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Structure:

- 1. What's going on at **EU level** a rough survey...
- 2. What do the North Sea countries do themselves
- 3. How does this affect Norway and SH also in bilateral terms

added by some notes from oral presentation given

- where necessary (on green slides, for better distinction)

The reference: EU Energy & Climate Agenda

- adopted at European Council meeting (Mar 2007)
- <u>overall target:</u> contribute to limiting global temperature increase to 2° (above pre-industrial level)
- EU 20-20-20 targets by 2020:
 - 20% less GHG emissions
 - 20% RES share of gross energy consumption
 - 20% more Energy Efficiency





EU Energy Policy: a rough chronology

- Mar '07: EU 20-20-20 targets (Europ. Council)
- Nov '08: 2nd Strategic Energy Review (COM)
- April '09: EU legislation in force (RES, ETS, CCS)
- Nov '10: EU Energy Strategy 2020 (Draft), incl. "Energy Infrastructure Priorities 2020 and beyond"
- Feb '11: Europ. Council Summit on Energy Strategy
- Mar '11: Road map "low carbon economy 2050"







2011: taking stock – a view ahead to 2020

EU targets to be reached by 2020 ??

- GHG emissions yes (from today's view)
 alleviated by recent/current economic crisis
- RES share possible according to NREAP's (21%)
 provision: basic grid improvements
- Energy Efficiency additional efforts required
 Otherwise only half (10%) according to NEEAP's







short notes on: "national 2020 RES targets – varying, but legally binding" *)

SWE:	49% (39.8)	FRA:	23% (10.3)	POL:	15% (7.2)
LVA:	40% (32.6)	LIT:	23% (15.0)	NL:	14% (2.4)
FIN:	38% (28.5)	ESP:	20% (8.7)	SLK:	14% (6.7)
AT:	34% (23.3)	GER:	18% (5.8)	BE:	13% (2.2)
PRT:	31% (20.5)	GRC:	18% (6.9)	CYP:	13% (2.9)
DK:	30% (17.0)	ITA:	17% (5.2)	HUN:	13% (4.3)
SLO:	25% (16.0)	IRL:	16% (3.1)	CZ:	13% (6.1)
EST:	25% (18.0)	BG:	16% (9.4)	LUX:	11% (0.9)
ROM:	24% (17.8)	UK:	15% (1.3)	MLT:	10% (0.0)

*) as set by EU RES Directive (2009/28/EC)

- % of gross energy consumption (compared to 2005) -

Offshore Wind Energy: a strategic role

- advantages: less conflicts, stronger/more stable wind flows, large-scaled production volumes
- 2010 estimates: 40 GW (2020) → 100 or more GW (2030) *compared to 1,1 GW installed by 2007*) *)
- North Seas (low depth marine areas): 90% of EU Offshore capacity projected for 2020 *)

*) numbers quoted from COM documents





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North Seas: Offshore Wind capacities planned



Offshore Wind's major challenge: Infrastructure needs

- <u>land-bound</u> infrastructure from coastlines: *) transport to major consumption centres (overlay grid)
- <u>sub-marine</u> infrastructure: *) grid integration of large scaled power volumes to coast
- longer term vision: a European "supergrid" *) (mediterranean solar power, northern wind power)
- North Sea Offshore Grid: a "blueprint" for super grid*)?

*) all of which depending on use of HVDC technology



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"Supergrid" – a vision once to become reality?



Source: http://www.mainstreamrp.com/attachments/library/How-the-Supergrid-really-will-be-built.pdf

short explanation: "Supergrid"

- intensified debate since last decade (2005/08) on
 - grid integration AND power transmission
 - of large-scale powers from Solar (south), Wind (West/North), Hydro (North)
 - via long distance HVDC subsea cables alongside coastlines
- initiated first by researchers taken up by
 - DESERTEC,
 - Offshore wind farm developing companies,
 - Investment companies

<u>COM 2010:</u>

"7 European energy infrastructure priority corridors 2020" (Draft)



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short notes on: "7 European energy infrastructure priority corridors 2020" (Draft)

- map set-up in transnational geographic areas
- to be further concretised in the course of **2011/2012**...
- Electricity grid matters only:

1) Northern Seas: → integrate offshore grid
 → connect to consumption centres and storage facilities

- 2) SW Europe: → inter connect Iberian Peninsula & France
 - → accommodate wind, hydro & solar
 - → make best use of North African RES & eixst. Infrastruc.
- 3) CE & SE Europe: → strengthen new North–South, East–West power flows
 - ➔ assist market & RES integration
 - → connect to storage facilities & inetgrate energy islands
- 4) **BEMIP**: → complete integration of Baltics into EU market
 - → reinforce Baltics' internal networks
 - \rightarrow strengthen interconnections with FIN, SWE and POL

Next steps at EU level

- Jun '11: COM report on financing needs of energy infrastructure priority projects
- autumn: "Low Carbon Energy Roadmap 2050", measures for enhancing planning/ realisation of priority projects
- Jun '12: strategic "Ten-Year Network Development Plan" (by ENTSO-E)

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• **2012:** selection of concrete EU priority projects

(small sections probably be funded?)







