

Offshore wind – way forward

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Shifts starts with new demand, crises or technology break through





Offshore wind is still under development

10 years (2013-2023) of development in offshore wind

Wind turbines

Wind farms size

Distance from shore

Water depth

Access limits

Avg wind speed



4 MW → 14 MW



Reduced LCOE



300 MW → 1300 MW



Reduced WACC



30 km → 110 km



Increased targets



20 meter → 40 meter



Global industry



1.5 meter → 3.5 meter



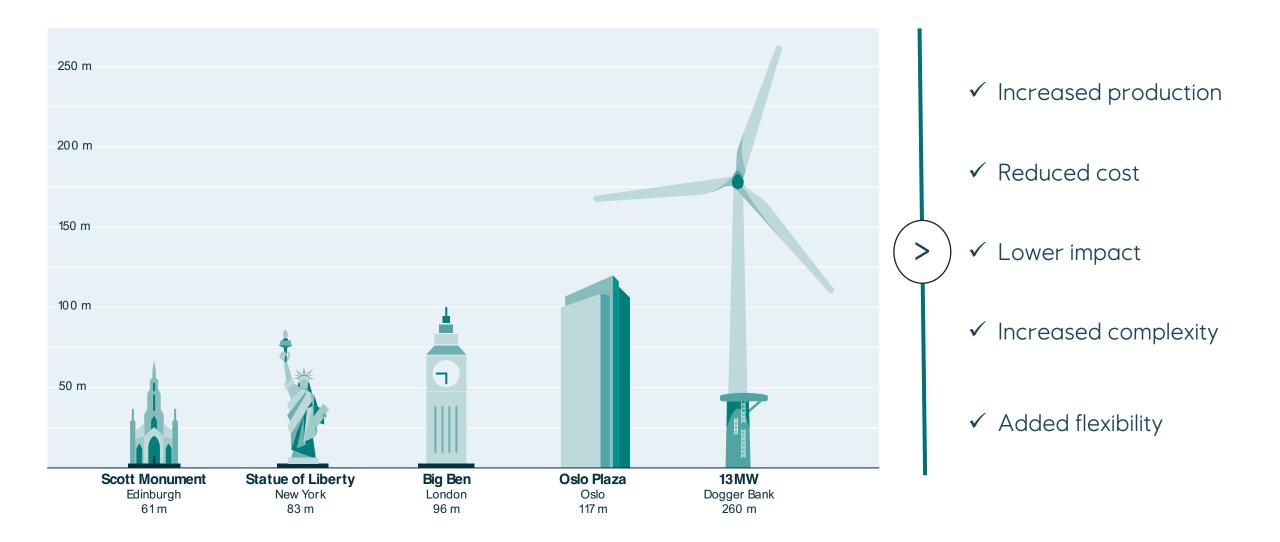
Increased footprint





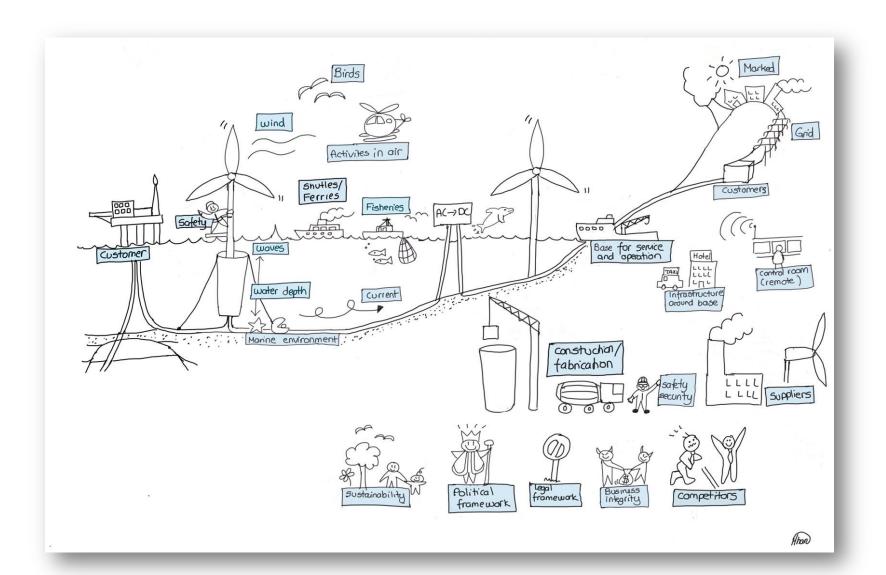


Offshore wind is heavily impacted by scale effects





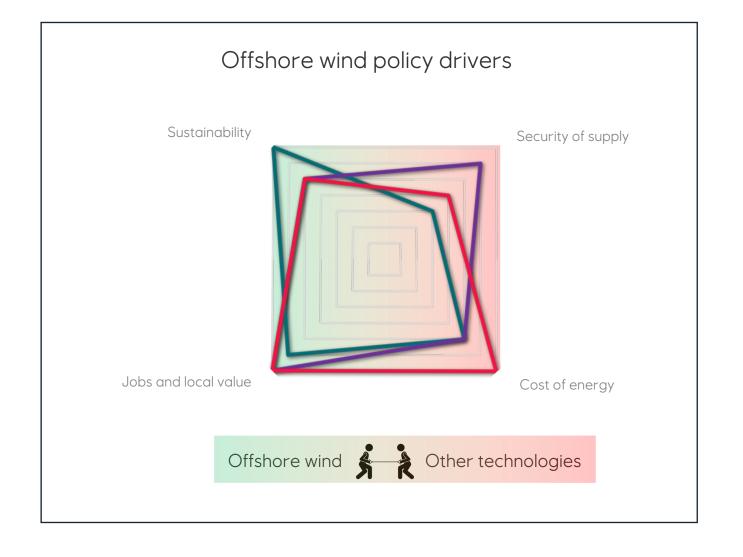
The business environment is different



- Customers
- Stakeholders
- Local community
- Infrastructure
- Local industry
- The politicians and the public



Governmental policies defines the rules of the game



- Volume ambition, policy credibility
- Role of industry vs government
- Auction system design
- Local content requirements
- Offtake arrangements

Some headwinds on the way

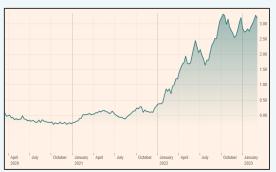


Increased costs - short term?

mEUR price per MW for WTGs

