



North Sea  
**Wind Power Hub**

# PLANNING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

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# VISION AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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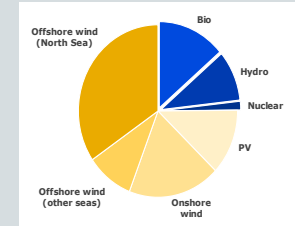
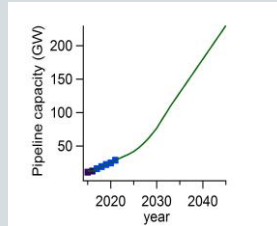
# WINDEUROPE 2017: 3 CONCEPT PAPERS PRESENTED



Concept Paper 1 - The Vision

Perspective - power system

- 80-95% reduction (compared to 1990) in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions before 2050
- full decarbonisation of the electricity supply well before 2045



- large scale, far offshore wind
- accelerated deployment

- cross-border spatial planning
- minimum impact / maximum benefit to environment

- sufficient interconnection capacity to maintain operational security

- flexibility to support non-dispatchable generation



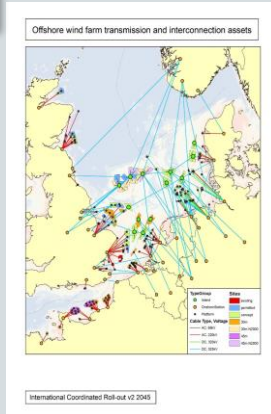


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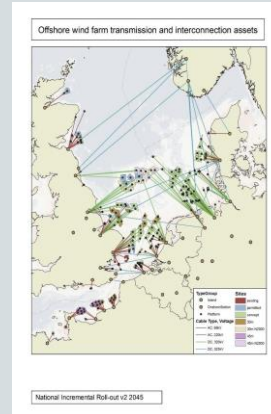
Concept Paper 2 - Modular Hub and Spoke

## International Coordinated Roll-Out (ICRO)

Synergies between wind farm transmission assets and interconnectors are maximized within a total system internationally coordinated framework.



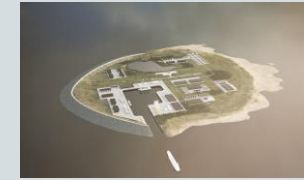
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## National Incremental Roll-Out

OWF transmission assets and interconnectors are developed as individual projects and are connected to the closest national onshore connection point in a radial and uncoordinated manner.

Perspective - power system



Concept Paper 3 – Hub as an Island

- cost reductions from optimised offshore connection concepts, economies of scale, synergies with interconnection functionality and coordinated approach to reinforcement of the onshore grid and system integration
- additional socio-economic benefits from energy market coupling



# DEVELOPMENTS 2018

## Opportunity Statement NSWPH

*“We see an opportunity for internationally coordinated, large scale far offshore wind energy from the North Sea: an opportunity which would deliver energy at competitive prices around 2030 and facilitate meeting the Paris agreement.*

*Therefore we are committed to explore and develop regional socio-economic beneficial and reliable offshore infrastructure, including possible conversion into P2G, that supports wind farm operations and interconnections between markets.”*

**NSWPH organisation in place: based on TECOP**

**Assessment phase: Road map developed**



# TWO INTERRELATED TASKS DEFINED

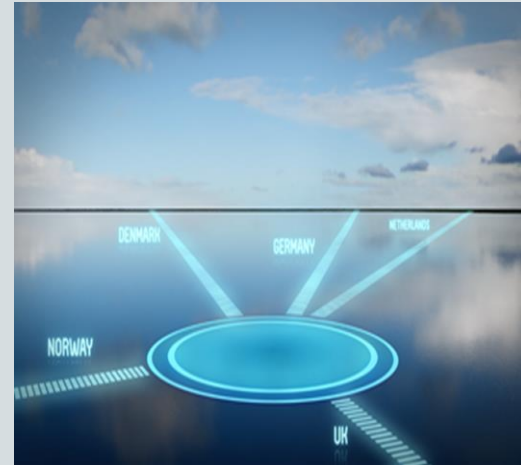
2030 – 2050  
International Coordinated Roll-Out (ICRO)



