

A photograph of a series of offshore wind turbines in the ocean. The turbines are white and arranged in a line that recedes into the distance. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a clear, light blue. The perspective is from a low angle, looking out over the water towards the horizon.

ICT Strategies for The Supergrid

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Introduction

The emerging €6.4 Trillion Offshore Wind Energy Market, enabled by The Supergrid, is the key to Europe's Energy Future

Mainstream is the largest independent Offshore Wind Energy Developer in the world

To accelerate the Supergrid, Innovative ICT solutions, new ICT policies, new ICT standards and greater cooperation across the ICT supply chain are needed

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Vision

Mainstream Renewable Power was founded by Dr. Eddie O'Connor in February 2008.

*“ Our vision
is of thriving economies and communities
liberated from the restrictions of fossil fuels,
using
renewable energy
as their
mainstream source of power. “*

The world is experiencing a **once-off historical transition** to sustainable fuels: Each one of our 195 countries must go through it.

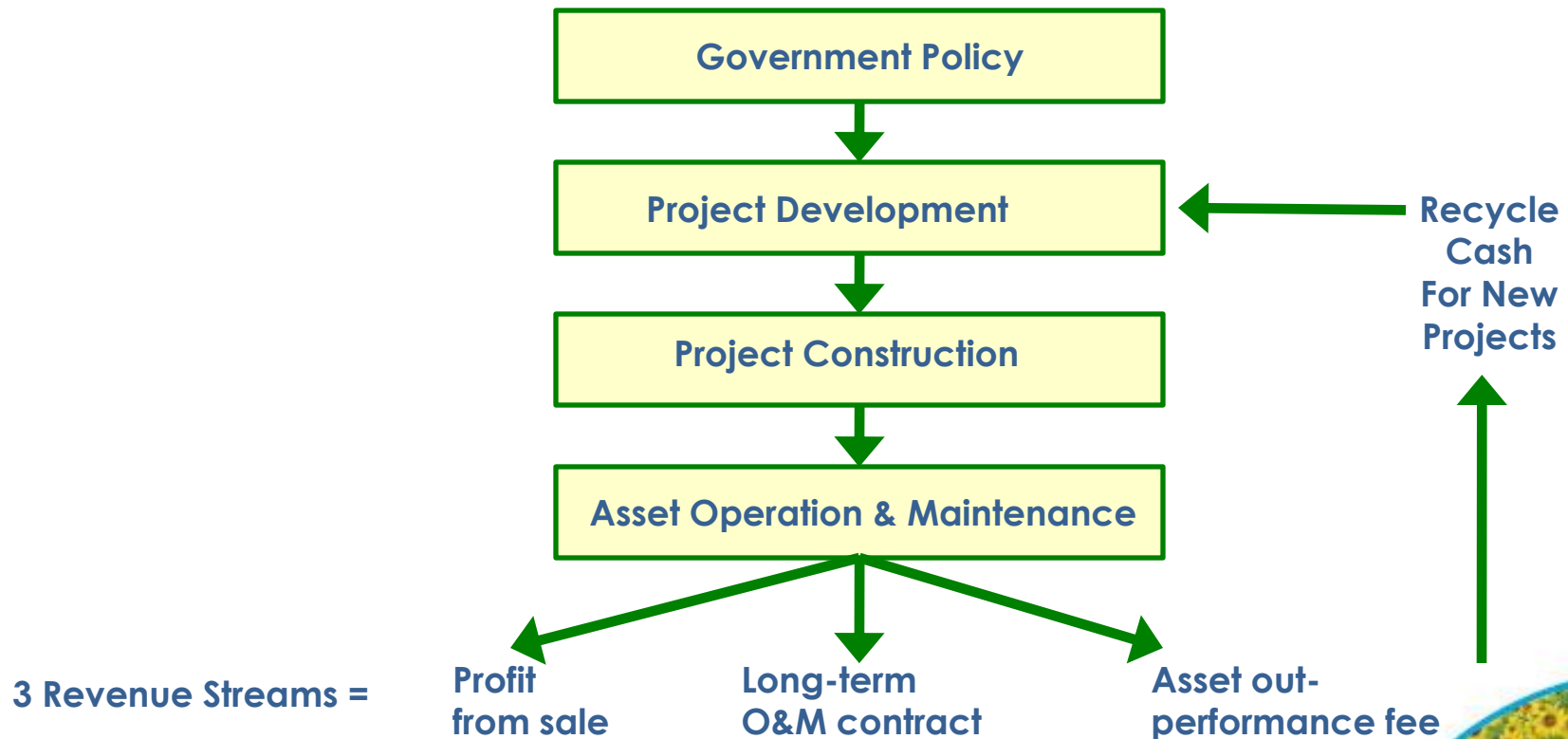
4 fundamental issues drive this transition ;

- Climate change
- Ever-increasing Demand for Energy
- Rising Fossil Fuel Prices
- Energy Security



Mainstream's Business Model

- **Sustainability as a business** is what we do at Mainstream : wind & solar.
- Mainstream's business model spans 4 key areas ;



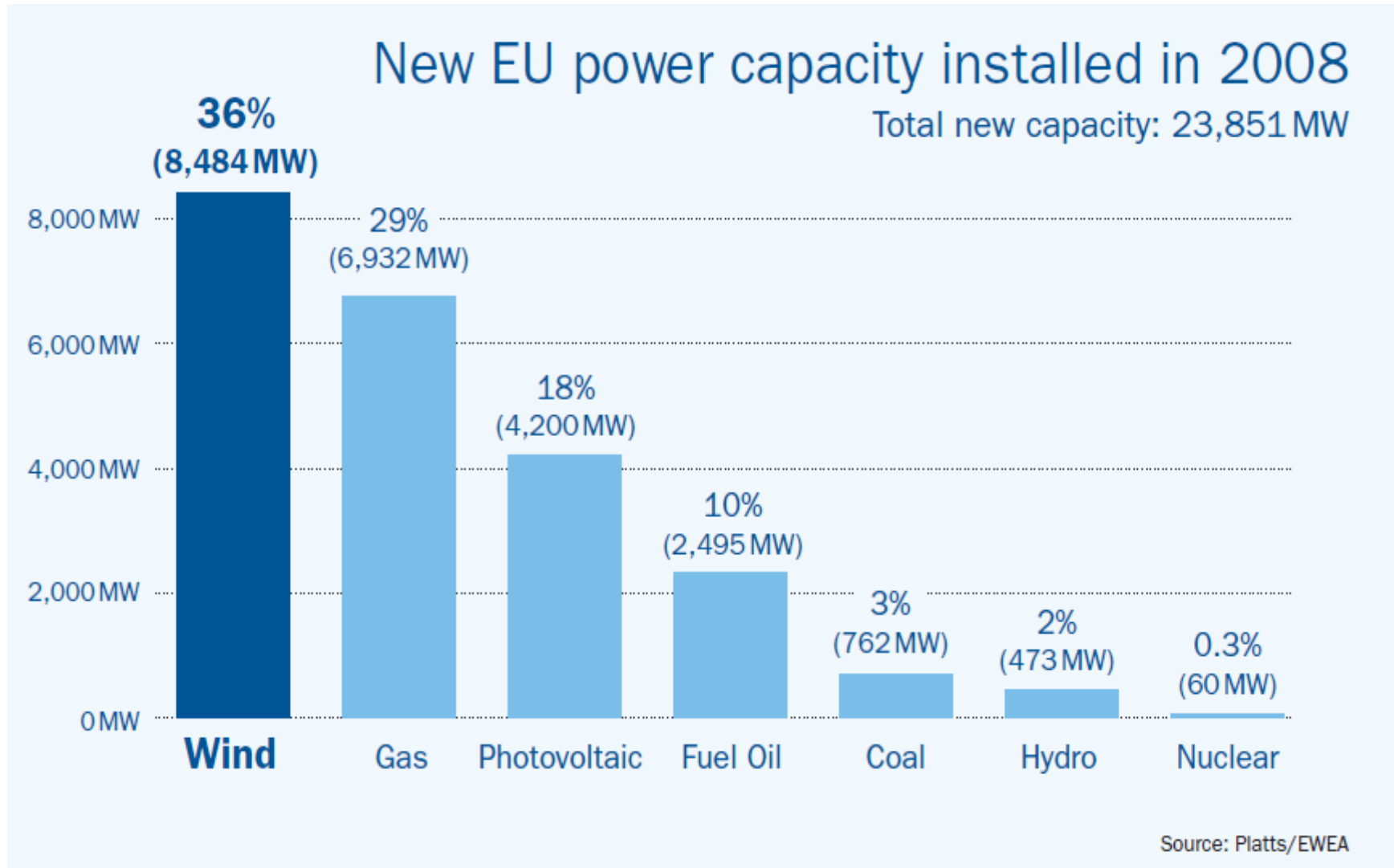
Mainstream's 14,000+ MW Projects' Pipeline



