

Tendering Offshore Wind Energy: The German Experience

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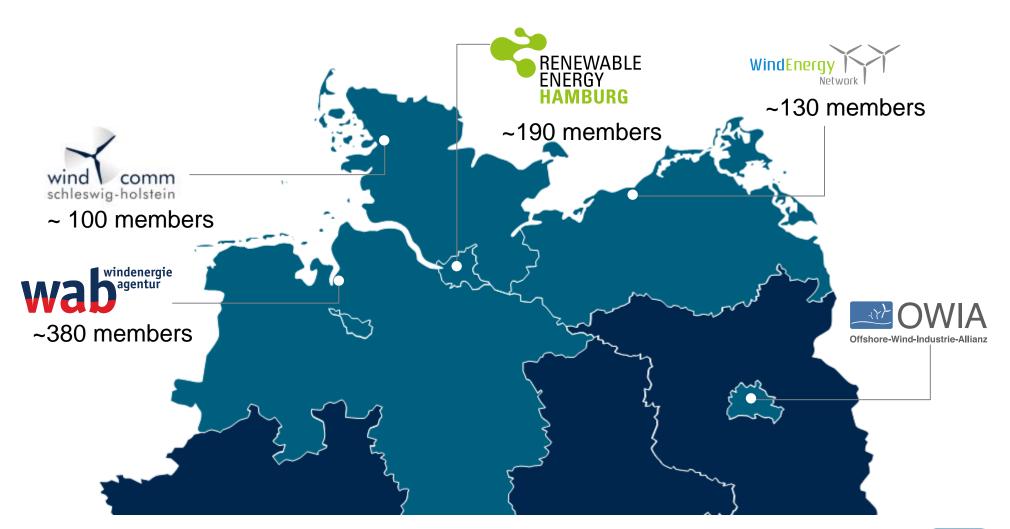






Offshore-Wind-Industrie-Allianz

Offshore Wind Industry Alliance: four strong networks linking the North and Baltic Sea markets







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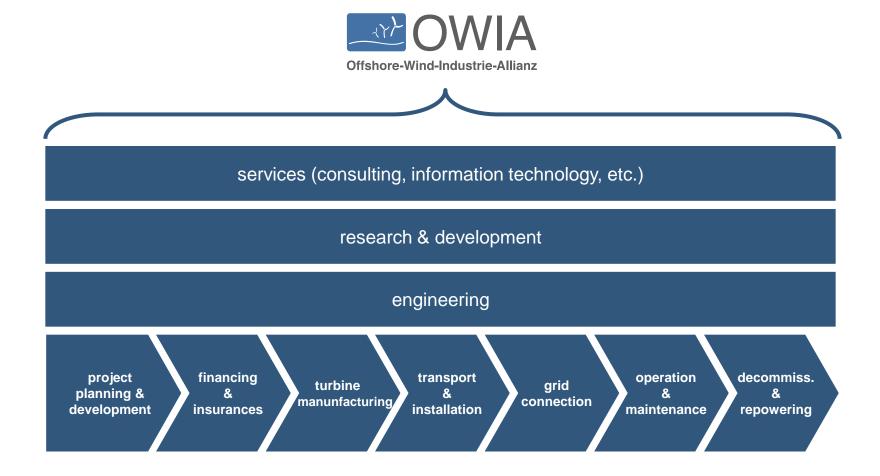




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The German Experience?

There is none... except two pilot-auctions for ground-mounted photovoltaics. But their results are hardly applicable for any other generation technology.

What we do have, are desired outcomes:

- competition
- cost-reduction
- quantity control

... and forseeable risks:

- breach of confidence
- legal risks
- market monopolisation
- centralised authority not in place by the time needed



False friends: The Danish model and "dänisches Modell"







The German situation: Path dependency

federal offshore grid plan "Bundesfachplan Offshore BFO"

consented projects and existing capacity allocation

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offshore grid development plan "Offshore-Netzentwicklungsplan O-NEP"

investments made in offshore projects

after EEG 2014: quantity control





Overview: Possible tendering models in Germany

Three tendering models developed in a study undertaken by Pöyry in 2014



O-NEP+

 Applicants with consented projects compete for generation capacity and network connection capacity

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- Accepted regulatory framework (e.g. O-NEP)
- Participation is limited to projects in clusters, which hold free grid connection capacity at the time of tendering
- Tenders can be called for on short notice before project realisation
- The O-NEP grid expansion plan 2021 is more ambitious than the EEG expansion plan, resulting in competition between OWP in both same or different clusters
- Specific for O-NEP+: Within the model "O-NEP+" grid development is accelerated, hence at the start of a tendering phase there is more free capacity than planned in O-NEP

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Centralised model "Markt für Genehmigungen"

- O-NEP remains in place as binding plan for grid development
- Free access to tender for all competitors
- Bidders have access to planning- and licensing-documents and are obligated to buy those in case of winning the tender
- Competition for a location instead of between projects
- After the allocation of all consented or developed projects existing today, incentives have to be created to initiate further project developments
- Developers become service providers for a centralised authority

Grid connection for winnig bidder

- Grid development follows order of successful projects in auction
- Offshore wind power operators bid independently of the O-NEP
- Grip development follows the expansion of generating capacity, respectively there constantly is sufficient grid connection capacity
- Single windparks can initiate the construction of new convectors and new connections
- Renumeration is planable, while due to extremely long planning periods – there is high insecurity when it comes to project costs



Main points in BMWi's Eckpunktepapier*

Technology specific auctions

- De facto limited to onshore wind, offshore wind, ground- and roof-mounted PV >1MW
- For offshore wind energy: in contrast to other technologies, a fundamental decision (centralised model vs. O-NEP+) still to be made prior to a more concrete and detailed design, but there is a clear preferance
- Short transition period: 3 years
 - Single auction 3*800MW = 2.4GW (minus "2015 surplus") in the year 2016
- Target model: centralised model
 - For projects after 2023, first auctions 2019 or 2020
 - establishing central authority
- Criteria for acceptance: lowest price

Short formula for offshore wind: centralised model + 3 years transition period/single auction, price is decisive





OWIA defines four central criteria for a successful introduction of a tendering model

- 1. Generation of the best price through competition (cost reduction) and preservation of plurality of actors ("Akteursvielfalt")
- 2. Continious development of offshore wind energy
- 3. Building and sustaining the industry by scale and export
- 4. Preventing an irreversible disruption: "Fadenriss"



OWIA Position: Start with O-NEP+ and subsequently evaluate

- 1. In a starting phase from 2020, renumeration for offshore projects should be determined in a competition between developed projects
- 2. In a startting phase of 5 years, each year 900MW on average shall be auctioned in multiple auctions
- 3. In the case that more than 6.5GW will have been installed after 2020, there must be no fast "melting off" of the surplus
- 4. Evaluation after two auction rounds whether a second system change (i.e. to the centralised model) is necessary
- 5. In order to keep up competition, accelerated grid developement is a necessary precondition

The introduction of tenders for offshore wind from 2020 already is one significant change of systems! On top of that, establishing a centralised authority from scratch is a huge challenge.

Thank you for your attention!



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