



JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT
ON COOPERATION ON NORTH SEA
RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY SECURITY
AND NET ZERO OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS AND ENERGY OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (DESNZ) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMWE) (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Participants” and in the singular as “a Participant”), wish to strengthen their bilateral partnership and deepen their cooperation on the development of North Sea renewable energy infrastructure, with a particular focus on Offshore Hybrid Assets.

Considering:

- the importance of the bilateral relationship between the United Kingdom and Germany, and the common interests of the Participants
- the close cooperation between the Participants on energy and climate, including through the Germany-United Kingdom Energy and Climate Partnership, as well as the Kensington Treaty
- the important role of electricity interconnection and of the efficient operation of infrastructure in integrating electricity from renewable sources, delivering low carbon energy and supporting system security at the lowest cost for consumers
- their shared ambition expressed through the Ostend declaration to make the North Seas the Green Power Plant of Europe and achieve at least 300 GW generation capacity in the North Seas by 2050
- their pledge in the Hamburg Declaration to strengthen regional cooperation on offshore renewable energy, aiming to develop up to 100 GW generation capacity in the North Seas by 2050 in the form of cross-border cooperation projects, starting with identifying and working towards an initial and economically promising flagship project set
- the projects reflected in the Ten-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) 2026 submissions, which include the first proposed Offshore Hybrid Assets between Great Britain and Germany, HansaLink and GriffinLink
- their shared ambition to support the development of Offshore Hybrid Assets between Great Britain and Germany in the mid-2030s
- the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the United Kingdom and the North Seas Energy Cooperation on offshore renewable energy cooperation
- the obligations under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and United Kingdom which include provisions on energy

The Participants have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Joint Declaration of Intent (JDoI) is to promote and strengthen the Participants' cooperation in key areas critical to accelerating the development of renewable energy infrastructure in the North Sea, in particular the development of Offshore Hybrid Assets between Great Britain and Germany.

Paragraph 2: Planned areas of cooperation

Each Participant intends to, subject to the laws, rules, and regulations governing their respective countries, cooperate by:

1. Working together in the North Seas Energy Cooperation [and under the Joint Declaration of Intent on the Common Vision for an Offshore Renewable Energy Grid in the North Seas] to enable Offshore Hybrid Assets on both a bilateral and multilateral level.
2. Regularly exchanging on Offshore Hybrid Assets and framework conditions within the Joint Germany-Great Britain Offshore Working Group under the Energy and Climate Partnership.
3. Developing approaches and next steps to cost-benefit sharing for Offshore Hybrid Assets, guided by the principles of full transparency on costs and benefits of generation and infrastructure assets as well as a fair burden share.
4. Advancing national market arrangements for Offshore Hybrid Assets to harness the benefits of North Seas cooperation.
5. Supporting regulatory clarity and timely processes to enable Offshore Hybrid Assets, including through Great Britain's work to enable multi-purpose interconnectors.
6. Working towards adjustments to national frameworks, such as amendments to the German liability regime for offshore cooperation projects or Great Britain's regulatory and financing schemes for interconnectors in Offshore Hybrid Assets.
7. Exploring joint de-risking mechanisms and financial frameworks, including cross-border approaches, to enable the buildout of offshore wind farms in Offshore Hybrid Assets.
8. Working jointly with other North Seas states towards establishing financing solutions for Offshore Hybrid Assets.
9. Working with Transmission System Operators (TSOs), including through the Offshore TSO Collaboration (OTC) Group, to support the development of Offshore Hybrid Assets.
10. Other subject areas as the Participants may jointly decide.

Paragraph 3: Forms of cooperation

The Participants plan to encourage cooperation, collaboration, and knowledge exchange in mutually beneficial areas related to offshore renewable energy, including Offshore Hybrid Assets. The form of this cooperation may be determined jointly by the Participants in writing but could include, for example, joint seminars and workshops involving policy experts, industry and other relevant actors, as well jointly commissioned research or analytical studies. The Participants intend to maintain their bilateral offshore working group as long as necessary or relevant. The bilateral offshore working group aims to establish an appropriate schedule of meetings. Both sides aim to mutually decide on topics to be addressed during these meetings.

Paragraph 4: Funding

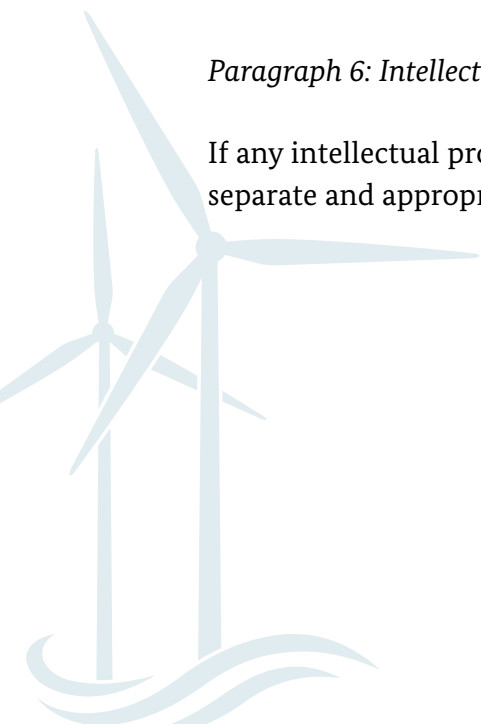
1. This JDoI does not involve or envisage the transfer of financial resources between the Participants.
2. All costs arising from cooperation activities under this JDoI will be assumed by the Participant that incurs them, unless jointly determined otherwise in writing.
3. Each Participant aims to conduct activities provided in this JDoI subject to applicable laws, regulations, and budgetary constraints. Details for financing any particular cooperation activity will be jointly established in writing before commencing such activity.

Paragraph 5: Designated authorities

The designated authorities responsible for implementing this JDoI will be the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero of the United Kingdom and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany. Each Participant will designate a primary point of contact to coordinate cooperation in the areas described in Paragraph 2.

Paragraph 6: Intellectual property

If any intellectual property rights arise from this JDoI, the Participants will address them in a separate and appropriate arrangement.



Paragraph 7: Confidentiality

The Participants recognise that to facilitate the objectives of this JDoI, information may pass between them. The sharing of information under this JDoI should be subject to the following requirements:

1. The participants may only use the information for purposes to further the objectives of the JDoI.
2. The Participants may only disclose any part of the information to a third party if the Participant wishing to disclose the information seeks and obtains prior written consent from the other, except in circumstances described in subparagraph (3).
3. In circumstances where either Participant is legally obliged to disclose any information related to this JDoI under applicable legislation, by court order or for another reason, it will inform the other Participant before doing so.
4. The provision of this Paragraph will remain in effect even after the termination of this JDoI.

Paragraph 8: General considerations

1. Questions concerning implementation of this JDoI will be resolved amicably through mutual consultation and negotiation.
2. This JDoI reflects the Participants' good faith intention to collaborate but does not create any rights and obligations under international or domestic law nor prevails over the rights and obligations stemming from international agreements to which either Side is a party.
3. This JDoI does not prevail over the rights and obligations arising from Germany's membership of the European Union.
4. This JDoI is effective from the date of signature and will be reviewed as deemed necessary by the Participants' bilateral offshore working group.
5. A Participant may withdraw from the JDoI at any time. It should give three months' notice in writing through diplomatic channels.

This JDoI may be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants, effective upon signature by both.



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Signed on the 26 January 2026 in the English language.

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