**System**



2035 NSWPH project  
module #1



**Project**



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NEEDED



**Assess phase**



**Stakeholder  
Interaction**



# OWF SPATIAL PLANNING COST DRIVERS

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**TEAM LEAD ECONOMICS**



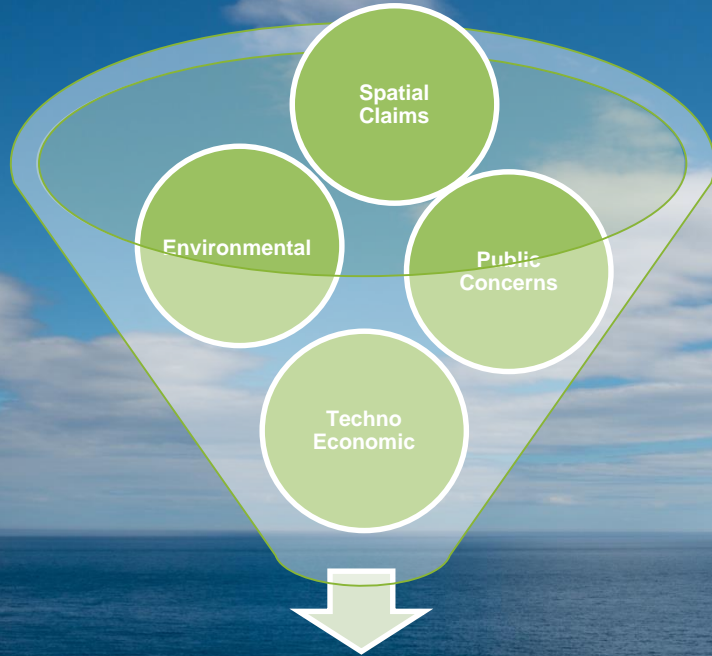


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# POLICY MAKING CHALLENGES



North Sea Spatial Planning





# WHY IN RELATION TO NSWPH

**Leg 1:  
North Sea International  
Coordinated Roll Out**



**Long term  
spatial plan**

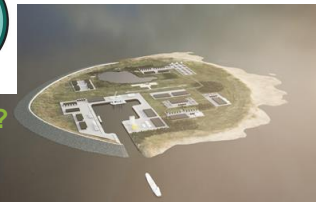
Source: NSWPH Concept Paper 'The Vision'



**Leg 2:  
First Concrete Concept**

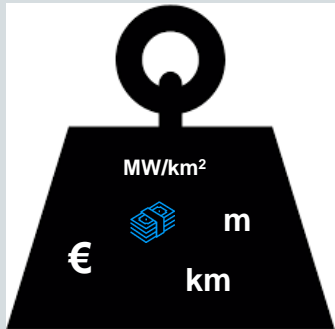
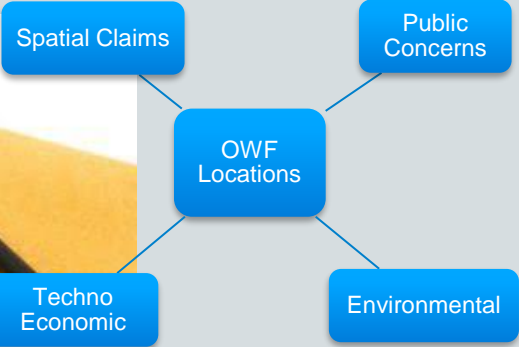


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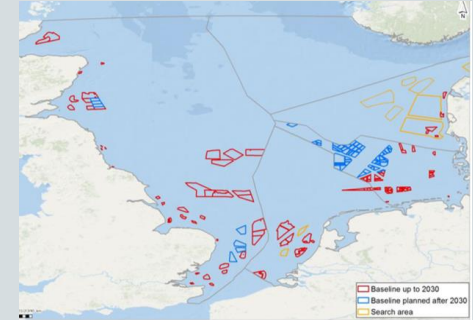
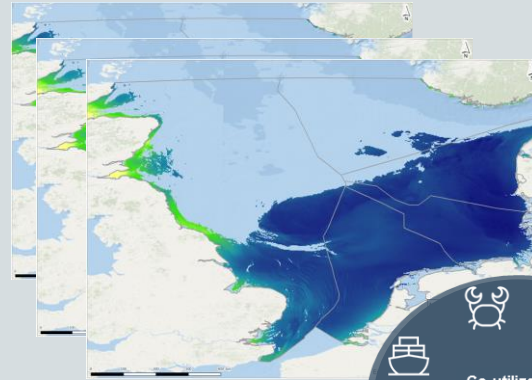
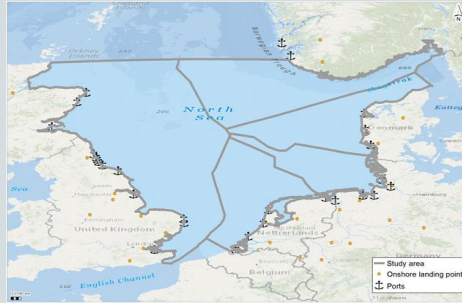