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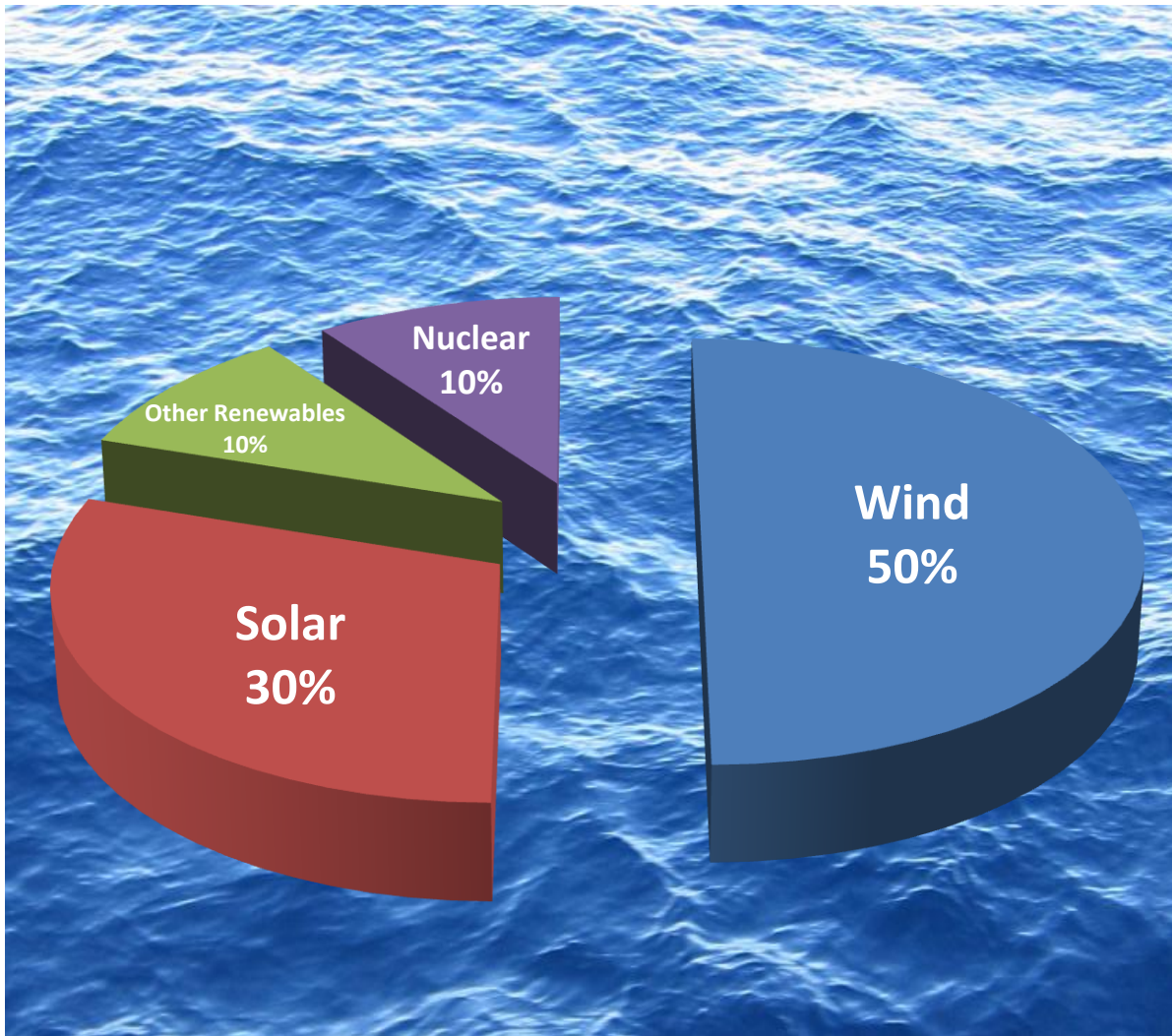
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EU Energy Perspective : Current Investment Mix



> 50 % of new Generation Capacity from Wind & PV

EU Energy Perspective : 2050 Mix



Energy Demand

Offshore Winds farms are needed for Europe to meet Green House Gas Targets

Interconnection across EU member states is needed to enable Offshore Wind

Interconnection, or Supergrid is vital for delivery of any 2050 scenario

2020 offshore grid connections must be Supergrid-compliant

> 80 % of Generation Capacity will be from Wind & PV

EU Energy Perspective : Where is the Wind Resource?

- **1,800,000 MW** of installed Wind Power needed by 2050
 - Based on projected 2050 energy requirements
- **200,000 MW** from Onshore Wind : the limit
 - The limit because Europe is the world's most crowded Continent
- **1,600,000 MW** from Offshore Wind
 - Plenty of space to grow beyond this target
 - Achievable at €3,600,000.00 per MW installed

Equates to :

- **€5.8 Trillion** investment in Offshore Wind Turbines by 2050.
- **€0.6 Trillion** investment in associated Offshore transmission and distribution .

European Offshore Wind is a €6.4 Trillion Investment opportunity

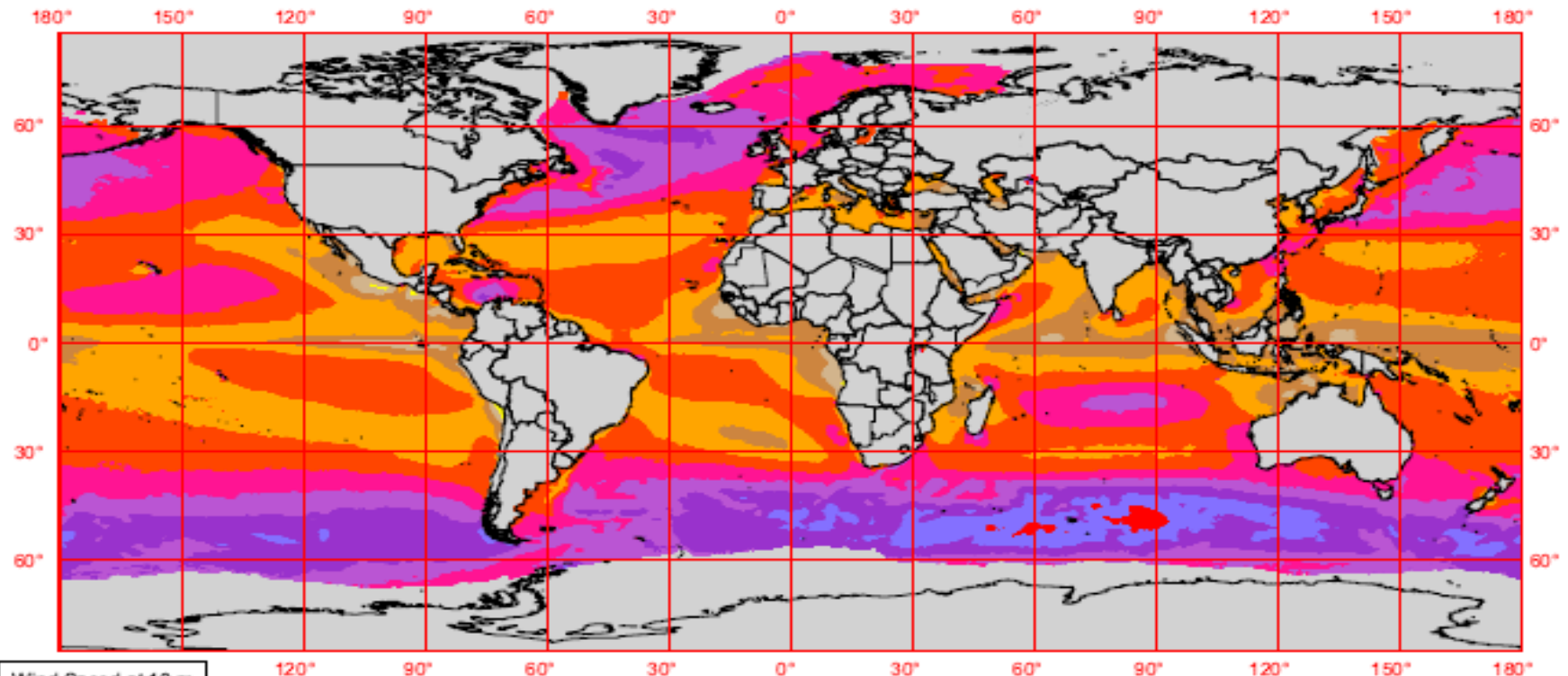
Video : 2050 Challenge



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Offshore Wind Resource

QuikSCAT - Annual Wind Speed at 10 m



Wind Speed at 10 m
(m/s)



Scatterometer measurements of the state of the ocean surface are used to estimate 10-m ocean winds in the QuikSCAT satellite data set. The QuikSCAT data are produced by Remote Sensing Systems and sponsored by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration Ocean Vector Winds Science Team. Data are available at www.remss.com. NREL used a 5-yr average from 2000-2004 to produce the map.

NREL has not validated the QuikSCAT satellite ocean wind estimates. NREL has observed that satellite-derived estimates of wind resource in near-shore, coastal, and island areas do not always agree with high-quality anemometer wind measurements. Therefore, satellite estimates in these areas should be compared with available wind measurements wherever possible.



