

# Joint European Stakeholder Group



Tuesday 09 December 2025  
Meeting 88

# 1. Welcome & Introductions

Independent Chair – Garth Graham

# Agenda

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	<b>Title</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Time</b>
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chair	10:00 - 10:05
2.	<b>C9 update</b>	Ruby Pelling (NESO)	10:05 - 10:10
3.	<b>Net Transfer Capacity Innovation Report</b>	Joe Peffers (NESO)	10:10 - 10:15
4.	<b>An Introduction to NESO's Involvement within the Offshore TSO Collaboration</b>	Thomas Stuart-Delavaine (NESO)	10:15 - 10:45
5.	<b>Review of Actions log</b>	Andrew Hemus, Tech Secretary	10:45 - 10:50
6.	<b>Future Meeting Dates &amp; Agenda Items</b>	Andrew Hemus, Tech Secretary	
7.	<b>Stakeholder Representation</b>	Chair	10:50 - 11:00
8.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	All	

## 2. C9 update

Ruby Pelling (NESO)

# C9 Annual Review: Upcoming Official Consultation

Following the close of the informal consultation on the 08 December, NESO is preparing to launch an official consultation on proposed changes to five C9 Licence statements under the Electricity System Operator (ESO) Licence Condition C9: Procurement and Use of Balancing Services. NESO welcomes all interested parties to respond.

The C9 statements are:

- The Procurement Guidelines Statement (PGS)
- The Balancing Principles Statement (BPS)
- System Management Action Flagging Methodology (SMAF)
- Applicable Balancing Service Adjustment Data Methodology Statement (ABSVD)
- The Balancing Services Adjustment Data Methodology Statement (BSAD)

This consultation is mandated by the ESO Licence to run for a minimum of 28 days. It is planned to be published on **09 January 2026 until 5pm 06 February 2026**.

Once published, all consultation documentation will be located on the C9 Webpage within [2026-2027 C9 Consultations folder](#).

To keep up to date on C9 publications or timeline changes please sign up to the [balancing services mailing list](#). For any questions, please email [box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy](mailto:box.EFTConsultations@neso.energy).



# **3. Net Transfer Capacity Innovation Report**

Joe Peffers (NESO)

# Publication of NTC innovation report

- This report, reviews the feasibility of a NTC market and alternative options to reduce the usage of NTC restrictions. This has been completed for NESO by FTI consulting.
- Report commissioned to address Condition C28.4(h)(i) of NESO transmission licence, requiring the procurement of balancing services be “subject to transparent, non-discriminatory and market-based procedures”
- Currently, the use of NTCs is not market-based and this was agreed as a derogation by Ofgem in September 2023. This expires on 30 September 2026.
- A clear requirement in the derogation letter was that NESO keeps the possibility of a market based-approach to NTCs under review.
- We expect to publish the innovation report ahead of the Christmas period.
- Industry will be notified through the usual communication newsletters once published.
- We plan to hold a formal discussion of the report and findings at JESG on 13 January with a window for industry input following this.
- Once published, we will invite any feedback ahead of 13 January JESG to feed into discussion.

NESO contact: Joe Peffers– [Joe.Peffers@neso.energy](mailto:Joe.Peffers@neso.energy)

## **4. An Introduction to NESO's Involvement within the Offshore TSO Collaboration**

Thomas Stuart-Delavaine (NESO)

# **Summary of NESO's Involvement within the Offshore TSO Collaboration (OTC)**

# Contents

1. History of the OTC
2. Grid Map Study
3. Grid Map Planning Process
4. Questions

# History of the OTC

UK currently represented by NESO & NGV.

## Esberg & Ostend Declaration

North Sea countries agree to develop an integrated approach to offshore planning, including aspects such as OHA, hydrogen, and co-financing schemes.

OTC formed to enable the declaration.

## Expert Paper II

Expands vision to include additional countries (inc. GB). Focuses on key enablers inc. supply chains, market design, and cost-sharing.



## Expert Paper IV

Addresses cost-sharing and financing models for these projects.

2022

April 2023

May 2024

April 2025

Jan 2026

## Expert Paper I

Outlines initial offshore grid concept linking Belgium, Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands.