# PURPOSE





# APPROACH



*Set point of departure*

*Preliminary grid connection system, locations, users & test LCOE*

*Short list based on cost, nature, visibility*



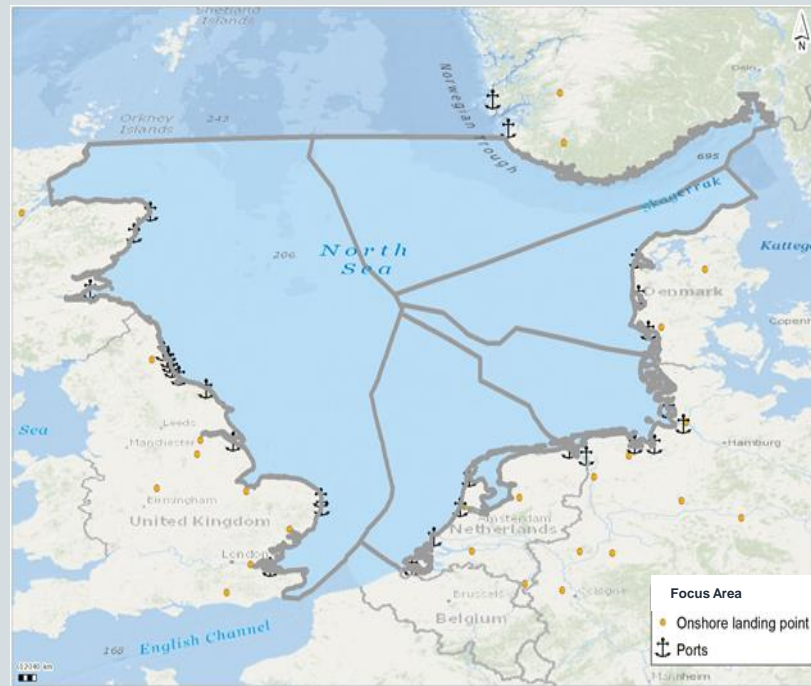
# POINT OF DEPARTURE

## Focused on:

- Electrical infrastructure
- ‘End Game’
- Offshore OWF & TA

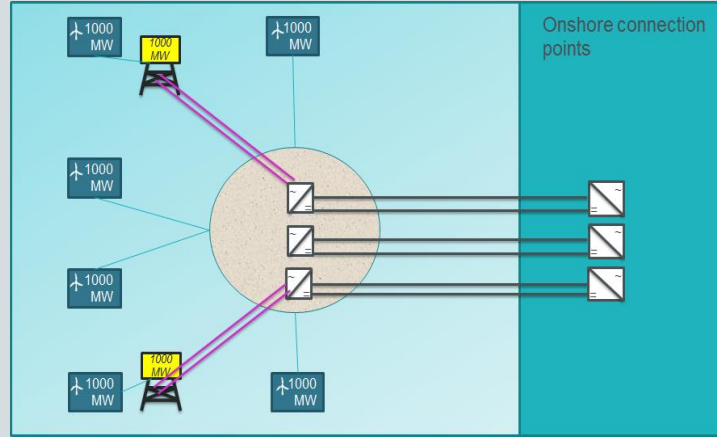
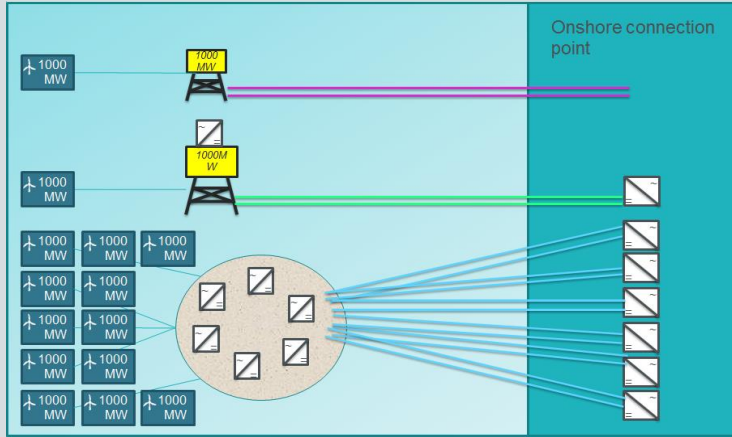
## Offshore Wind Farm:

- Depth  $\leq 55$  m
- Size near  $\sim 1$  GW
- Turbine: Fixed foundation  
15 MW
- Capacity factor  $\sim 55\%$