Solar and Wind
Energy Resource
Assessment



United Nations
Environment
Programme



Global Environment
Facility

U.S. Department of Energy
National Renewable Energy Laboratory



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Offshore Wind in the North Sea represents Europe's best option

Europe's Electricity Demand

Europe's Power Demand

EU27 Demand (2008): **3,200 TWh**



Offshore Wind Power Available

Area considered with 5MW/Km²

North Sea:	35,700,000 MW
Mediterranean Sea:	12,500,000 MW
Total	48,200,000 MW

Equates to: **161,000 TWh**

Conclusion :

Demand	3,200 TWh
Supply	161,000 TWh

Supply v Demand **x 50**

Mr Brian Hurley, Wind Site Evaluation Ltd.
Offshore Wind Resources in Europe
Marseilles, March 2009

Offshore Wind in the North Sea can meet Europe's need, 50 fold

Mainstream's Projects in the North Sea



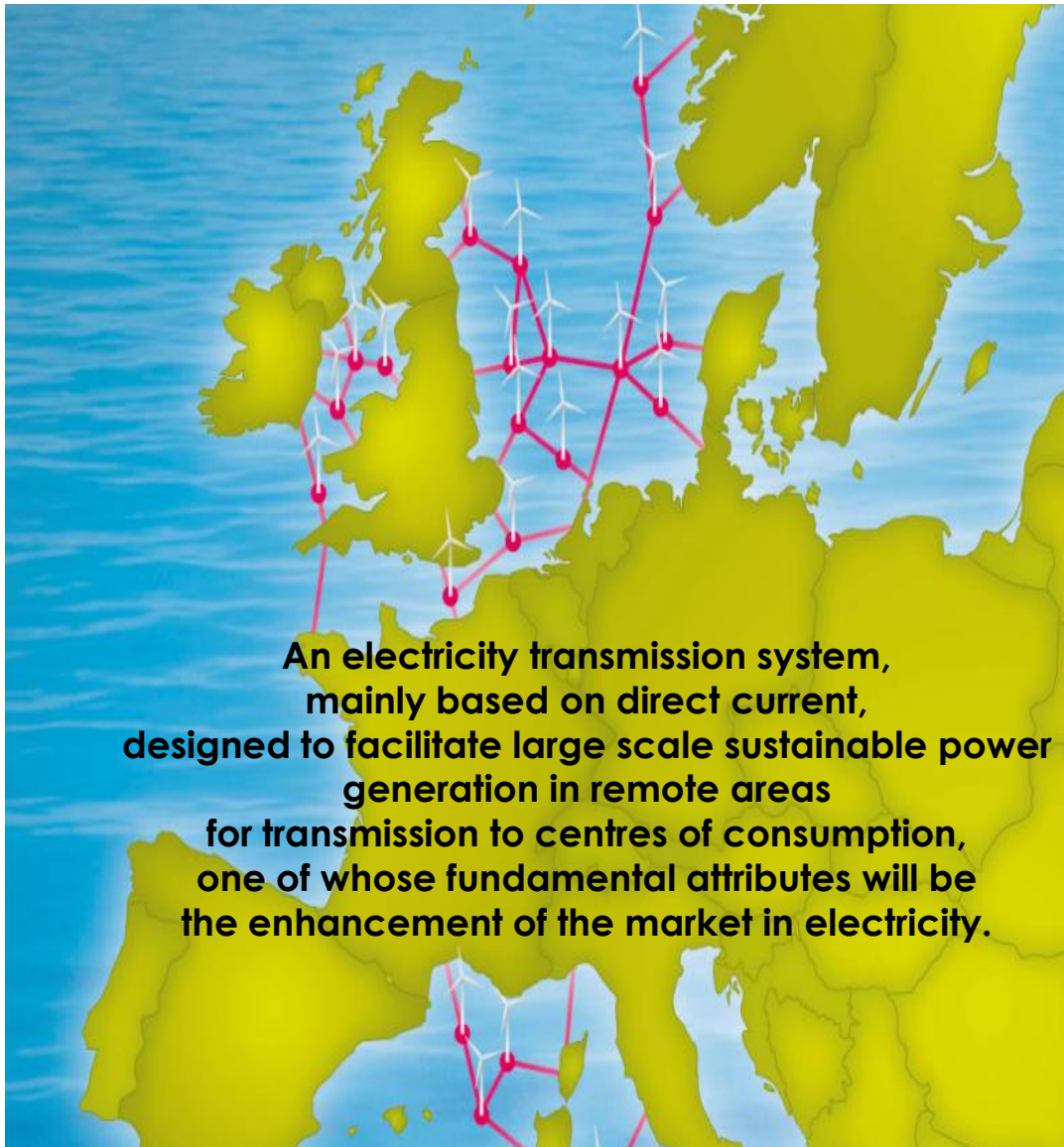
Key Features

- **Excellent** wind resource
- **Convenient location** for major energy consumers
- **10 countries** are now focused & organised to developing this resource
- **Mainstream** has 3 projects in the North Sea:
 - Germany
 - Scotland
 - England
- **33,000 MW** of Offshore Wind Round 3 Development licences issued by Crown Estate in UK waters

Offshore Wind Farms in the North Sea will deliver the EU's Energy Strategy

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**An electricity transmission system,
mainly based on direct current,
designed to facilitate large scale sustainable power
generation in remote areas
for transmission to centres of consumption,
one of whose fundamental attributes will be
the enhancement of the market in electricity.**

Key Features

- **A new transmission backbone** for Europe's decarbonised power sector
- **Enables distribution of energy** from 1,600,000 MW Offshore Wind Farms
- **A transformational approach** to electricity generation and distribution
- **Captures clean energy generation** and delivers firm renewable power across Europe
- **Goes beyond** existing point-to-point interconnectors
- **Innovative technology needed** to deliver HVDC Supernode technology
- **Requires a strategic partnership** across the Supply Chain
- **Cost to build Europe's Supergrid;**
€0.6 Trillion Offshore Supergrid
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The wind is always blowing somewhere; Supergrid creates portfolio effect

Supergrid Consortium

The consortium represents companies and organisations with a mutual interest in promoting the policy agenda for a European Supergrid.

CEO Ana Aguado runs the Consortium which exists to accelerate the Supergrid via a 5 point strategy:

1. Develop Standards
2. Create Offshore Transmission Operator
3. Establish EU Regulations
4. Create Single Electricity Market
5. Establish legal basis for trading

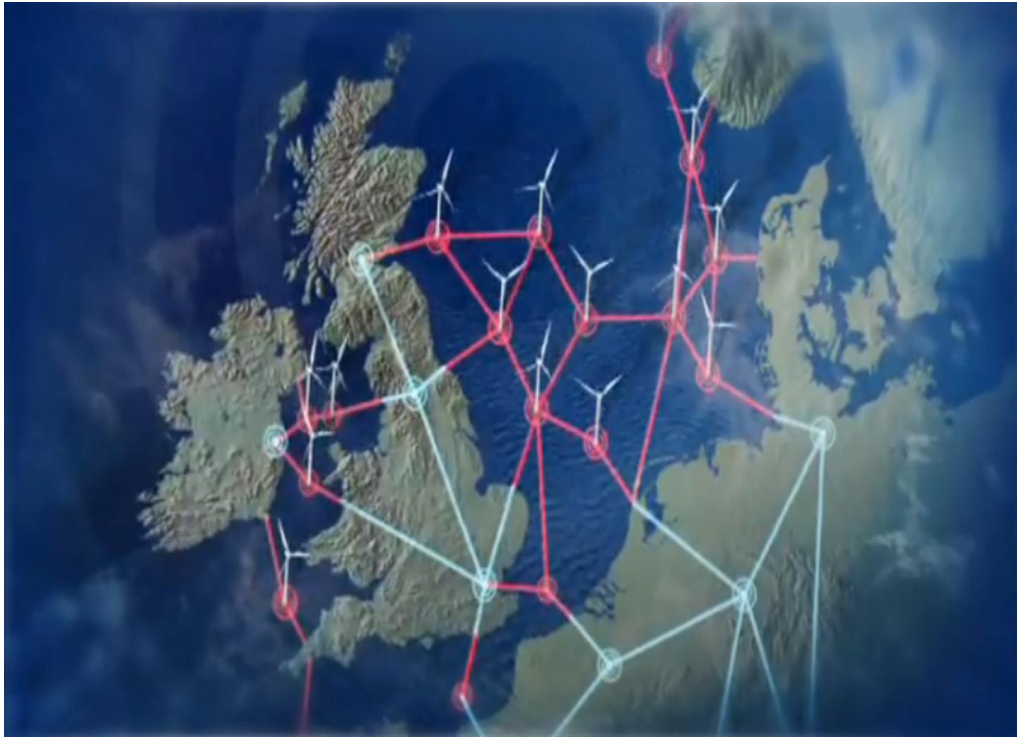


The Consortium has 20 members so far

Video : 2050 Supergrid



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7 Innovation Trajectories are needed;

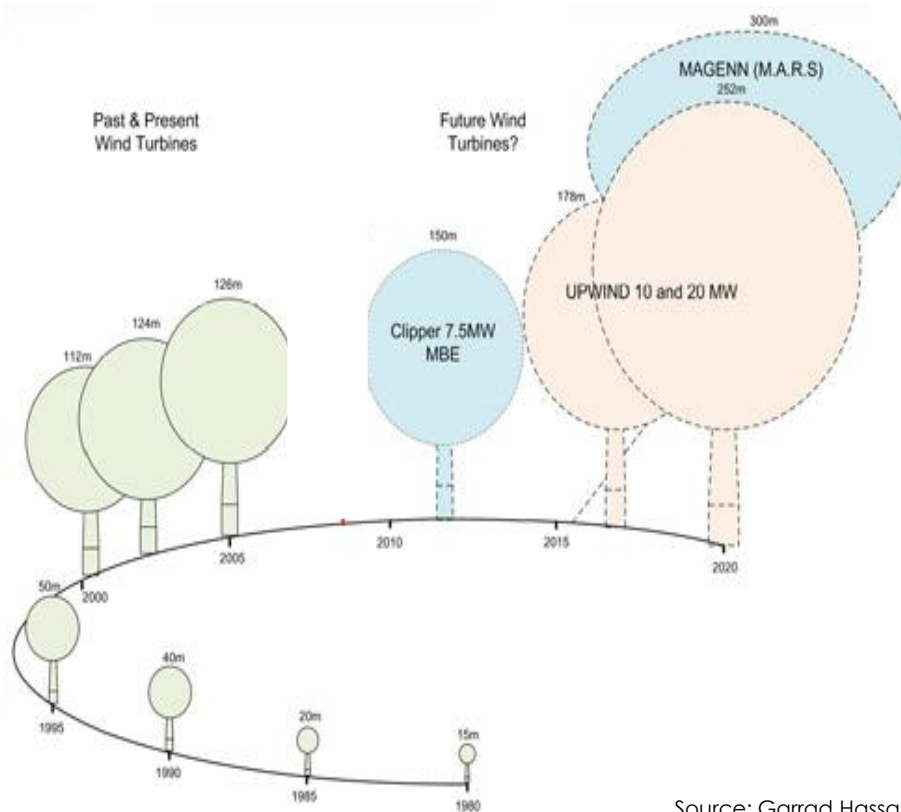
1. Bigger Wind Turbines
2. HVDC Transmission Cables
3. Supernode
4. Next-Generation Civil Engineering
5. Bigger Construction Vessels
6. Bigger Ports
7. Better ICT

