development of offshore wind energy sector with its essential part related to indicating the need to develop conditions to strengthen the national entity participation in the future investment supply chain.

In the light of the foregoing, the Parties adopt this Declaration:

§1

The Parties to this Declaration express their willingness to cooperate in the development of offshore wind energy sector within the following areas:

1. Support for the Pomeranian entrepreneurs and external economic entities who intend to implement investments related to offshore wind energy sector.

2. Development of economic relations facilitating the exchange of experience and transfer of good practices, including the involvement of regional/local entities who can participate in the supply chain providing the material and service supply chain, the so-called Local Content.

3. Preparation of personnel for entities participating in the investments, in particular by supporting the educational and training activities improving relevant competences.

4. Support for the development and use of the regional R&D potential for activities related to the construction and maintenance of offshore wind farms.

5. Conducting information activities mainly for entities who can participate in the supply chain for the investments in offshore wind farms.

6. Support for raising social awareness related to the scale of implemented investments, with particular reference to the resulting consequences for the region.

§2

The Parties recognize the need to launch the Pomeranian Platform for the Development of Offshore Wind Energy in the Baltic Sea, through the following activities:

1. Developing and improving competences, and the investment possibilities within the economic area related to the development of offshore wind energy sector. Analysing possibilities e.g., through developing business models and favourable environment and conditions to implement the example undertakings such as e.g.:

a) support for the Pomeranian companies regarding the development of production possibilities for offshore wind farm sector,

b) construction of the Offshore Wind Energy Competence Centre in Rumia,

c) development of accelerator for the offshore wind farm sector,

d) construction of Innovation Centre of integrated maritime research laboratories for offshore industry,

e) involvement of Pomeranian companies in the materials and services supply chain (local content).

2. Activities aimed to prepare the personnel indispensable to operate offshore wind farms, in particular through developing the training system focused on developing key competences in the offshore wind farm sector and establishing regular cooperation between business and universities and institutions managing the vocational schools.

3. Conducting research and development activities to work out novel solutions regarding the construction and maintenance of offshore wind farms, improvement in the effectiveness of energy production, transmission and storage, as well as activities aimed to reduce the energy production costs.

4. Co-designing legal regulations to implement offshore wind farm investments. Lobbying for drafting legislation indispensable for the efficient development of this area.

5. Conducting information activities for entrepreneurs and investors. Developing a website of the Pomeranian Offshore Wind Energy Platform. Organization of conferences and other information activities promoting technologies for energy production in wind power plants and providing information on the involvement of the Signatories to this Declaration in projects regarding offshore wind energy – aimed to e.g., increase the participation of local/regional entities in developing the supply chain.

6. Raising public awareness through educational activities in the field of technologies supporting the development of offshore wind energy, as a crucial factor affecting the protection of natural environment and providing an energy alternative to the depleting fossil fuel deposits. Reaching a broad consensus to meet the requirements for the contribution of zero-emission energy industry in the energy mix and to obtain, by Pomerania, the status of a leader in Poland in the electricity production in offshore wind farms.

7. Building international relations to finance innovative projects related to the renewable energy production technologies, exchange of technical knowledge and transfer of good practices regarding the preparation of the labour market. Participation in conferences and establishing cooperation with foreign partners to gain experience related to developing the necessary competences, technical knowledge and building direct business relations.

§3

Issues of intellectual property and the related rights, in particular copyright and industrial property rights and other legal and organizational issues related to the subject of this Declaration shall be governed by separate agreements between the partners concerned.

§4

The provisions of this Declaration do not authorize either Party to undertake any activities on behalf of any other Party to this Declaration, including in particular the submission and acceptance of the declarations of intent, notices, and assuming any obligations on behalf of the other Party.

§5

The Parties agree to refer to this Declaration in relation to other institutions and to make the information about signing this Declaration publicly available.

§6

Each Party shall bear individually the costs related to the subject of this Declaration. This Declaration shall not give rise to any obligations, including the financial obligations for either Party.

§7

Accession to this Declaration is possible for new entities and takes place by submitting to the Coordinator a signed declaration of intent to accede to this Declaration and accept its provisions. The Coordinator shall inform the Signatories to this Declaration of every received declaration of intent to accede to the Declaration. The accession is granted upon the acceptance by the Coordinator.

§8

Each Party has the right to terminate this Declaration at any time without stating the reasons to the end of the month when the written notice was effectively delivered to the Coordinator – namely the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship. Sending a letter to the Coordinator’s representative, Mr Jarosław Kumięga, to j.kumiega@pomorskie.eu shall be deemed as effectively delivered. The Coordinator shall inform the Signatories to this Declaration of every received statement of withdrawal from the Declaration.

§9

The Parties to this Declaration agree that the original copy of this Declaration shall be kept by the Coordinator. The Coordinator shall provide the Signatories with copies of this Declaration.

*On the original, due signatures of the Signatories to this Declaration.*