# OFFSHORE GRID CONNECTION SYSTEM



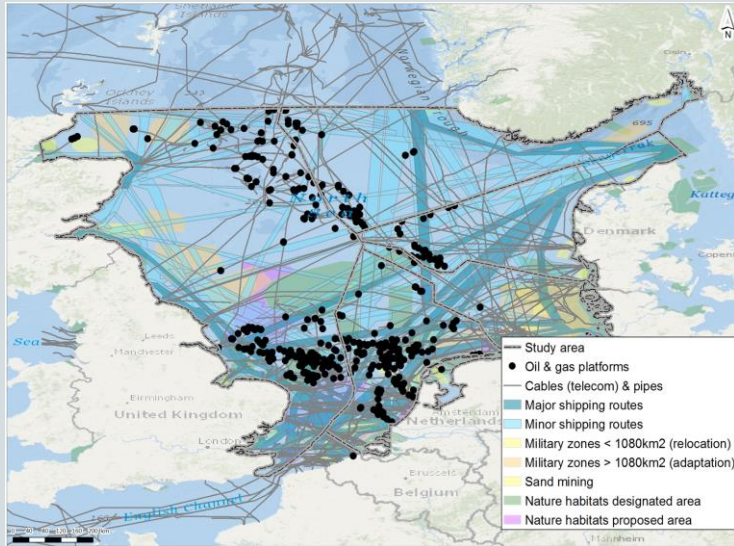
Schematic of offshore grid connection systems: AC-radial, DC-radial, Hub and Spoke

	66kV AC cables
	AC/DC Converter station
	220 kV AC cables
	325 kV DC cables
	325/525 kV DC cables
	AC/DC platform
	Island

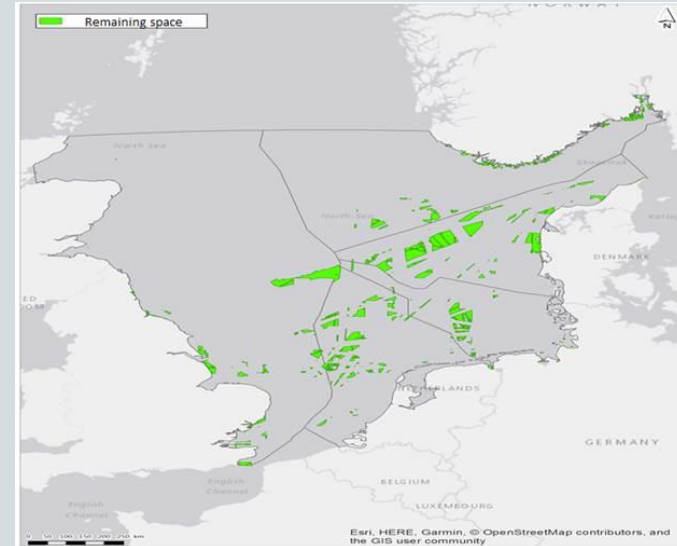
Legenda



# NORTH SEA CURRENT SPATIAL CLAIMS



- North Sea multiple users and stakeholders
- Known appointed areas ~ 65 to 80 GW capacity



- Exclusionary approach leaves small, scattered OWFs
- Remaining space ( $\leq 55$  m) ~ 13,190 km<sup>2</sup>





# NORTH SEA USER FUNCTIONS

- Co-utilization & Adaption

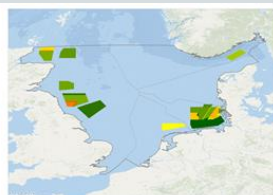


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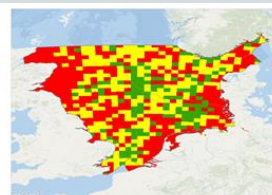
- Cumulative impact costs of the total 'roll out'
- Broader perspective 'shifted user'
- 'Procedural' project delay



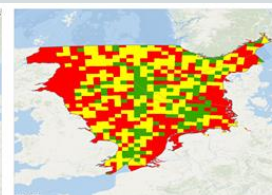
Small military zones



Large shipping routes



Birds (migratory peaks only)



Birds (migratory & sea birds combined)



