



POWER cluster

Bringing together Offshore Wind Energy Communities

Ever more local and regional authorities are recognising the huge potential which lies in the accelerating offshore wind energy development – e.g. in terms of domestic energy supply, economic development and job creation – and some have started investment activities, for example in the provision of infrastructure.

Sharing knowledge and experiences

By organising a number of events and study visits POWER cluster has served as a knowledge and experience sharing and networking platform for regional and local authorities that are already supporting, or are planning to support, offshore wind energy.

German Mayors Conference

A special highlight of the project was the organisation of a German Offshore Mayors Conference in Bremerhaven in April 2011. The conference attracted mayors and high-ranking representatives of local and federal government, local utilities, law firms, ports and consultancies.



Aside from confirming the growing interest from and potential benefits for local authorities in offshore wind energy, the conference clearly illustra-

ted that in Germany local utilities have become an important player with regard to the implementation of offshore wind energy projects i.e. demonstrated by different shareholding concepts.



Main output and results

Some of our main achievements include:

- Norway to Germany and Sweden to England study visits organised,
- 10 local politicians panel debates alongside the POWER cluster offshore wind information campaign “Fascination Offshore”,
- Offshore wind regions round table event for 70+ regional representatives during Open Days 2010,
- German offshore wind energy mayors conference for 50+ delegates.

Legacy

The project partners will continue cooperation to facilitate networking and exchange of knowledge between local and regional government representatives bilaterally and via the North Sea Commission, ICLEI and ERRIN.



Partners involved

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German Offshore Wind Energy Foundation, DE

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