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4POWER – POLICY AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

Dear reader,

Thank you for reading our third newsletter of the Interreg 4C project on Offshore Wind: 4POWER. The 4POWER project aims to exchange knowledge between EU regions in order to stimulate the growth and implementation of offshore wind. We will briefly tell you about what we have done since our second newsletter which was sent in November 2012.

Visit to Dundee (UK) – Conference

After our Kick-off meeting in Rostock in May 2012 and a meeting in Emden in September 2012, we organized a meeting in Dundee (UK) from the 5th to the 7th of March. Dundee College is one of our partners and is a region with a lot of offshore wind activities in their area.

Dundee College organized a conference with four speakers. Barbara Huneman from the province of Groningen (leadpartner of the 4POWER project) told the audience what our project is about and where we stand at the moment. After that it was Mike Galloway's turn. He is the director of the City Development in Dundee and member of the Dundee City Council. He is responsible for the development of the Waterfront in Dundee. A huge area will be demolished and rebuilt, including the port of Dundee. Here new investments will be made for the offshore wind sector. The third speaker was Ewen Cameron from Scottish Enterprise, a national investment organization, that tries to bring in international companies. He told us about their policy and the work they do to attract foreign investors. The last speaker was Lis Royle from developer SSE. She told us about all of the offshore wind farms that SSE wants to develop

in the UK and what kind of obstacles and barriers SSE has to cope with. Their portfolio is about 14 GW, so they have a huge ambition!

Visit to Dundee (UK) – Excursions

Dundee is a region that is really active on offshore wind. During our excursion we visited the port of Dundee, that is part of Forth Ports. Here the manager of Forth Ports, Matt North gave a presentation about the plans in the port of Dundee. It is part of the Waterfront project and almost the whole port will be rebuilt and reorganized, in order to facilitate offshore wind activity.

Afterwards we went to Fife Renewables Innovation Centre in Methil. The Lead Officer Barbara Whiting gave us a presentation and showed us around the site. Fife Renewables Innovation Center provides incubator units for start-up businesses and other firms looking to enter the renewable energy sector, as well as providing research facilities that will give businesses access to research, expertise and support. Furthermore there is a lot of activity on renewable energy in this area. We visited the Hydrogen Office and the site where Samsung will test their 7 MW offshore wind turbine.



Fig 1: SSE plan's up to 15.5 GW Offshore Wind farms



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Fig 2: Energy Park in Methil with existing BiFab site and future site for offshore wind development and a future test site for a Samsung 7MW offshore wind demonstration turbine

Thematic Workgroups:

Frameworks and Implementation

Besides the conference and the excursion, we had other work to do. Our project is divided into two thematic workgroups; one for Frameworks and one for Implementation. The workgroup of Frameworks contains everything that has to do with legal structures, laws, subsidy systems, permit systems etc. This workgroup is lead by the Province of Rimini.

The workgroup on Implementation is working on issues that have to do with the development of offshore wind in the regions. For instance the creating of networks between governments, (energy) companies and educational/research institutes. But the development of harbour facilities is part of this workgroup as well. The workgroup on Implementation is lead by Rostock Business GmbH.

Best Practices Identified

During our last meeting in Emden we addressed 10 issues that play an important role in the development of offshore wind in our regions and countries. We consulted our stakeholders about these 10 issues and we discussed the results during our meeting in Dundee. We came up with a lot of Best Practices, but also with 'not so good practices', from which we can learn. We addressed 24 Best Practices, divided over the 10 issues that we addressed earlier. It would be too much to elaborate about these 24 Best Practices in this newsletter. Nevertheless, the partners that brought up these Best Practices will further explain them and they will be written down in two reports, one on Frameworks and the other on Implementation.

Meetings in Gdansk (PL) and Rimini (IT)

Our next meeting will be in Gdansk from the 10th to the 12th of September, where our partner Maritime Institute of Gdansk will be our host. Here we will discuss the 24 Best Practices in more detail. We will use this meeting to prepare our meeting in Rimini from the 6th to the 8th of November. Our partner here, the province of Rimini, will organize a conference with international speakers on certain Best Practices in Offshore Wind. Afterwards we will organize regional consultations, to ask our stakeholders what their view is of the Best Practices we identified. If you want to take part in these consultations, please contact us.

To conclude

Eventually we will produce two Best Practices documents (one on Frameworks and one on Implementation), including guidelines how to implement them. This is the basic information for our mini guidebook on implementing offshore wind in regions and our EU Policy Charter with recommendations, that will be handed over to an EU delegate at the final meeting in Groningen in November 2014. So your feedback is very vital to us!

We will keep you posted, but feel free to contact us!



Fig 3: Dundee Waterfront project is a huge project in Dundee, including Port development for offshore wind