- set up by EU directive 714/2009
- tasked to table a "10 Year Network Development Plan" (TYNDP) every 2nd year
- 41 member TSO's from 34 countries
- based on former regional TSO cooperation structures (NordEL, UCTE, UKTSOA /ATSOI, BALTSO)
- European Council Summit (Feb 2011)
 - → <u>strategic</u> TYNDP" by June 2012

short notes on: "ENTSO-E / TYNDP"

• ENTSO-E:

- Members: ALL European countries (except: ALB, RUS, BLR, UKR, MLD)
 → i.e. including NOR/Statnett
- Some TSO's represented "twice": TenneT (NL) → also: "TenneT Transpower" (DE – central german transmission grid, formerly owned by E.ON) ELIA (BE) → also: "ELIA 50Hertz Transmission (DE - eastern german transmission grid, formerly owned by Vattenfall Europe)

• TYNDP:

- first "pilot version" tabled last June → only "taking stock of TSO's plans"
- 2012 version to be **"strategic but non-binding"** (EU Council Summit)??
 - ➔ natural: MStates pay reference to national competencies at home
 - → rather obvious: MStates tend to frame references needed to "embrace" relevant actors at home

TYNDP – Regional approach

Each market region is concerned



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European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity





North Sea Grid: from vision to 2030/2050?

- since 2007: EU coordinators monitoring /fostering "most critical trans-European energy networks"
 → i.a. "Baltic & North Sea offshore wind integration"
- Nov '08: officially taken up by "2nd Strategic Energy Review" (COM,) → "a North Sea offshore grid should become one of the building-blocks of a future European supergrid"
- Nov '10: no.1 proposed among seven "European Energy Infrastructure priority projects"



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short notes on: "North Sea Grid"

- "North Sea Electricity Grid" firstly suggested by Greenpeace (Sep '08)
- From COM report 2008:
 - –pre-condition: clustering wind farms = enables hubs off-shore for integration to the grid (provided at North Seas)
 - -major advantage: cost-efficiency factor of a joint grid compared to single radial grid connections (GER up to 30"% – whole North Sea area 20%)
- HVDC (High-voltage **Direct** Current) predetermined to become the technical pillar for this grid



European Commission (2010): "mixed apporach" scenario showing existing (red), planned (green) and commissioned (pink) transmission lines as well as additional lines (blue) necessary according to Offshore Grid calculations

Source: COM(2010) 677

NSCOGI: a regional self-initiative

- grown up from Working Group of Mr Abramowitsch (EU coordinator for Northern offshore wind integration, since 2007)
- welcomed by COM: *"a model for regional initiatives"* → both coordination & implementation (Nov 2010)
- MoU signed by nine states & COM (Dec 2010)
- Programme Board & 3 Working Groups:
 - grid configuration & integration,
 market & regulatory issues,
 - planning & authorisation procedures
- First results late 2012??



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short notes on: "NSCOGI"

- reads: "<u>N</u>orth <u>Seas</u> <u>Countries</u> <u>Offshore</u> <u>Grid</u> <u>Initiative</u>"
- EU coordinator's Work Group based on input from interested parties → most prominent/active: Statnett
- NSCOGI Members: All North Sea Countries plus FRA, BE, LUX, IRL
- started to work on coordination/streamlining of regulatory, technical, planning and similar issues (within national competencies)
- work started early 2011 to be reviewed end 2011

A dynamic process under way:

- **EU** to further take the political lead (frame decisions)
- **TSO's** trying to bind & channel investment plans?
- North Sea Countries alleviating grid procedures
- behind: longer term visions ("Supergrid", "2050")
- ➔ 2012 to become a year of essential decisions?







short comments on: "A dynamic process..."

- picture painted so far reads like a "market of opportunities" –
- BUT: → pictures also the incoming rivaling competition
 → among different geographic EU infrastructure priority corridors as well as against other Offshore interested countries (like e.g. US, CHI)

→ about attracting capital, limited capacities of manufacturing industries, raw materials etc

- not to forget: world market prices of raw materials needed (such as copper) are constantly rising ...
- The whole of planning & construction will be a matter of decades,
 → this is why: the year 2012 could become a decisive one

Within this frame: SH's successful RES policy

- since early 90ies, supported by Federal RES Act (EEG)
- "SH energy policy concept" (adopted Mar 2010):
 → min. 100% RES share of <u>electricity</u> consumption (DE: 40%)
- current status (2010): 44% RES share (DE: 17%)
- current projections:
 2020 wind targets already achieved by 2015??
 → 8.5-9.0 GW on-shore, 3.0 GW off-shore??
- new projections: → min. 50% RES share of total energy consumption by 2020 a possible new target?







short explanation: "SH's successful RES policy"

• Federal RES Act (EEG): feed-in preference to RES power plus feed-in tariffs for RES power higher than regular market price

Current speeding-up of projections due to:

- decision to double land area classified for wind turbines (1.5% instead of 0.75% as of today)
- continuous repowering of on-shore wind turbines
 - ➔ new generations
 - ➔ requiring less surface
 - ➔ generating greater volumes
 - ➔ enabling harvesting stronger winds (height, windy seasons)
- coordinated grid improvement (Land Govt & grid operators)
- projected off-shore wind farms becoming ready for investment (enabled also by accord achieved on grid integration route through nature-protected Wadden Sea areas)

Schleswig-Holstein: RES mix 2009





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SH Wind Energy – current status (2009)

• Schleswig-Holstein:

2.7 GW installed capacity (on-shore)
40% of electricity consumption (2010: 44%?)
9% increase against previous year

• Germany total:

25.8 GW installed capacity16.1% of electricity consumption8% increase against previous year

 compared to: 35.1 GW in the US, 25.1 GW in China



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Off-shore wind farms

• in Germany:

status: 29 projects approved at North Sea and Baltic Sea (1894 turbines = total **7.5 GW**)

- sea depth: 20-35 m, distance to coast > 30 km
- 3 research platforms on offshore wind at North Sea and Baltic Sea
- Schleswig-Holstein: as of today, 7 offshore wind farms approved at North Sea, 1 at Baltic Sea (= total 2.7 GW)









Off-shore wind farms – a little comparison:

The first German Offshore Windfarm ever went operational this Monday (2 May):

- "Baltic 1" off the Baltic Sea shores of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern:
- quite small (21 turbines, 48 MW capacity), nearer to coast (16 km), at shallow waters, to receive less strong winds
- but expected to generate power scales sufficient to supply about 50,000 households

German North Sea zone: Offshore Wind Farms



SH: grid improvement needs (1)

existing transmission grid (high voltage, 380 kV):

- under construction: reinforcing North-South grid Denmark – SH/Hamburg (TEN-E project EL.7)
- urgent needs: continuing improvement further south (to West/Southwest GER)



Source: Schleswig-Holsteinischer Landtag - Drs. 17/1250

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SH: grid improvement needs (2)

additional grid integration and power transmission (380 kV):

- increasing wind power scales (coastal areas)
- increasing decentralised bio energy scales (rural areas)





Source: www.tennettso.de



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SH: grid improvement needs (3)

• integrating Offshore wind:



• accessing storage capacities:

short notes on: sub-sea cable integrating Offshore wind

- accord achieved last November due to legal restrictions given by environmental protection law at coastal seas:
 – German Wadden Sea National Park regulations
 - EU: NATURA 2000 protected areas (Bird Protection Directive, Habitat Directive)
- max. 4 cables (total: 2,800 MW capacity)
- if using HVDC: connected to land-bound 380 kV (AC) high-voltage grid near Brunsbüttel
- to be operated by "TenneT Transpower"

short notes on:

sub-sea cable accessing storage capacities

- in times of strongest wind flows: "natural twin" to needs of integrating Offshore wind
- fresh project, jointly promoted by Statnett and "TenneT Transpower"
- allowing storage of generated wind power surplus
 additional power supply for Norway in times of less hydropower generation
- to become operational by 2017/2018??
- similar corridor as Offshore integrating corridor
 - ➔ to pass authorisation schemes similar to the SH Offshore grid corridor
 - \rightarrow according to existing nature protection law

Germany: a major bottleneck to wind integration

short notes on:

"GER – a major bottleneck to wind integration"

German Federal Energy Agency (dena) recently stated in a survey on grid requirements by 2020/2025:

- 3,400 3,600 km new HV transmission grids needed across GER
- total costs estimated (incl. offshore grid integration):
 9.7 bn € (in German: "9.7 Milliarden €")

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• approx. 500 km new HV grids needed by 2020

...to be met by TenneT's Grid Strategy?

focussing on

- GER: >20,000 MW RES power until 2020
- SH: a share of >9,000 MW RES power already by 2015??
- combining the grid potentials at Dutch and German Tennet TSO's grounds

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A best experience in HVDC subsea cables

short notes on: "best experience HDVC subsea…"

projects planned in addition to **existing subsea interconnections** (HVDC), operated by Statnett (and its partners):

- NorNed 1: longest subsea cable in the world (580 km sea distance), Eemshaven/NL, 700 MW in operation: May 2008
 → stage 2 in planning
- NorGer: 570 km sea distance to Wilhelmshaven/DE, 1,400 MW
 in preparation together with a Swiss partner
- Skagerrak 1-3: 130 km sea distance to Jutland/DK, 940 MW
 in operation: 1977/1993 → stage 4 under preparation
- NORD.LINK: 530 km sea distance to Büsum/DE, 1,400 MW
 → new "old" project, presented 5 weeks ago at Kiel
- NOR-UK: approx. 700-800 km sea distance to East England/Scotland, 1,400 MW – suggested

...compared to other experiences:

across the North Sea:

- Cross-Channel (FRA/UK): 46 km, 2,000 MW – in operation: 1986
- BritNed (NL/UK): 260 km, 1,000 MW – under construction
- Cobra Cable (NL/DK): 275 km, 700 MW – in preparation

or the German "experiences"...

• connecting Windfarm "Bard Offshore 1" to Lower Saxony mainland: 125 km sea distance, 400 MW – in operation: Dec 2010

Nord.Link – the "new" Statnett's project