Dr Eddie O'Connor, Mainstream Renewable Power
Supergrid Launch
London, March 2010



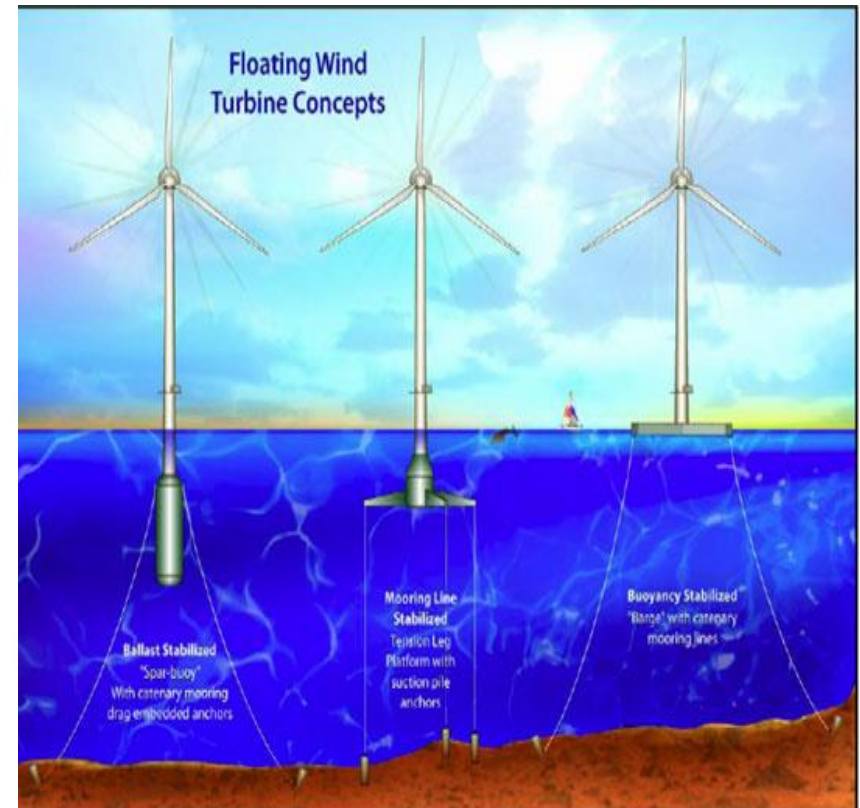
An inevitable transition to Sustainability with 7 Innovation Trajectories

Turbines will get bigger : 20 MW



Source: Garrad Hassan

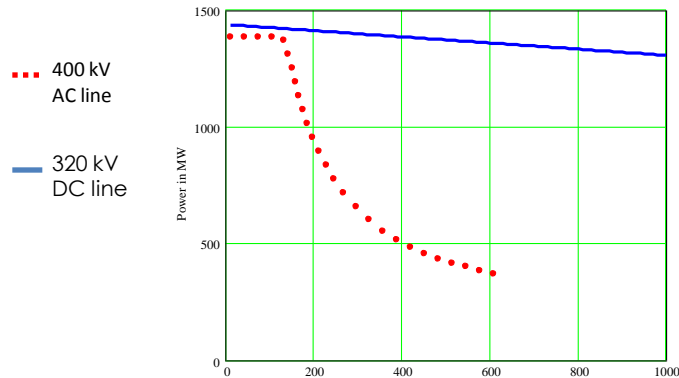
Floating Turbines will be viable



Dr Eddie O'Connor, Mainstream Renewable Power
C & F Offshore Summit
London, April 2009

Bigger, better turbines are needed

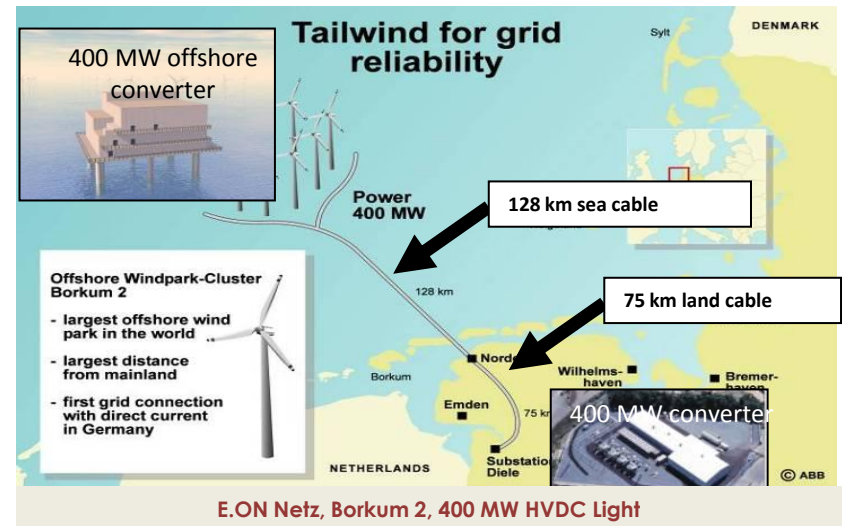
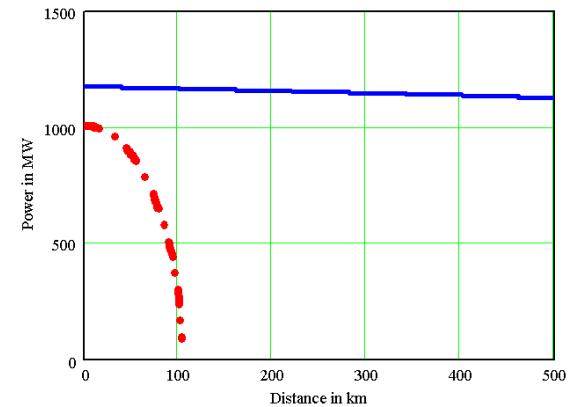
Overhead Cables



Sea Cables

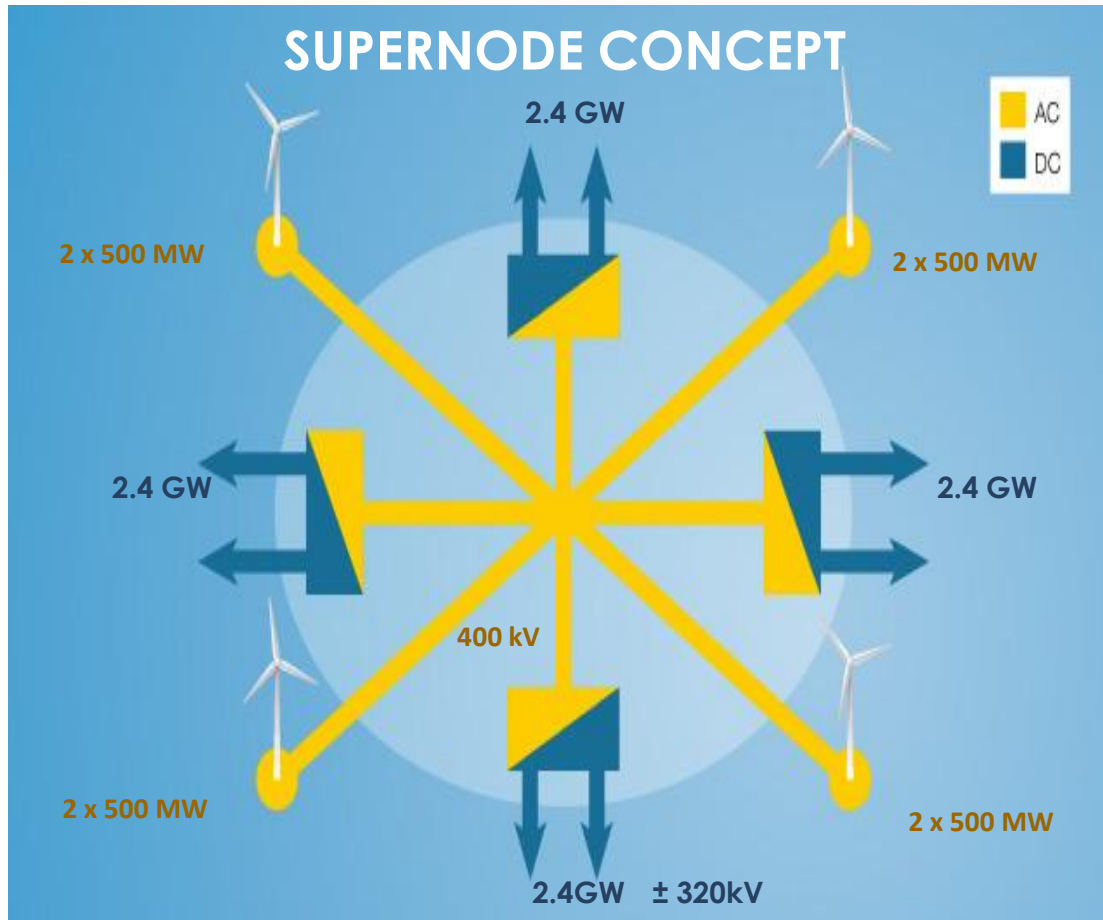
Three 400 kV AC cables

Two 320 kV DC cables



Mr Gunnar Asplund, ABB
HVDC Supergrid - Technology and Costs
Marseilles, March 2009

HVDC uses proven technology



"In 2011, only 30% of all power generated uses power electronics somewhere between the point of generation and end use."