## Expert Paper III

Explores integrated grid planning and provided recommendations of OHA projects. First paper to seek political endorsement for a recurring joint planning group to identify future OHA projects.



## North Sea Summit

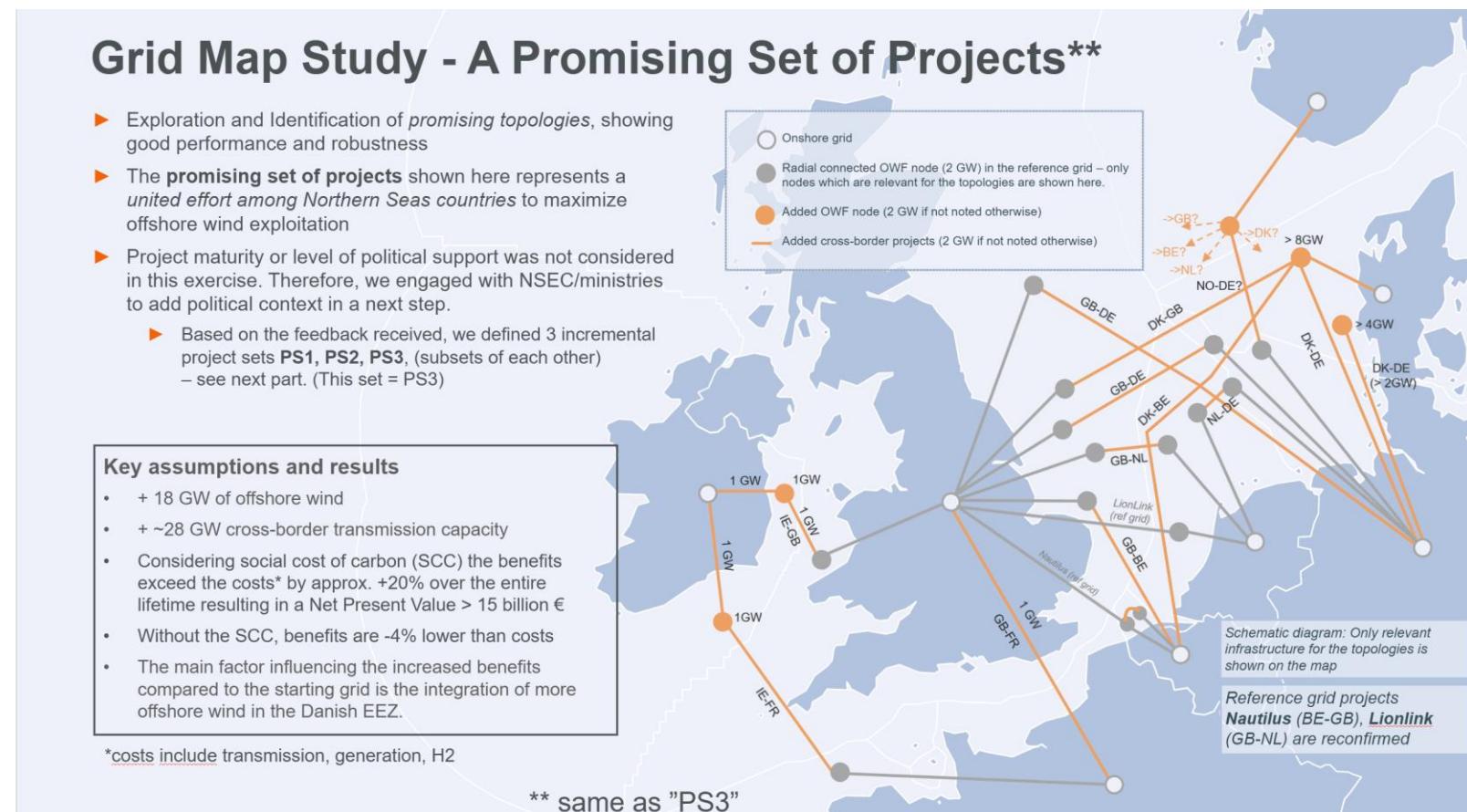
Ministerial summit to accelerate North Sea Green Powerhouse goal.