Protected habitats



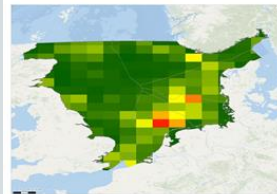
Minor shipping routes



Major shipping routes



Oil & Gas platforms



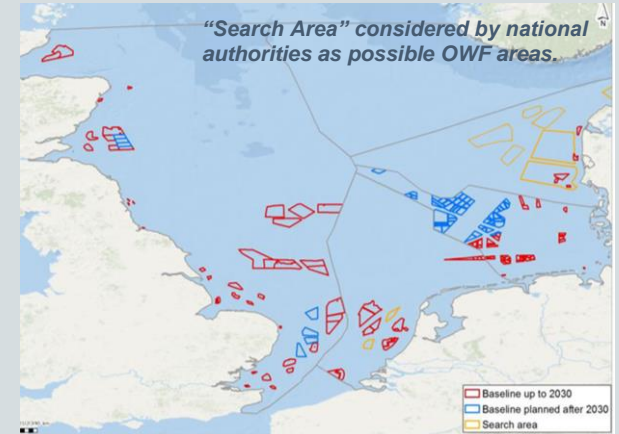
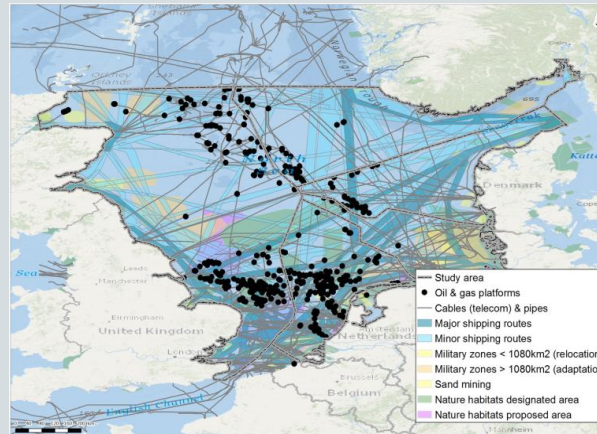
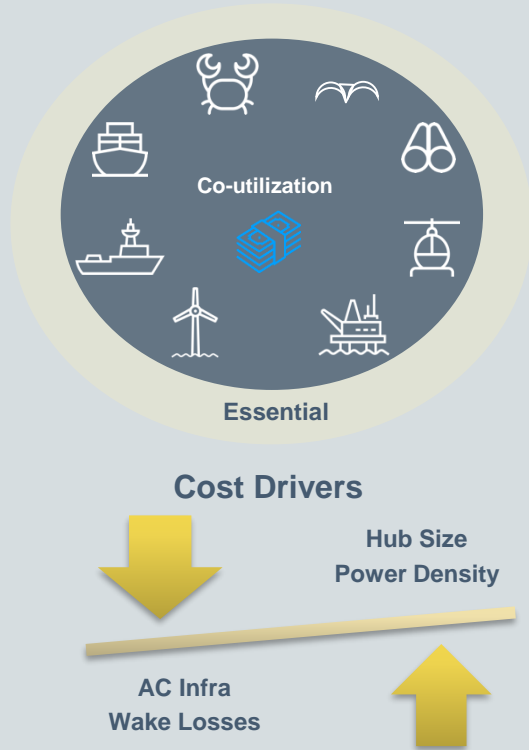
Fisheries



Cables & Pipes



# FIRST OBSERVATIONS





# FIRST OBSERVATIONS HUB ISLAND BENEFITS

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# INITIAL THINKING AROUND NSWPH AS AN ISLAND

## Key questions WindEurope 2017 Amsterdam:

- What benefits would an artificial island have for wind farm installation and O&M at locations >250 km from shore/port?
- What requirements are important to wind farm developers for co-development of such an island to realise these benefits? >> which business models support realising the identified benefits?
- Could the design of an artificial island contribute to a 10-15% cost reduction for wind turbine O&M far from shore (>250 km)?



# CONTINUED ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL BENEFITS

## Offshore Windfarm benefit study with TNO/ECN (2018)

- Starting point study:
  - What benefits would an artificial island have for wind farm installation and O&M at locations >250 km from shore/port?
  
- Market consultation Schiphol 3 July
  - 18 industry participants (OWF, SC, Dredgers)
  - Open and interactive discussion on initial assumptions
  - Feedback from participants led to valuable new insights
  - Based on these insight consortium and TNO/ECN decided to investigate 6 options



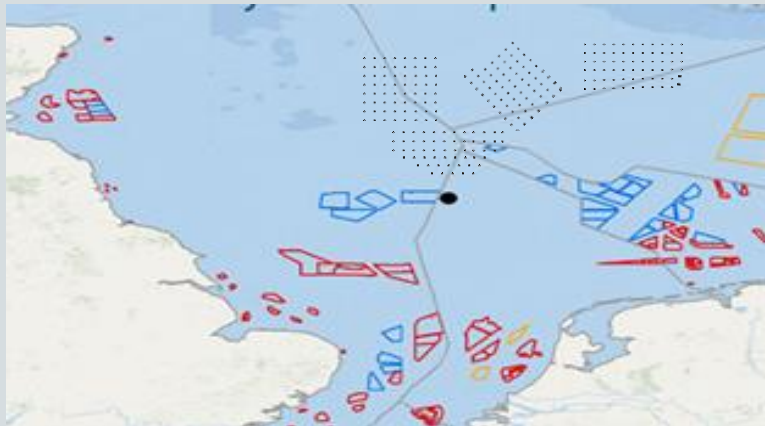
# FIRST OPTIONS IDENTIFIED

## Based on industry feedback first focus on:

- Installation & Commissioning (I&C)
  - Marshalling Harbour
  - Crew stationed on island for commissioning
  - Sheltering base in lee of island/ in island port
  
