

Press release

Polenergia To Launch Collaboration with Gdańsk University of Technology

Polenergia has teamed up with the Faculty of Ocean Engineering and Ship Technology, which is the only university in Poland educating the future personnel of the offshore wind energy sector. Thus, almost 60 students of post-graduate studies in offshore wind energy will gain access to state-of-the-art knowledge on the international level in the offshore area.

What is bathymetry? What is the tectonics of the Baltic Shield? How to carry out tests with the use of a vibrocorer? How long does a weather window in the Baltic Sea last? Students of post-graduate studies in Offshore Wind Energy at the Faculty of Ocean Engineering and Ship Technology at the Gdańsk University of Technology will find answers to these and a number of other questions; the studies were officially launched on 8 November 2019 for the first time in Poland. The letter of intent signed on the inauguration day between Polenergia, the Gdańsk University of Technology and the Polish Offshore Wind Energy Society assumes collaboration during implementation of the Personnel Competence Development Programme for the Offshore Wind Energy sector. The party representing the Group as part of the collaboration with the Gdańsk University of Technology in a joint venture between Polenergia and Equinor Polska Sp. z o.o. operating through Bałtyk II Offshore Wind Farm and Bałtyk III Offshore Wind Farm. Students of the pilot edition of the study will have the opportunity to acquire or to expand their knowledge about offshore wind energy which is the most dynamically developing technology for procuring energy from renewable sources.

“We have teamed up with the Gdańsk University of Technology because the success of the Polish offshore energy sector depends on properly educated and trained engineering and technical personnel, who is going to fully secure the development potential of this sector. We give the students an opportunity to learn and to get to know international offshore practice. I am convinced that many young people will make use of such unique opportunity, as it is the best moment in their career to look for new challenges and inspiration,” stresses Michał Michalski, President of the Management Board of Polenergia.

Launch of the study programme is directly related to the intense development of the market of offshore wind energy in Poland, expected in the next years. The draft Energy Policy of Poland Until

2040 assumes construction of wind farms in the Baltic Sea with a total capacity exceeding 10 GW, which puts our country in the position of a potential leader in Europe. The purpose of studies is preparation of professional personnel for the needs of such large market. The study programme will allow for gaining professional knowledge about technologies used in the sector, as well as operation of offshore wind energy markets and all aspects of preparation and implementation of offshore wind farm projects in the Polish Exclusive Economic Zone within the Baltic Sea.

Together with Equinor (former Statoil), Polenergia is jointly implementing a construction project of the first offshore wind farms on the Baltic Sea. The offshore projects pursued by the Group received connection conditions with a total capacity up to 3,000 MW, yet the date of their construction depends on the entry into force of a relevant regulatory system.

Polenergia is the first Polish private energy group consisting of vertically integrated companies operating in the area of energy production from renewable and conventional gas sources, as well as distribution and trading of electric energy. The strategic project implemented by the Group is construction of wind farms in the Baltic Sea with a total capacity of 3000 MW. This year, Gazeta Giełdy i Inwestorów "Parkiet" awarded the "Byk i Niedźwiedź" prize to Polenergia as the best company in the sWIG80 index in 2018. More information: www.polenergia.pl

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