

National Grid

WP6 - National Grid's pilot project on stakeholder engagement in offshore interconnectors

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- Our pitch, based on learning from the BESTGRID Project, proposes that developing marine infrastructure projects through to their landfall, together, and in cooperation, with stakeholders from the beginning can be beneficial to all; TSOs, Developers, Stakeholders and Permitting Authorities.
- Today through real life examples of good and bad practice we will look at how to improve engagement and move best practice forward.
- There are many experiences of good and bad engagement but these are rarely captured or learned from. This needs to change if we are to improve public acceptance and permitting processes which in turn will improve project delivery.

- There is much discussion about early stakeholder engagement and speeding up the permitting process.
- We have learned that whilst the former is often a given, the latter is not always such an obvious goal.
- The pitch covers some of the key elements of best practice we have uncovered and the challenges that we have arisen on a variety of offshore projects, from wind farm to Interconnector including;
 - the importance of educating,
 - knowledge management & continuity;
 - understanding what drives behavior for a TSO, Developer or Stakeholder..