Offshore Wind Energy in the **North Atlantic**









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Coexistence and nature-inclusive design in Nordic offshore wind farms

> Astrid Bratli, Nordic Energy Research 20 October 2023



What is the deal with offshore wind?

Possible key factor for green transition

Must reduce emissions Increased energy demands Need sustainable solutions



Renewable + Enormous potential





Floating

Bottom-fixed





Risk of biodiversity loss

😤 Seabirds

🛱 Fish

😤 Mammals

Aquaculture



Ongoing activities

- 🛱 Fishing
- 😤 Shipping
- Military activities
- Aquaculture (fish/shellfish farming, algae, etc.)
- 😤 Tourism
- Existing industry















2 workshops – 70+ participants

- † Authorities
- † Aquaculture
- † Energy companies
- † Finance
- † Aquaculture
- \uparrow Research
- † Technology suppliers
- † Environmental organizations/NGOs







Goals for discussions

Identify barriers

Map out **needs**

Tools for coexistence at every stage of the tender processes



Results

Compiled list of 22 tools that authorities can use to:

- Integrate coexistence at every stages of the process
- Facilitate dialogue across sectors and countries

Governmental instruments for successful coexistence	General	Opening	Prequal	Tender award	Licence award
Apply a defined process to clarify what coexistence topics need handling. Explore the problem and do not focus on the solutions early.	×	×	×	х	×
Follow a clear and defined process to quantify coexistence and deliverables on coexistence, including agreed and communicated goals, basis and processes.	х	х	х	х	×
Apply transparent platforms and roundtables for processes and sharing information to secure transparent processes and trustworthy flow of data/information by using reliable third parties.	×	×	x	×	×
Make environmental monitoring programmes a "backbone" in a long-term strategy for OWFs to allow for knowledge-based adaptive management.	х	х	х	х	х
Stimulate and support strategic research and joint industry programmes and ensure knowledge transfer between programmes and towards society.	x	x	х	х	х
Consider cross-regulatory legislation and facilitate coordination between countries and between national agencies, as is the case with HELCOM or OSPAR.	×	×	×	x	×
Potential opportunities for coexistence should be a part of the process of opening areas and be integrated in Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). MSP should include mapping of stakeholders and need for coexistence in an area.	x	x			
Apply consenting criteria/solutions that enforce coexistence solutions on the developer before they construct.			×	×	×
Set non-price criteria with transparent and robust evaluation criteria to be evaluated (e.g. by expert committee) in the tender process to be fulfilled before award.			x	×	×
Utilise market (and potentially public) dialogue as an instrument to design tender criteria and to facilitate coexistence approaches in the industry at large.			х	х	х
Consider combining requirements for energy production with production of food or other products to ensure collaboration in the design phase.			х	x	х
Apply a permit requirement that operators should accept new stakeholders in the licencing area if public authorities can balance operators' interests against					×

Screening areas

Prequalification

Tender award

Construction licence

Finding 1: Value of nature

How do you measure value at sea?
 Fish vs. Tesla



AND: How do you measure the 'value' of failing to preserve biodiversity and natural resources?

Must take precautions - set clear goals for facilitating biodiversity

Finding 2: Nature-inclusive design

Cod hotels
 Protective layers
 over cables
 Biohuts

Nature-inclusive design and co-existence in the offshore wind industry



Finding 3: Coexistence requires cooperation



 Plans for coexistence must be a mandatory criterion in the tendering processes.

Ensure collaboration as early as possible.

Establish knowledge exchange platforms – across sectors and across countries



Read the report here:





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Scotland's offshore wind journey

ARCTIC CIRCLE ASSEMBLY 20 October 2023

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ScotWind leasing round



 20 projects with a combined ambition to deliver around 28 GW of offshore wind power

- 14 projects (>17 GW) will use floating technology - making it the largest scale floating offshore wind opportunity in the world
- Over **£750 million** raised in revenues and will bring billions of investment into the Scottish economy.