- Operation & Maintenance (O&M)
  - Accommodation of O&M personnel
  - Large warehouse to store spare parts
  - Shared jack-up barge



# 2035 ONWARD PLAN – KEY ASSUMPTIONS – I&C



SES (left) and an SOV (right)

- 4 WF x 65 WT x 15 MW = 3.9 GW/year (260 WT)
- Ports:
  - Installation ports Seaton and Sunderland
  - Foundation: Rotterdam (380 km), Ijmuiden (320 km)
  - WT: Esjberg (380 km), Eemshaven (340 km)
- Max distance WF to island: 30 km
- OHVS (Offshore High Voltage Substation) & export cables excluded
- SOV: 2 weeks on/ 2 weeks off; crew change: island or “onshore” port
- SES: 2 weeks on/ 2 weeks off; after every 12hr shift: return to island

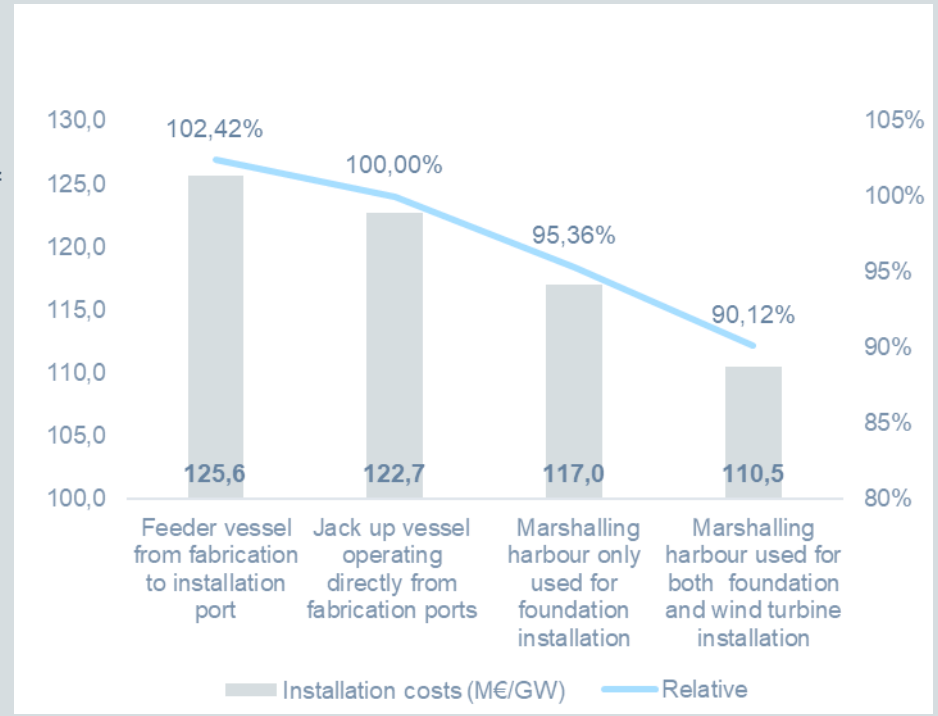


# I&C : ISLAND AS MARSHALLING HARBOUR

## Insight benefit of marshalling harbour at island:

- Less JUV (Jack Up Vessel) vessels needed (6 instead of 8), leading to a decrease in mob/demob costs
- Significant less travelling time causing also less weather delays, components are supplied by feeder vessel in advance (summer)
- Increase costs of un/load at island is compensated by significant travel time
- Most benefit in marshalling harbour for both foundation and wind turbine installation

