

Law and wind farms in the Baltic Sea and North Sea



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Cross-border maritime spatial planning and transnational partnerships of hybrid offshore wind energy projects in the Baltic Sea and North Sea – CROSS-HOWE-BANO

Background and motivation

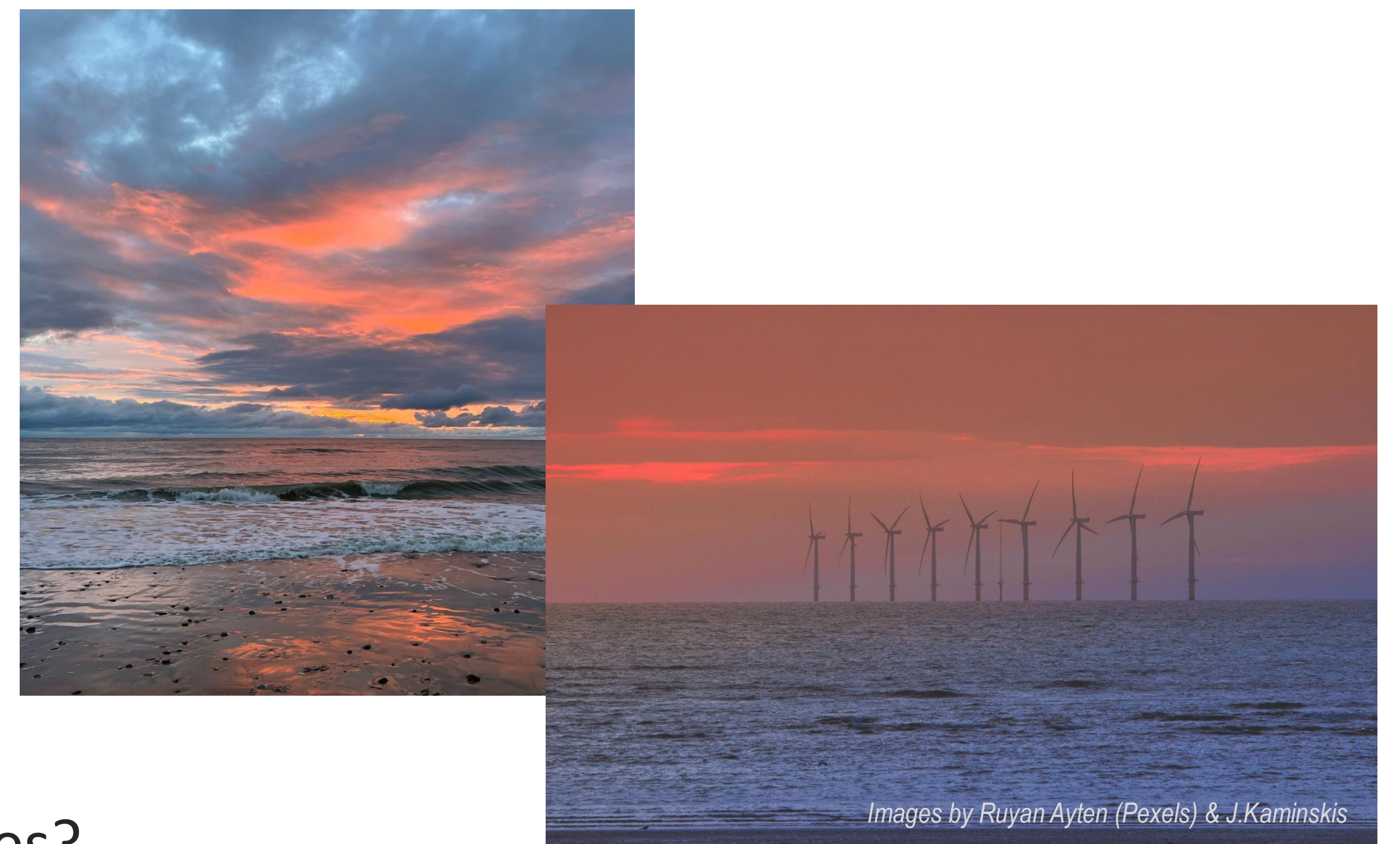
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Aims

- Theoretical and empirical studies
- Extrapolation of research findings:
 - Compendium of methodologies of guidance and best practices;
 - Framework for community rights protection

