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A WIND FARM ON THE BANKS OF THE ESTUARY IN BLAYE AND HAUTE-SAINTONGE?

Live in **Saint-Thomas-de-Conac?**
Read on for answers to your questions



To facilitate the energy transition, France has made a commitment to double its onshore wind capacity over 5 years

Why develop a wind farm here?

- Because it's windy;
- Because there are large open spaces and not many houses;
- Because we are close to the nuclear power plant and its electrical grid system;
- Because the Communauté de communes de l'Estuaire and the Communauté de communes de la Haute-Saintonge are engaged in an energy transition process.

Where would the wind turbines be?

Eight municipalities along the estuary have been identified as potential sites for the wind farm.

An initial study area has been selected in each municipality (shown in green on the map). Studies will be conducted to determine the potential number and location of wind turbines in the area.

BUILDING REGULATIONS

- The wind turbines must be erected at least 500 metres from the nearest dwelling
- The wind turbines must be at least 100 metres from the shore
- The wind turbines must not be erected in urban areas, on landscapes, in environmentally sensitive areas, etc.



What are the expected benefits?

- Each wind turbine will produce the equivalent of the electricity consumption of 2,000 people;
- The economic spin-off will depend on the number of wind turbines. The plan is to develop 30 to 40 turbines in all, which would generate €900,000 to €1.2 million a year for the local authorities concerned;
- Support measures will be discussed as part of the studies, in consultation with local stakeholders;
- An annual rental fee will be paid to landowners who agree to host wind turbines.

Where does the project stand now?

The preliminary studies were completed in 2017. They confirmed the feasibility of a wind farm project to progress the region's energy transition.

In 2018, consultations will take place with local government officials, associations, social and economic players, and of course local residents.

The discussions will be an opportunity to delve more deeply into certain issues and will guide EDF EN's choices during the project design phase.