*Benefit: ±12 M€/GW or ± 10% reduction*







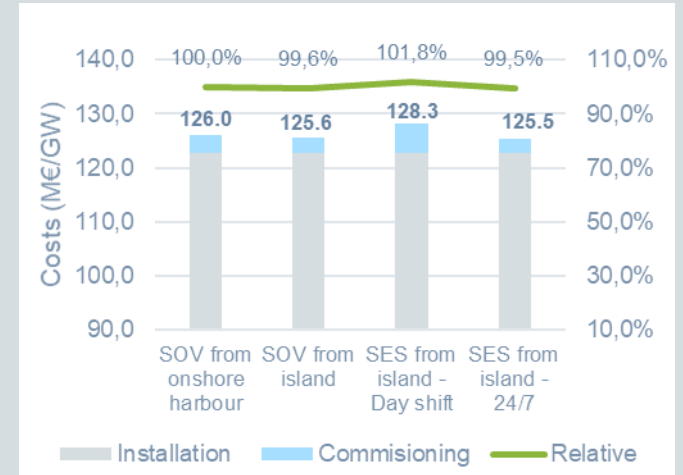
# ISLAND FOR COMMISSIONING & SHELTERING BASE

## Insight for commissioning

- Constructed 4 WF/year to be commissioned during last quarter on each year
- SES has significant lower day rate than SOV, SES has significant lower workability than SOV
- Benefit in SES, island based, is limited at **569 k€/GW installed**

## Insight for sheltering around island/in island port:

- Sheltering JUV needed when Hs > 6 m
- Hs > 6m happens 7 times in 10yr period at Dogger Bank, conform Metocean data



	SOV	SES
k€/day	50	10
Hs (m)	3	2
Accessibility	~91%	~72%



# 2035 ONWARD PLAN – KEY ASSUMPTIONS – O&M

- 3.9 GW WF: 18700 GWh/year ~4800 Full Load Hrs/yr
- O&M Ports in case not from island: O&M: Seaton UK, Sunderland UK (220 km)
- Max distance WF to island: 30 km: 12 – 36 GW
- SOV: 2 weeks on/ 2 weeks off; crew change: island or “onshore” port
- SES: 2 weeks on/ 2 weeks off; after every 12hr shift: return to island
- Spare parts < 2 ton handled by SOV; heavier spare parts are handled by JUV
- JUV in island port: 10% of traveltime vs “onshore” port
- JUV permanent under contract of WF operators: day rate +/- 33% vs spotmarket





# BENEFITS ISLAND FOR O&M PURPOSES

- Accommodation of O&M personnel on island
  - Although SOV travel time ↓, no significant benefit
  - Costs of SES from island 24/7 < SOV from island, but SES workability < SOV leads to increased repair time and reduced production
  - Benefit max: SOV 24/7 from island → **0.143 €/MWh**
- Warehousing for large WTG spare parts on island
  - Spare parts between 2-100mT are stored at island
  - Costs of warehouse at island is not included
  - Downtime decrease is very limited (0.1%)
  - Small cost increase: **0,005 €/MWh**



- Shared jack-up vessel at the island combined with large warehouse
  - mobilisation time is significantly lower
  - travel time is significantly lower causing lower weather delays
  - Result: fast response resulting in lower standstill times and greatly reduced lost production
  - Benefit: **0.6 €/MWh produced**



# NEXT STEPS

## Internal Consortium

- Finalise report with TNO/ECN
- Conduct internal cost/benefit analysis
- First preliminary observations

## External

- Follow up of the 3 July MC session (international airport):
  - aim to refine assumption sheet and discuss more in depth the findings.
- Discuss and review together the assumptions investigated and discuss which other options could prove beneficial?
- Open for bilateral meetings to discuss!



# NSWPH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NORTH SEAS OFFSHORE ENERGY CLUSTERS STUDY

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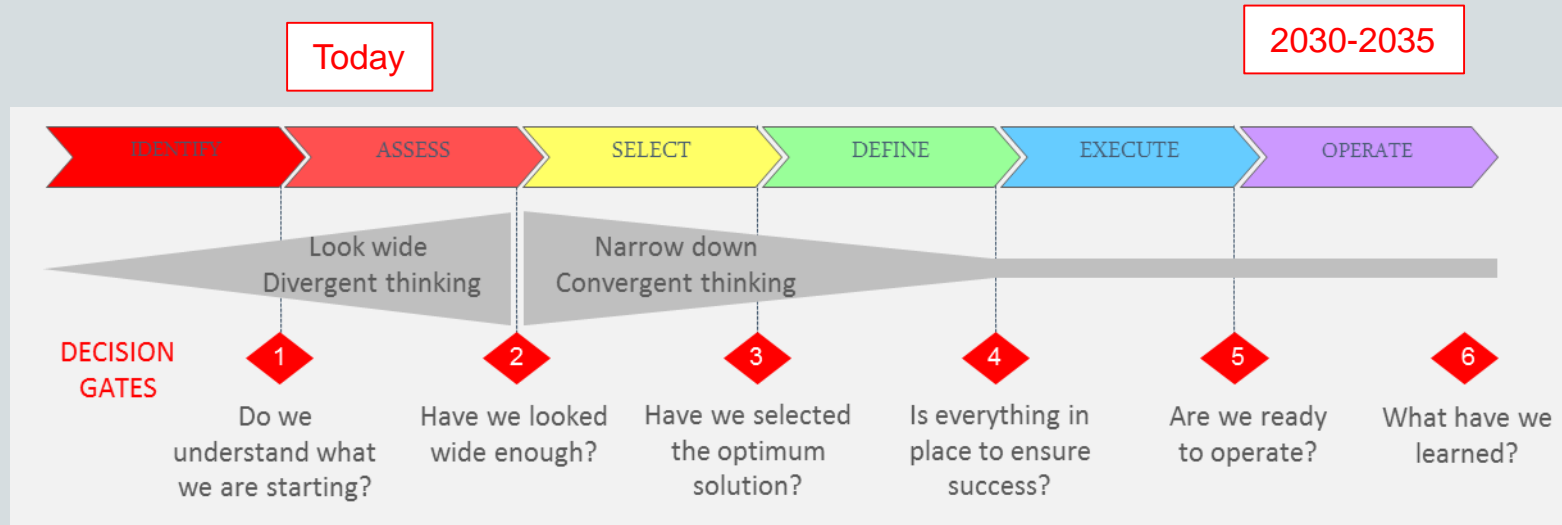
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# PLANNING AND PROCES GOING FORWARD



