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North Seas countries energy cooperation

Support Group 4 – work plan

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Work Area 4 – Annex of the declaration

- The harmonisation of rules concerning aviation markings and lights;
- The harmonisation of health and safety requirements;
- The alignment of crew and vessel requirements;
- The mutual recognition and harmonisation of certification standards for components in offshore wind projects;
- Exchanging best practices on park layout constraints including line of sight requirements;
- The establishment of a common approach, for example by establishing facilities for innovation, testing and demonstration of new technology;
- Investigating a common approach to rules applicable to offshore turbines in territorial waters and exclusive zones.

→ 2 parts: a) technical rules; b) innovation

→ Part a) is based on the work of the IGF and WindEurope

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First deliverables – part a

An inception report per topic, that includes:

- Identification of the authorities (national and international, if relevant) that need to be involved to realise a solution;
- Scope of a possible result;
- A work plan to realise the result

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First deliverables – part b

- Use existing framework
 - SET Plan Communication of 15 September 2015 identifies offshore wind as one of the priorities for closer cooperation within the EU;
 - MS and stakeholders have jointly agreed on a Declaration of Intent that sets the R&D objectives for offshore wind: <https://setis.ec.europa.eu/towards-an-integrated-SET-Plan>;
 - Implementation Plan will be elaborated in the SET Plan Offshore Wind Temporary Working Group – by Summer 2017
 - a common framework for testing facilities, for new offshore wind technologies, so that test results can be mutually recognised and standardisation is facilitated;

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Thank you for your attention!

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