Industry profitability as a whole challenged – supply chain costs are increasing making delays inevitable

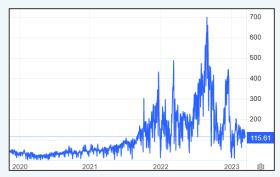
Increasing cost of capital



Cost of capital (Euro 10Y swap rate (%)

Impacts investment levels across the board due to higher upfront costs

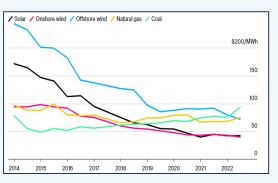
Power price volatility



Germany electricity spot prices (€/MWh)

Set higher requirements to power market capabilities and impacts overall risk position

LCOE down, local content high



Global LCOE development by technology

Lower LCOE urge governments to cut subsidies, while still expecting high local content levels – requiring a constant focus on cost.

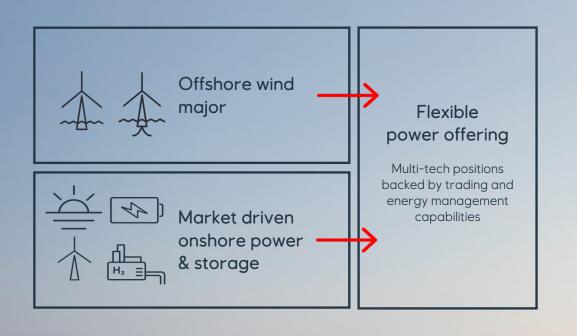


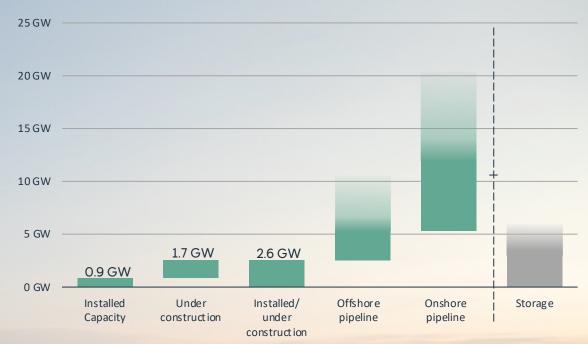
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Firm on strategy, flexible on execution







What does it take?

Transparency and effectiveness in regulatory regimes



Scale to reduce cost and infrastructure investments

Continue technology development and a healthy supplier industry

Understanding environmental effects and facilitating for coexistence





What's next?

- A global industry?
- New type of customers?
- Broader energy offerings?
- Integrated infrastructure
- Digital wind farms
- Remote operated set up