Main questions

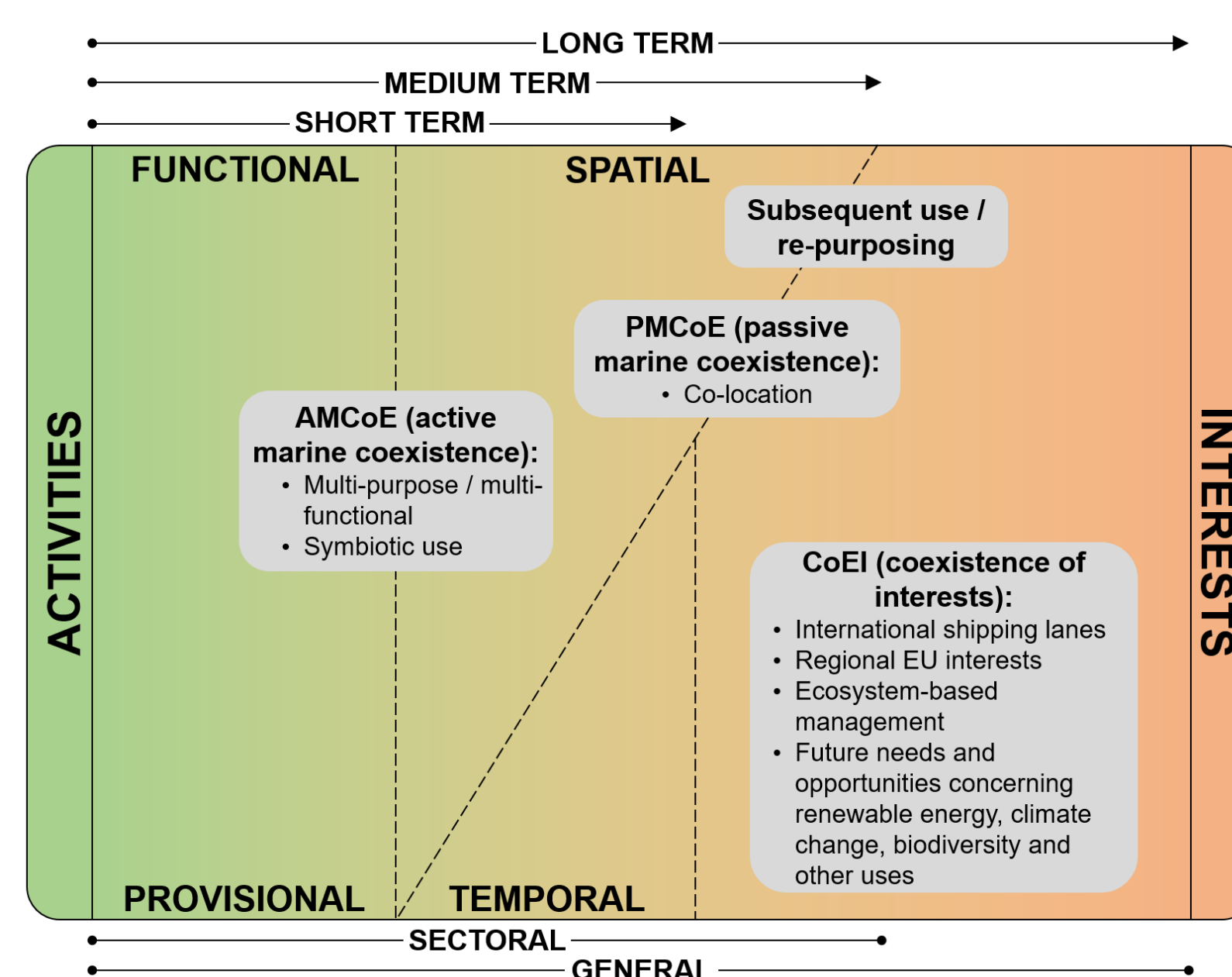
- Primary legal and regulatory hurdles
- The influence of varied institutional contexts and their interplay
- How can community rights be safeguarded?
- What adjustments are necessary in legislative frameworks and practices?



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Project description

Generating wind energy at sea is vital for combating climate change and meeting rising electricity demands amid geopolitical tensions. MSP can enhance cross-border cooperation for offshore wind farm deployment.



Marine sustainability

The project directly enhances marine governance effectiveness, positively impacting marine sustainability by contributing to global and EU goals to reduce pollution, promote a circular economy, and restore biodiversity by 2050.

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Full length article
Implementing the EU MSP Directive: Current status and lessons learned in 22 EU Member States*

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Highlighted results

- The latest publication: Zaucha J., Gee K., Ramieri E., **Neimane L.**, Alloncle N., Blažauskas N., Calado H., Cervera-Núñez C., Marohni Kuzmanović V., Stancheva M., Witkowska J., Schütz S.E., Ronco Zapatero J., Ehler C.N. **Implementing the EU MSP Directive: Current status and lessons learned in 22 EU Member States.** Marine Policy, forthcoming.
- **Neimane L. Legal Challenges in Introducing Maritime Spatial Planning in Latvia: Envisioning a Multi-Use Approach Framework.** Conference paper of the 9th International Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Law of the University of Latvia. <https://doi.org/10.22364/iscflul.9.1.10>
- Participation as table facilitator at the 6th MSP Forum in Indonesia, Bali, organised and financed by the UNESCO-IOC and European Commission.
- Participation with the report at the workshop 'Harnessing the Wind: Offshore Wind Power's Regulatory Framework' in Åland, Finland.



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