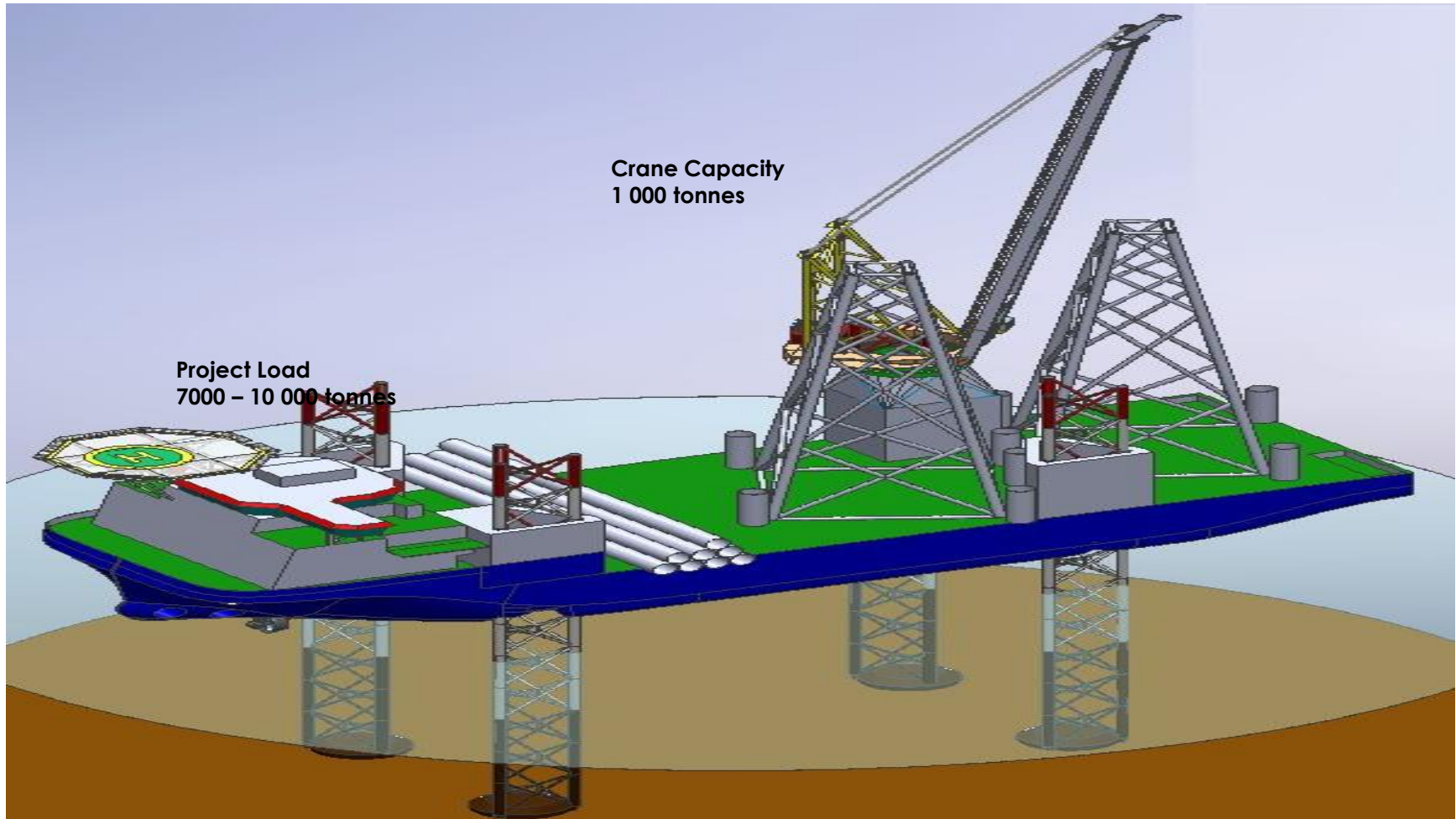
By 2030, 80% of all electric power will flow through power electronics."

Office of Electric Delivery & Energy Reliability,
US Dept of Energy

Mr Joe Corbett, Mainstream Renewable Power
Detailed design of the Supernode
Marseilles, March 2009

Supernode is a proven concept

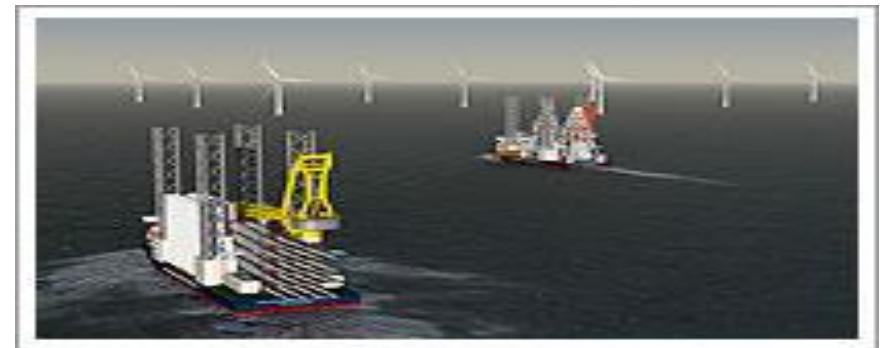
Offshore wind Jack-up



Mr Fenno Leeuwerke, Hochtief Construction
Building at Sea and 3rd Generation of Ships
Marseilles, March 2009

Bigger, stronger Jack-up Technology

Innovation # 5 : Bigger Construction Vessels



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Bigger Ships for bigger loads

Innovation # 6 : Bigger Ports & Better Logistics



Requirements for UK's Offshore Plans;

- Develop two completely new ports
- One on either coast of the UK
- More than transport nodes
- Focal point for regional development
- Centres of excellence for R + D
- Training centres for technologists/technicians
- New manufacturing centres



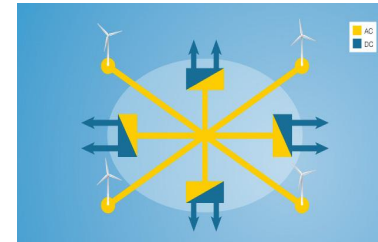
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An entirely new approach to Logistics is needed

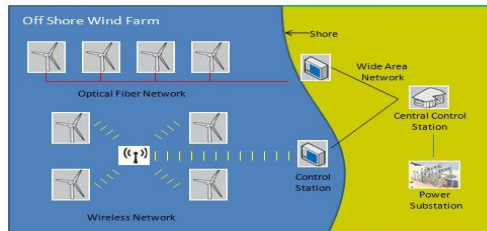
Innovation # 7 : **Better Information Technology**



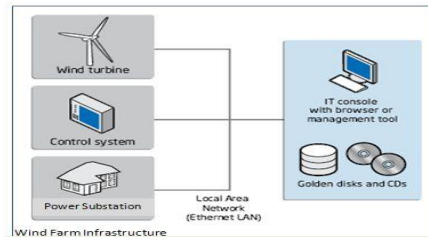
Power Distribution Management



Supernode Power Controls



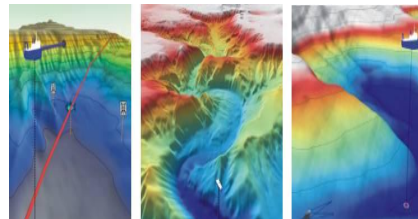
Hi-Speed Wireless Communication



Wind Turbine Control Systems



Monitoring & Controlling Risk



Surveying & Modelling the Sea

John Shaw, Mainstream Renewable Power
ICT Strategy for Offshore Wind

Better ICT will add value throughout the business process

Video : 2050 Forward



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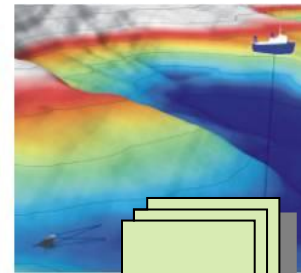
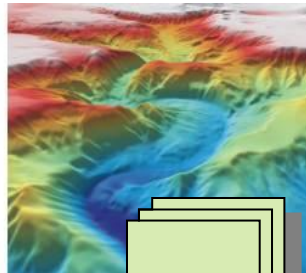
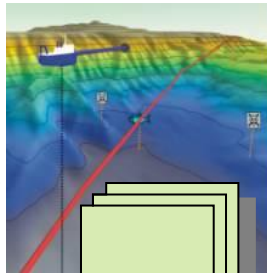
Offshore Business Process

5 % of the € 6.4 Trillion investment will be for ICT
Equates to € 320 Billion ICT investment



Business needs to...

