## **KEYNOTE:** Status and plans on future developments from the technical perspective

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#### A moment for safety

Together we provide a safe working environment. We learn from mistakes and sharing ideas, concerns and asking questions are a matter of course.





## Our role - TenneT (offshore) at a glance



# **TenneT at a glance** 2023





### **TenneT offshore at glance (2023)** Making clean wind energy from the North Sea a reality





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Our mission – Safe and sustainable integration of offshore wind energy in Europe



#### Meeting the offshore goals North Sea as Europe's green powerhouse

We believe that the **North Sea** holds the key to achieving Europe's offshore energy goals.

No other place in Europe offers so much potential for green, safe and independent energy supply: 300 GW of clean wind energy could be generated.

The corresponding 1,500 TWh per year could cover the annual **electricity demand in Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands and the UK.** 

### Offshore goals across Europe Challenges for the coming decade alone



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## Our innovations -Future developments from grid perspective

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#### **Technical scope of an offshore grid connection system** Interface between OWF\* operator and TSO\*



(\*) TSO: Transmission System Operator // OWF: Offshore Wind Farm





#### **Innovative technologies in our 2GW Program** The evolution of standards





#### **525 kV cable system** A bundle of energy

Our new cable system consists of a bundle of **four cables**. This system...

- has a significantly higher capacity than its predecessors and enables a more costefficient transmission over long distances.
- reduces environmental impact because fewer cables are needed to transmit the same amount of energy.
- can continue to operate at 50% of its capacity even in the event of a cable fault.





### **2 GW HVDC platform** The new platform standard

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#### **Platform** Standardized topside design Approx. 30.000 tonnes

Together with partners from our sector, we successfully developed an innovative and standardised multi-vendor HVDC platform model featuring technology that will ultimately enable us to guarantee a transmission capacity of 2 GW – or more than twice the capacity of previous systems.

Jacket Flexible design, depending on water depth and soil condition Approx. 8.000 – 11.000 tonnes

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#### We are setting course for a meshed offshore grid Our new 2 GW standard

With a high degree of harmonization, our **new 2 GW standard** lays the foundation for an even stronger integration of energy systems in Europe: **a fully meshed and crossborder offshore grid.** 

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#### Scenario 2050

- Electricity build-out (2030
- Hydrogen build-out (2030)
- -O- Infrastructure build-out (2050)
- ..... Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ

#### International energy network Future Offshore

**The innovation** Flexible international offshore network



#### The principles

Meshing

Standardisation System integration International cooperation

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# Optimizing offshore potential: nationally and across borders



#### **Tapping the North Sea's potential**



#### Challenges

- Wake effects
- Rising costs

#### Solutions

- Peak shaving
- Optimized spatial layout (nationally and across borders)
- Higher utilization of grid connections



The goal: A robust and (cost-)efficient future offshore grid, that maximizes work instead of performance.



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Lighting the way ahead together



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