

Mobile library tour in Korsnäs focused on offshore wind power

Metsähallitus took part in the mobile library tour organised by Korsnäs municipality in summer to provide information about the planned offshore wind farm.

Anna-Lena Kronqvist, Chair of the Municipal Executive; **Camilla Ribacka**, Chair of the Municipal Council; **Christina Båssar**, Mayor; and **Heidi Vest**, Project Expert at Metsähallitus, met local residents at Taklax, Harrström, Korsnäs mine, Molpe and Korsbäck.

Municipal residents were interested in the visibility of the navigation lights of the offshore wind farm during the dark season. It is envisaged that the power plants will be located 15 to 30 kilometres offshore, which means that they would not disturb local residents when the navigation lights are on.

Routing options for the future power line are still being examined. No decision has yet been made and the alternatives will be studied as part of the environmental impact assessment procedure (EIA), which will last for approximately two years. Since summer 2021, Metsähallitus has commissioned a number of nature surveys of the location of a submarine cable and a power line.

On the mobile library tour, municipal residents also asked questions about the roles of the Korsnäs municipality and Metsähallitus in the project. The municipality is developing the vitality of the area and will continue the land use planning of the area envisaged for the offshore wind farm. Metsähallitus is responsible for the initial project development. After the partner for wind power construction and generation has been selected, the partner will take charge of the project and Metsähallitus will gradually assume the role of a landlord. The partner selection process is expected to be finalised during 2022.