Identify & Mitigate Risks
Accelerate Surveying
Accelerate Construction
Connect & Distribute Power



Information needed :

Surveying
Modelling
Turbine Control Systems
Wireless Communication
Power Distribution Management
Project & Document Management
Risk Management

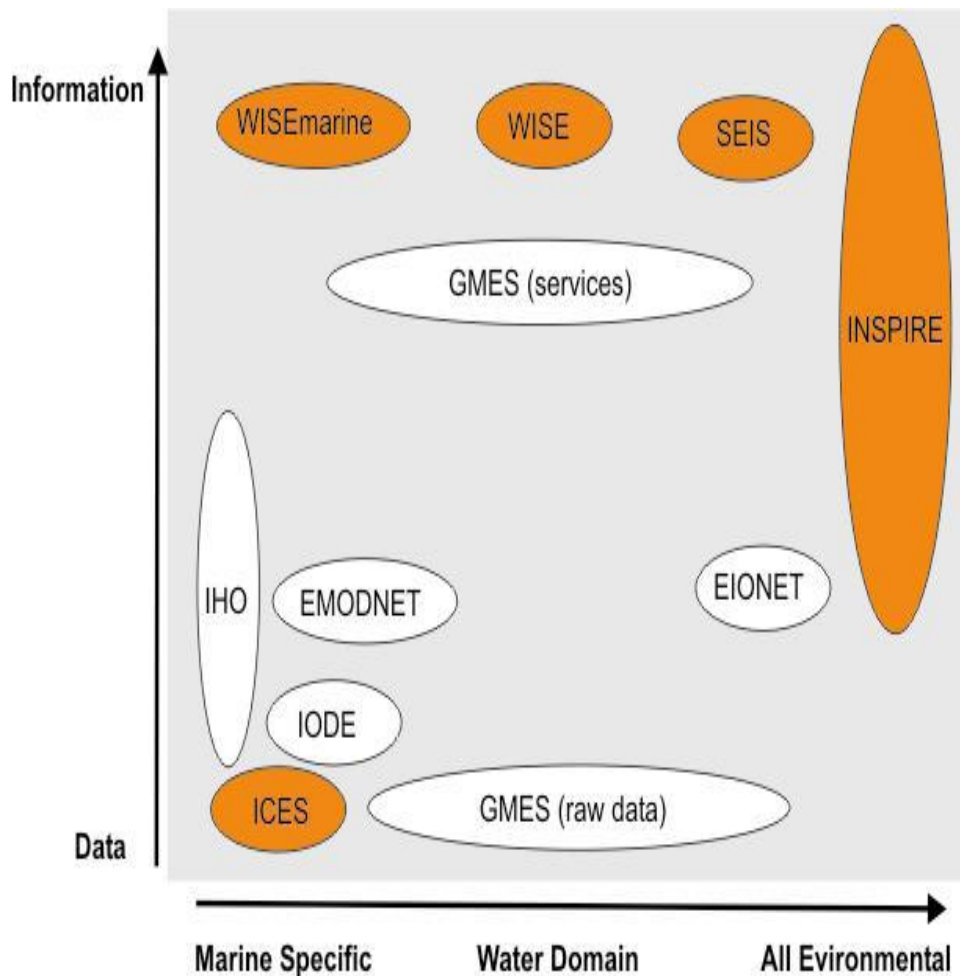
Reducing Risk is all about Data

What Offshore Wind Developers Need from ICT

- **Mainstream's fundamental belief is that marine data is a Public Good.**
 - It should be collected once and used many times.
- **Key needs ;**
 - **Accessibility and Management:**
 - **Clear policy of ownership**, licensing & access for all publicly funded data collection
 - **Single point of access** to marine data and information
 - **Discourage cost-recovery pricing** from public bodies
 - **Data Standards and Quality control:**
 - **Common standards** across jurisdictions and disciplines
 - **Ensure the above is addressed** in publicly funded data collection contracts
 - **International Coordination:**
 - **Harmonised approach** across the EU in relation to all of the above:
 - **Links** provided and maintained to EU/global databases and initiatives
- **Benefits of improved data management ;**
 - **Measurable reductions in costs** to find, access and retrieve data
 - **Wider and more reliable** data and information upon which to base assessments
 - **Mechanisms to share results** and data with stakeholders

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- 4 EU Directives in particular impact industry:

- Marine Strategy Framework Directive** – ‘establish and implement coordinated monitoring programmes for ongoing assessment of the environmental status of [member state] marine waters’
- INSPIRE Directive** – ‘adopt measures for the sharing of data sets and services between public authorities for the purpose of public tasks and the Environmental Information Directive’
- Birds and Habitats Directive** – ‘establish a network known as Natura 2000 (SPA, SACs)
- Data Collection Framework for Fisheries** – ‘collect, manage and provide high quality fisheries data for the purpose of scientific advice, mainly for appropriate fisheries management decisions’

Shading = initiatives to manage data to satisfy EC Legislation

There are many directives and initiatives underway

Marine Knowledge 2020 :

Marine Data and Observation for Smart and Sustainable Growth

Launched 13 September 2010

Led by Iain Shephard

Key Objectives

This Initiative from the Commission will ensure the following are achieved ;

- **Data from the EU-supported** research programmes are more available for re-use
- **Common** standards and policies
- **Contribute towards** an interoperable global marine knowledge system

Cost

- €110.0 Million spent per year by EU on marine data collection
- € 18.5 Million additional allocation per year for EU's Marine Knowledge 2020 initiative



The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) is the leading international membership body and learned society for marine professionals, with over 15,000 members worldwide.

Special Interest Group established for Offshore Renewables. December 2010

Led by John Sturman, *Chairman, IMarEST Offshore Renewables SIG*

Aim is to be the global professional organization that represents the offshore renewables industry.

Important activities will include knowledge sharing amongst members, policy formulation and standard setting.

An ICT Working Party is in place.

The UK Marine Environmental Data and Information Network (MEDIN) is a collaborative partnership driving improved management and access of marine data.

Key Achievements

01 September 2010

- Wide public and private sector involvement ; 30 organisations, including Mainstream
- Created a set of common standards : Tender Specification Clause
- Established 4 Data Archive Centres (DAC) Network : priority public marine data sets
- Launched web portal ; central search capability <http://www.oceannet.org/>

Key Gaps

- No obligation for Industry-collected data
- Granularity for project-specific data storage
- No 3D Visualisation, No Simulation

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Step 1: Business Process

































	Generation	Energy Supply (Wholesale/Trading)	Delivery (Trans / Distribution)	Customer Service (Retail)	Shared Services (Corp/Enterprise)
Business Processes	Generation asset management Operation Management Fuel Management	Energy Commodity Management	Delivery (T&D) Asset Lifecycle Management Network Operation Management Work Management	Customer Lifecycle Management Revenue Cycle Management*	Supply Chain Management IT portfolio and asset management Finance / Administration Human Resources Management Legal / Regulatory affair Management Enterprise Risk Management Strategy Planning
Business Systems	<div>Document Management</div> <div>Asset Management</div> <div>Predictive Performance</div> Fuel Management Emissions Optimisation	<div>SCADA</div> Load Forecasting Demand Response Clearing & Settlement Meter Data Management	<div>Development Analysis</div> Field Force Enablement (mobility) Field Force Enablement Outage Management Network Design	<div>Customer Relationship Management</div> Complex Billing	<div>Finance & HR</div> <div>Project Management</div> <div>Business Intelligence</div> Enterprise Risk Supply Chain

Source: Microsoft Utilities Strategy

8 Business Systems to meet Business Process needs

Step 2 : Business Priorities

Mainstream Business Priorities vs
 Business Systems

	Document Management System	Finance & HR System	Development Analysis System	Project Management System	Asset Management System	Predictive Performance System	Customer Relationship Management System
1. Develop & construct Robust Pipeline.							
2. Monitor other 'fuel-free' technologies.							
3. Partner with Local Developers.							
4. Leverage Central Expertise.							
5. Offshore position as Early-Stage Partner.							
6. Sell projects to Utilities & Investors.							
7. Recycle cash from Sale of Assets.							
8. Seek liquidity event / IPO for investors.							
Underlying Standard IT technology;							
Management Information always available.	Business Intelligence & Reporting System						
Service Excellence.	Standard PC / Print / Wireless Access / Telephony / Video Conferencing						