# Grid Map Study

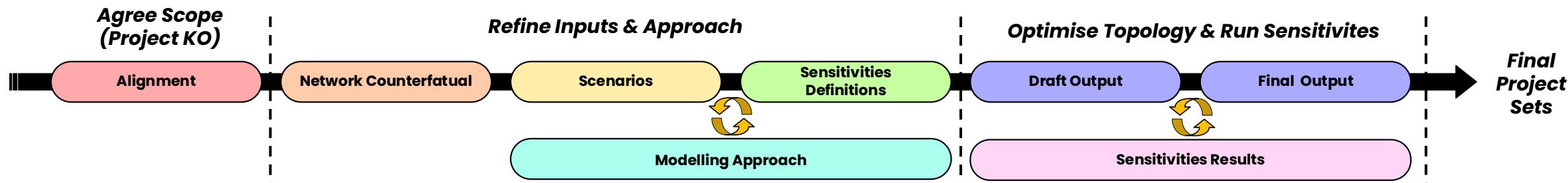
**Main topic of Expert Paper III** aimed to:

- Provide an initial set of cross-border projects which could facilitate ministerial discussions on the future of an offshore grid.
- To produce projects which are most likely to be implemented, as opposed to an idealised vision of the future.

Next steps in regional planning will look to develop the topology further and regional interactions with H2 planning.



# Grid Map Planning Process



Work Package	Aim
<b>Alignment</b>	Agree scope of study, inputs and assumptions, alongside selecting consultants for modelling.
<b>Network Counterfactual</b>	Based on scope – define, consult and agree on initial network counterfactual scenarios (i.e., agree suitable deviations from TYNDP).
<b>Scenarios</b>	Finalise starting scenarios and quantitatively define (and justify) all input parameters to aid with modelling, detailing in a final report.
<b>Sensitivities Definitions</b>	Agree and test sensitivities on scenarios to understand how future uncertainties may affect findings.
<b>Modelling Approach</b>	Agree approach to optimising network topology (such as using survival of the fittest method).
<b>Draft Outputs</b>	Utilise modelling optimisation to iterate topologies, producing final project sets with justified costs and sensitivities.
<b>Sensitivities Results</b>	
<b>Final Output</b>	