# PROCESS OUTLINE

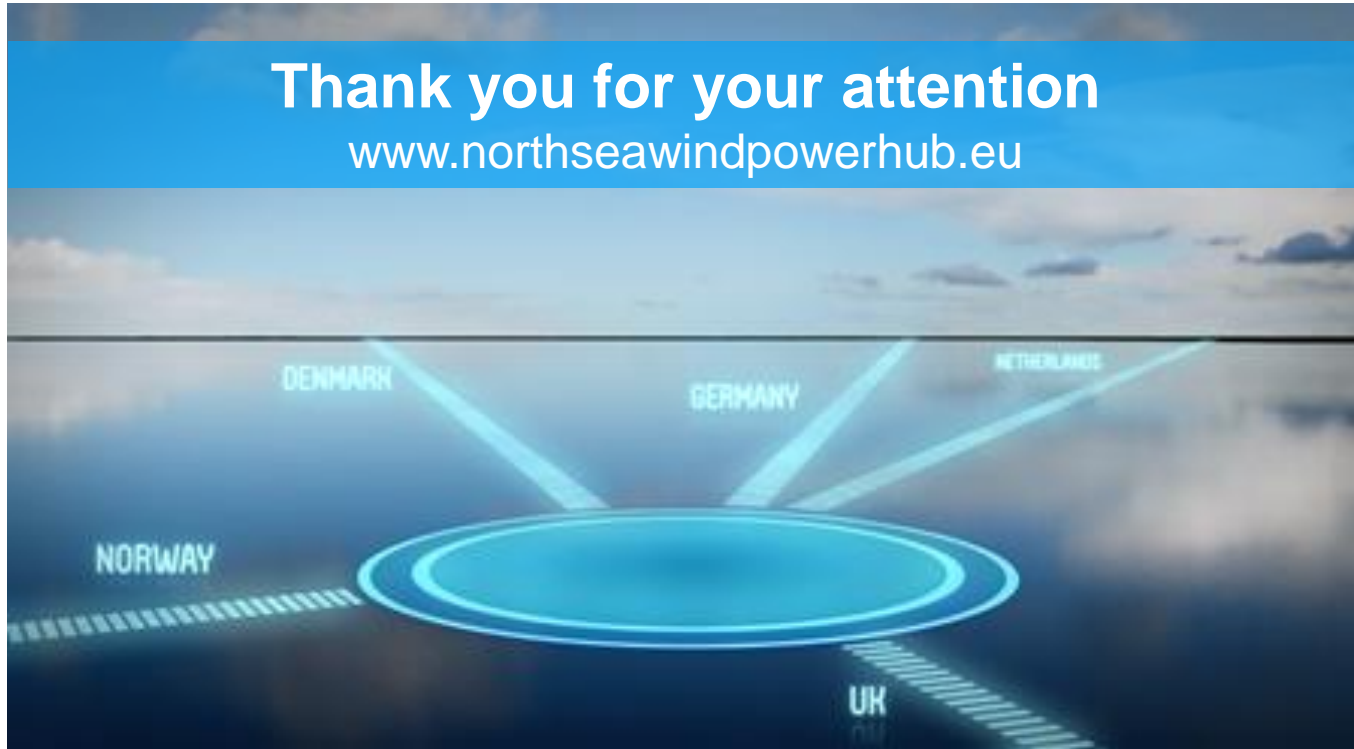






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