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- **5** Innovation projects and **8** Targeted Oil and Gas Projects have been offered Exclusivity Agreements
- Seabed lease of **50 years** for Targeted Oil and Gas projects and **25 years** for Innovation projects
- Proposed capacity is 449 MW for Innovation projects and 5
 GW for Targeted Oil and Gas projects





Government

 Our Sectoral Marine Plan, due to be delivered in 2024, will set the course for the overall delivery of ScotWind and INTOG, maximising deployment in Scottish waters whilst protecting marine users and our environment

• We will ensure the most **efficient management** of both pre-application and postconsent processes to shorten timeframes where possible

• We are delivering £2.8m in **new research projects** this year to address evidence gaps



- Engaging with **industry**
- Undertaking **strategic analysis** to identify gaps and opportunities to maximise economic benefit from:
 - o **Infrastructure** development
 - Supply chain development
 - **Skills** & training
- Engaging with the UK Government
- Engaging internationally to identify potential **strategic partnership** opportunities



 We have committed £500 million strategic investment of public sector funds over the next 5 years

- This investment will **support market certainty**, new jobs, innovation and skills
- It will be augmented by a Strategic Investment Model, working in partnership with the private sector



- Scotland has a wealth of **pioneering expertise** to share with international partners
- Our project pipeline offers **supply chain opportunities** at a commercial scale
- Collaboration and strategic partnerships will be key
- Working, learning and growing together to create shared success





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Landsvirkjun

National Power Company of Iceland

Potential for Wind Energy in Ice land

Unnur María Þorvaldsdóttir, Director Wind Development October 2023



Landsvirkjun

100% state owned, founded in 1965 The largest electricity generator in Iceland, generating 70% of Iceland's electricity

Capacity	2,150 MW		
Generation capacit	y 15	TWh	

Utilization factor average:

Hydro	78%
Geothermal	92%



Wind development – onshore

»Búrfells- and Blöndulundur have been in development since 2012

The 3rd phase of the Icelandic Master Plan for Nature Protection and Energy Utilization was approved by the Icelandic parliament in June 2022. This is a big milestone as the projects are the first windfarms in Iceland in the utilization category and the first step to utilize energy from other resources than water and geothermal.

»Búrfellslundur 120 MW

Blöndulundur 100 MW

>> Laws and legisltation still under devlopment



Wind development - offshore

We have just started the onshore journey – there is a need for a framework for both onshore and offshore wind

>More research needed

>> Laws need to be updated

> Holistic approach – environment, fishery, and transport



Challenges around Iceland



ISOR

Wind development - offshore



Comparison between onshore and offshore wind in Iceland

	Onshore wind	Offshore wind	
Wind	8 -9,0 m/sec	10-12 m/sec	
Capacity factor	40% - 46%	45%-50%	
Capacity	5 MW	14 MW	
Height	150 -180 m	200-300 m	
Grid connections	Easy, depending on location	Complex and very expensive	



There is an interesting ongoing development for offshore wind with great potential in the world. We have though just started the journey with onshore wind in Iceland – which is not as complex as offshore wind.

There is need for a framework for both onshore and offshore wind.

Offshore wind is still very expensive compared to onshore wind and there are still many questions which needs to be answered. Should potential development areas be auctioned and subsidized as in many countries?

We follow closely the development in the world to be able to meet future needs.





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Exploring new horizons

2030 - 2040





Suðuroy, new batteries, syncronous condenser and 100% windpenetration





Floating windturbines in faroese waters?

The total area of the faroese continental shelf is 275.00 km²

38.000 km² of these have a water depth between 100 and 200 m.









10.5 m/s 10.6 m/s 10.7 m/s Average wind speed

Floating wind farm 2 GW (ex 140 x 15 MW) AEP_{GROSS}: **12 TWh**

Turbine spacing: 10D/8D Average wind speed: 10.6 m/s Depth: 100-200m Occupied area: 440 km² (< 0.2% of EEZ)

Prevailing wind direction

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Streymoy

Faroe Islands

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Export potential 8-10 TWh/y

Faroe Islands offshore wind, part of a future Nordic Renewable Energy Hub





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