8 Business Systems to achieve Business Priorities

Step 3 : Business Systems Vision

Business Need

Integrated Business Systems

Value



Deal
Making

Cash generation &
Management

Project
Execution

Collaboration &
Fast Replication

Efficient Work Flow

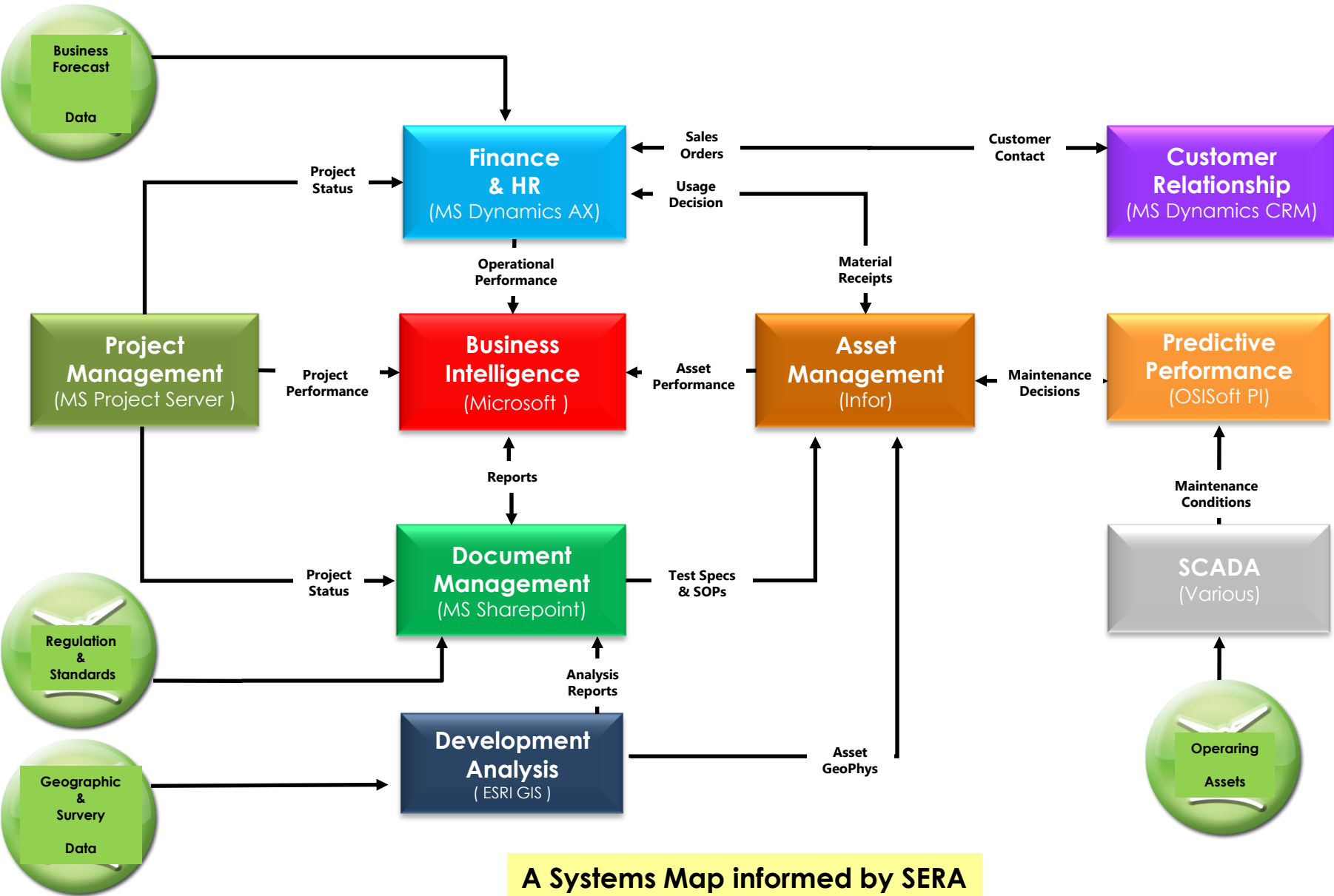
A Single Version of
the Truth

Faster Decision-
Making

Increase Personal
& Team
Productivity

8 Integrated Business Systems to deliver Value

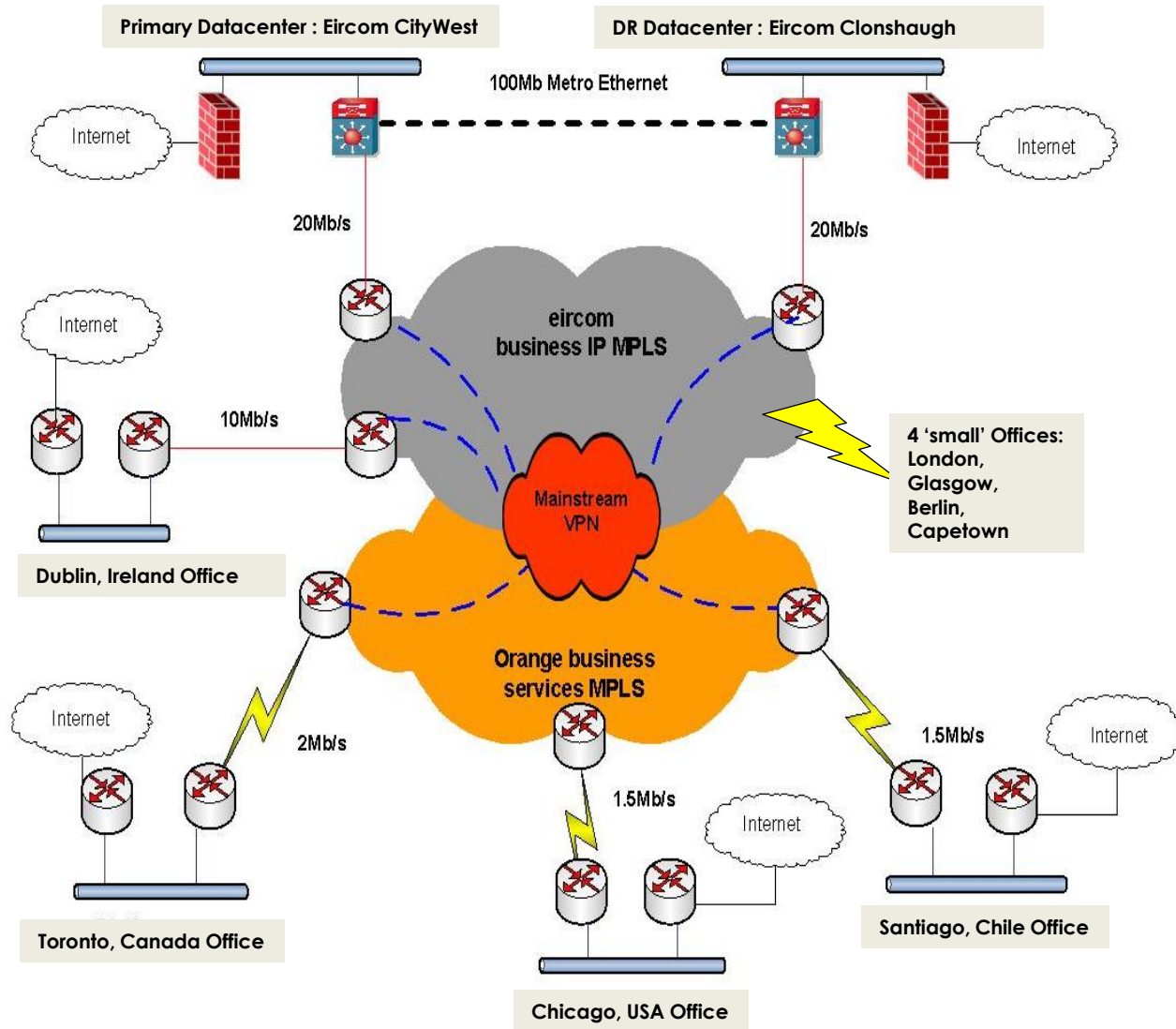
Step 4 : Business Systems Map



A Systems Map informed by SERA

Step 5 : ICT Infrastructure

SCHEMATIC



PARTNERS

- Microsoft : Software
- Eircom-Orange : Communications
- HP -DSS : Hardware

STANDARDS

- Microsoft : 29 Products
- HP : Client & Infrastructure h/w
- Cisco : data
- Nortel : Voice
- Polycom : Video

PRINCIPLES

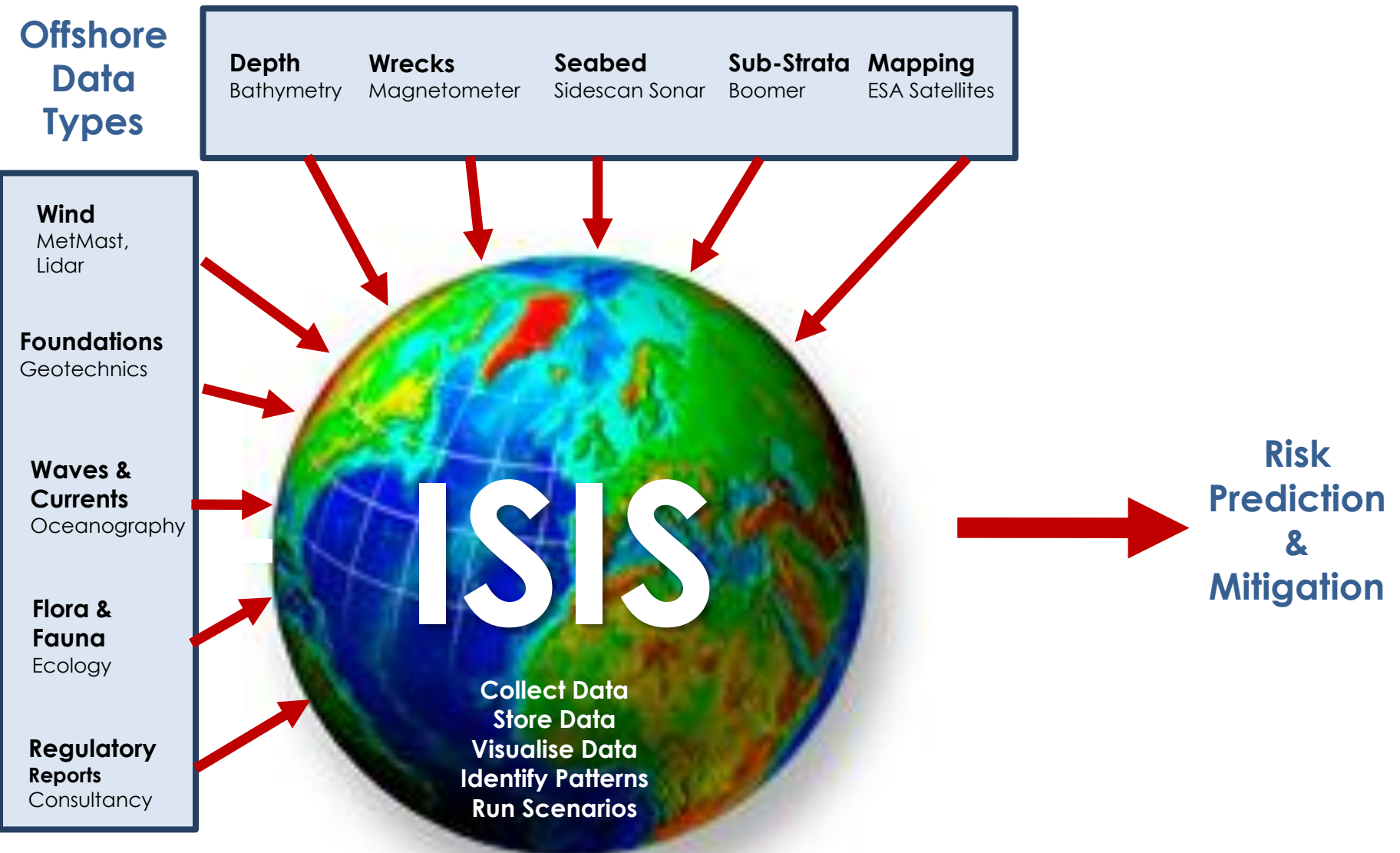
- Aligned with SERA
- Build for global growth
- Build for 24 x 7 availability
- Build for Security
- Standardise components
- Configuration not customisation
- Partner with Strategic ICT vendors
- Service Level Agreements