# Proposed Domestic / OTC / EU Planning Interactions

**0) Ambition:** Definition of offshore targets.

**1) Scenario Definition:** Scenario creation on the evolution of European energy system.

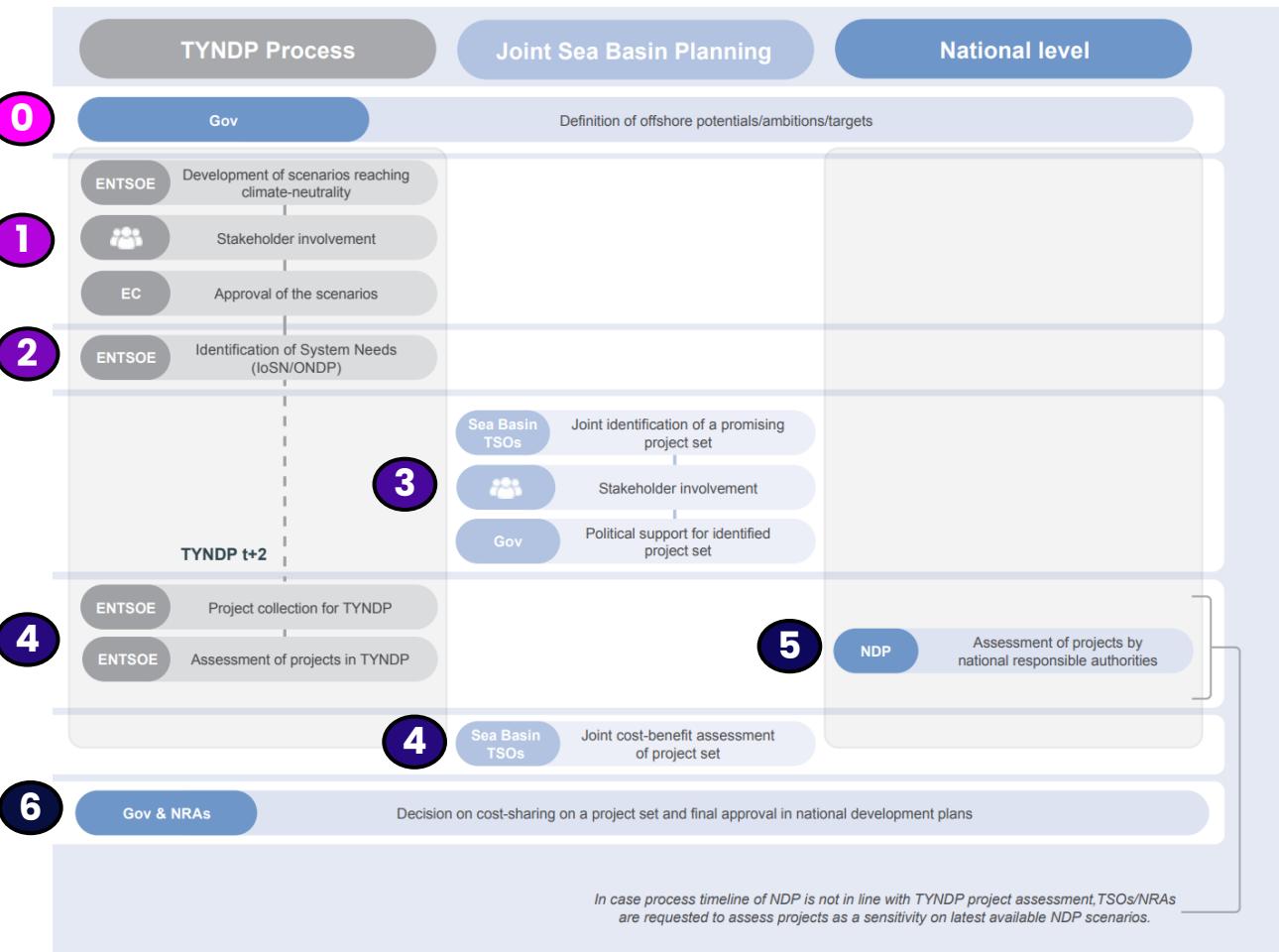
**2) Needs Identification:** Identify where and when future grid developments are required to ensure the reliable and efficient operation of European system.

**3) Project Collection:** Gather list of proposed projects aimed at addressing identified needs (bottom up).

**4) Cost-Benefit Analysis:** Evaluate the proposed projects to ensure that they deliver net benefits to the European energy system.

**5) Project Selection:** Selection key infrastructure projects that are essential for achieving the European energy policy objectives (PCI process).

**6) National Approvals & Implementation:** National approval of identified projects and effective execution.



OTC proposed interactions across planning.

# Questions?

## 5. Review of Actions log

Andrew Hemus  
JESG Technical Secretary

# JESG Standing items

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<b>ID</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lead Party</b>
S1	Continue to review the membership of the JESG and engage additional industry parties where appropriate.	JESG Chair
S2	Prepare a commentary / comparison document between the Network Code and the existing GB arrangements at appropriate stages in the Code development for each Network Code.	NGET / Ofgem / DESNZ
S3	Share any intelligence about how other member states are approaching demonstrating compliance through information gained from other government departments, regulators or parent companies.	DESNZ / Ofgem / Industry parties with European parent companies

# JESG Open Actions

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ID	Topic	Lead Party	Status	Update

## **6. Future Meeting Dates & Agenda Items**

Andrew Hemus  
JESG Technical Secretary

# JESG Meetings for 2026

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- [JESG calendar email invites can be downloaded here](#).
- Stakeholders are invited to put forward agenda items for the forthcoming JESG meetings:

Meeting Date	Proposed Agenda Items
<b>Tuesday 13 January</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10 February</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10 March</b>	
<b>Tuesday 14 April</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12 May</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9 June</b>	
<b>Tuesday 14 July</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11 August</b>	
<b>Tuesday 8 September</b>	
<b>Tuesday 13 October</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10 November</b>	
<b>Tuesday 8 December</b>	

# 7. Stakeholder Representation

All

# **8. АОВ**