A Private Cloud built for High Availability, Security, Performance

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Convert Data into Wisdom



An Integrated Sea Information System (ISIS) is needed : doesn't currently exist

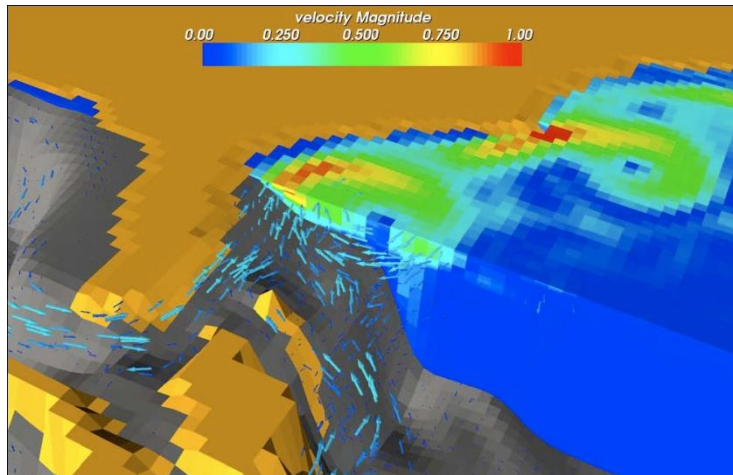
Precedent: 3D Data Visualisation

Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center (PSC) computational scientist consultants work closely with discipline scientists to provide tools for visualization and analysis on their Cray XT3.

“too much information.”: When it comes to a scientist's desire to simulate physical phenomena in realistic detail, there is no such thing.

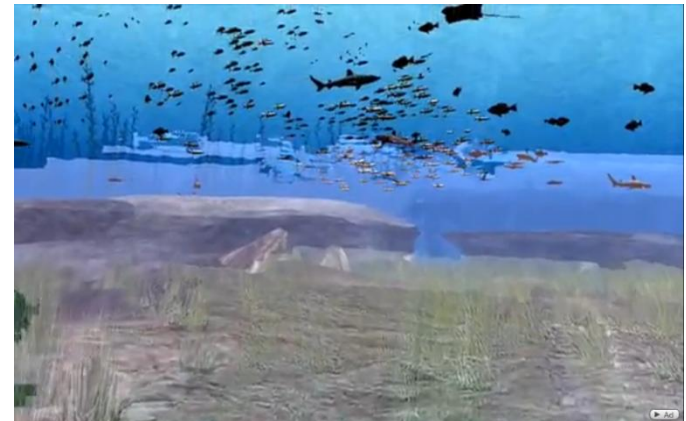
3D visualisation of Atlantic Currents

University of Miami & PSC



Realtime Ocean Visualisation

Lenfest Ocean Future Blender 2.48



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5Q1Pwrrp8bw&feature=youtube_gdata_player

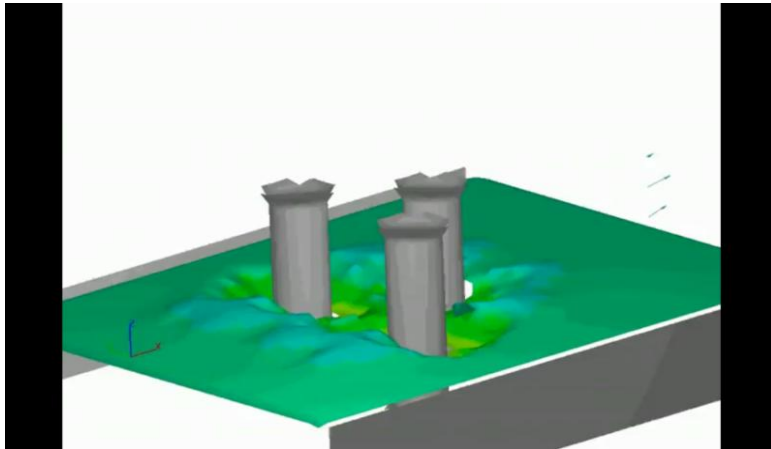
Precedent: **Running What If Scenarios**

Visualising data makes it easier to identify risk.

Simulating scenarios makes it easier to predict future risk.

Sediment Scour Simulation

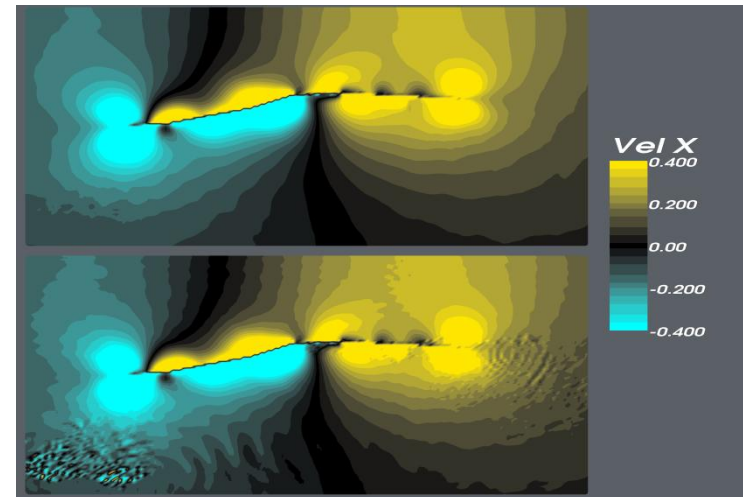
Northwest Hydraulics Consultants. CUDA



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIGzrlshQg&feature=youtube_gdata_player

3D visualisation of Soil Displacement

Carnegie Mellon University & PSC



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Step 1. Form ISIS Consortium; prospective members



The consortium must represent all key stakeholders

Step 2. Agree The ISIS Problem Statement

Business Problem :

As Europe expands Offshore Wind Energy, Developers need to collect and analyse large quantities of data and meet regulatory requirements. In the absence of an Integrated Sea Information System, a variety of methods will be used to collect, store, analyse and compile data leading to delays and inefficiencies.

	Current State	Integrated Sea Information System (ISIS)
Work Flow	Inefficient, disparate methods across the Offshore Industry, No agreed workflow methodologies exist across multiple stakeholders.	Integrated Approach
Single version of the truth	No single data repository exists, No single data analysis methodology exists. Difficult to move between 3 rd party providers of data	Integrated approach to data management. all collected data stored in a single n-dimensional database, standardised visualisation method
Speed of decision-making	Risks not captured in unitary manner	Integrated approach to risk management: rule-based decision-making to predict and mitigate risk, to identify trends and patterns, to run what-of scenarios, to peer into the future
Fast Learning	Difficult to move between 3 rd Party providers of data	Integrated approach to Knowledge Management. standard Reports for Regulatory Compliance
Security	Loose Security: Position unknown, difficult to enforce.	Complies with ISO27001. Tight Security :Position known, protected.
Cost	High repeating cost for individual organisations. High Total Cost of Ownership.	Low Total Cost of Ownership. Initial high cost to develop, lower cost to operate, all stakeholders share the cost.
Personal & Team Productivity	Inefficient	Satisfy all Stakeholders with one system. Clear, Single Repository for all Data. Measure Once, Use Manage times, Open Systems Standards

ISIS : faster, better, more reliable, more secure

Step 3. Identity & Address ICT Barriers

- **Innovation is inhibited by data licence issues:**
 - **Data licence issue** throughout European waters
 - **Over 400 legal entities** have licensed ownership of data in Britain
 - **Need EU Data Ownership Policy**
- **Innovation is inhibited by regional data strategy variation:**
 - **National data archives** are at different levels of maturity
 - **Low Interoperability** of data and metadata across EU
 - **Need EU standard** for data archives
- **Role for EU Commission:**
 - **Build on existing progress** made by data communities
 - **Provide sustainable funding** for Innovation
 - **Provide framework** for licensing and re-use of data
- **Role for ISA:**
 - **Build on existing ISA standards** in other Sectors (eg Manufacturing)
 - **Align with relevant IEEE standards** for computer & electrical devices
 - **Provide framework** for developing integrated standards across supply chain

There is a compelling need for Standards

Conclusion

The Energy Sector is undergoing A Technology Transformation as it moves to Renewable Sources

Mainstream is a Growing, Global Renewable Energy Start-Up with a strong Projects pipeline

Better ICT, underpinned by Innovation, Standards and Collaboration, will accelerate Offshore Wind Energy Development

Further information

Mainstream : Business Model

<http://www.mainstreamrp.com/>

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