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Pushing Offshore Wind Energy Regions (POWER)



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Offshore Summer School 2006 is full of activities

The upcoming Offshore Summer School 2006 in Bremen and Bremerhaven (4-9 September 2006) has been announced with its new flyer at the recent Hamburg wind energy fair.

The summer school is a well balanced composition of theoretical and practical knowledge. The seminar will include a team training which will teach the participants how to communicate and interact within an international group with different levels of skills and education. The team training is a very important issue for the safety and rescue training course to be held at Bremen harbour and lead by Bremen's safety provider GAUSS with assistance of Danish and Dutch training centres.

The good exchange of information between the providers in various European countries is a first step to harmonise safety requirements together with the industry. The Offshore Summer School also communicates the importance of technical English for the international work in the field of offshore wind turbines.

For more information about the Offshore Summer School 2006 please contact www.fk-wind.de or www.forwind.de.



POWER German-English Business Networking event

Businesses from the German POWER regions are invited to meet East of England businesses on 21 and 22 September 2006, in Lowestoft in Suffolk. The main aim is to encourage and facilitate business to business linkages of the offshore wind supply chain between the German and English POWER regions.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know so that we can keep you informed:

- Interested businesses from North-Western Germany please contact Jan Rispens of WAB (Wind Energy Agency Bremerhaven/Bremen) at jan.rispens@windenergie-agentur.de or for Schleswig-Holstein Matthias Volmari of Wirtschaftsfoerderungsgesellschaft Nordfriesland at m.volmari@wfg-nf.de;
- interested businesses from the East of England, please contact Michael Moll of Suffolk County Council at michael.moll@suffolkcc.gov.uk.

Start of the kids 4 Offshore school contest

The kids 4 Offshore school contest is a wide spread contest where pupils from school year 9 to 13 from around the North Sea regions will be invited to participate in the creation of an interactive learning platform for youths. The contest is aimed at giving a platform to pupils to take an active interest in offshore wind energy and to communicate their ideas and wishes in an interactive fashion to other pupils.

To do this, we are contacting hundred of schools within the POWER regions, and are inviting teachers and their classes to join. During the project phase, the participants are encouraged to create text material, pictures and videos as well as interactive tools that will be integrated in the kids 4 Offshore platform. Prices will be awarded to the best teams participating in the contest. For registration, please visit the website www.kids4offshore.eu.

POWER at the EEGr Summer Conference

POWER will be represented at one of the key annual energy conferences in England, the EEGr Summer Conference, to be held in Norwich on 13th July 2006. This conference encompasses all aspects of the energy industry, and offers a host of high profile speakers. POWER will be present with a stand in "The Marketplace" exhibition - pop in to see us! Further info at www.eeegr.com.

POWER at WindEnergy 2006, Hamburg



The POWER project was part of the three day running wind energy fair in Hamburg (16-19 May 2006).

Besides its participation at the common public-private stand of the two project partners BIS and WAB and seven wind energy companies of the Bremen/Bremerhaven region POWER participated actively in the *Windstärke Forum*. Two general presentations about the POWER project and one about the results of the transnational supply chain study attracted around 80 interested persons.

The POWER project was represented at the WindEnergy 2006 congress by Dr. Mathias Grabs, LeadPartner of the POWER project.



All-Energy success

The results of POWER's transnational supply chain study were presented in the All Energy conference in Aberdeen. John Westwood, Managing Director of Douglas-Westwood Ltd, spoke in front of a packed audience during the conference's offshore wind session, raising further the awareness of the POWER project in the industry. POWER was also represented in the trade fair, chairing a stand with OrbisEnergy (the offshore renewable energy centre in Lowestoft) and other East of England companies and stakeholders.

Anemos at the 'Day of Marine Research'

The interactive information system on offshore wind energy Anemos was presented at the 'Day of the Marine Research' at the University of Oldenburg in June 2006. The Science and Culture Minister of Lower Saxony, Lutz Stratmann, and the vice-president of the University of Oldenburg, Prof. Dr. Reto Weiler, attended the event and listened intently to the presentation of Anemos. In the following exhibition visitors had the chance to test and play Anemos together with representatives of POWER throughout the whole afternoon.

Introduction of POWER partner: Port of Oostende

Oostende is a medium size harbour town and seaside resort at the Belgian coast. The town has 75.000 inhabitants in the winter, peaking to 275.000 in the summer season. Oostende has challenging development plans for renewable energy – onshore wind energy, bio-energy and solar energy, as well as energy efficiency. Oostende wants to become a leading showcase of sustainable energy implementation in harbour towns in the European Union. Oostende will also become the service center and grid connection point for the first Belgian offshore windfarm (300 MW). The POWER project strengthens the local ambition and brings the initiatives in an international framework. For more information about Port of Oostende please contact Hilde De Wachter (Coordinator for Port of Oostende) via hildedw@power-fl.com.

Mini Symposium on 16th November 2006 Offshore Wind Energy in North Holland

On Thursday 16th November 2006 a full day mini symposium will be held at the Royal Navy site in Den Helder, The Netherlands at the 'Dukdalf'. The mini symposium will be a discussion with respect to the implementation of Offshore Wind Farms in The Netherlands in close cooperation with the North Sea Regions. The discussion will be focused on the set-up of the OWE supply chain, using the existing studies of POWER workstream 2, the Dutch development of an OWE wind turbine by ATO (4,5 MW), the development of an information and knowledge centre for maintenance in the offshore wind energy industry and new developments in offshore wind in our region. The Province of North Holland in the person of Mr. Albert Moens has initiated a discussion with public and private organisations, which will initiate new insights in the OWE industry. Discussion between public and private sector have lead to real implementations in this field and the Province of North Holland invests funds in new projects and give appropriate back-up and feedback making use of our network of companies. For POWER this is a good initiative to meet other EU projects such as the project We@sea and other initiatives in the field of renewable energies. The Dutch partners in POWER will lead the discussions and evaluate the outcomes of the studies in workstreams 2 and 3 with the visitors of this mini symposium.

POWER meetings & events

public events

29-30/06/2006	Windstärke06, Annual Offshore Conference, Forum Fischbahnhof TIF, Bremerhaven (D)
13/07/2006	EEEGR06 Annual Summer Conference, John Innes Centre, Norwich (UK)
04-09/09/2006	Offshore Summer School 2006, Bremen and Bremerhaven (D)
21-22/09/2006	POWER German-English Business Networking event, Lowestoft in Suffolk (UK)
16/11/2006	Mini Symposium: Offshore Wind Energy, Royal Navy site in Den Helder, at the 'Dukdalf' (NL)
09-12/10/2006	European Week of Regions and Cities - Open Days 2006, Brussels (B)
23-25/10/2006	Euregia - Local and Regional Development in Europe, Leipzig, (D)
22-23/11/2006	DEWEK 2006, Bremen (D)
27-29/11/2006	Offshore wind farms and the environment, Horns Rev and Nysted offshore wind farms, (DK)

non public events

20-21/11/2006	5th Transnational meeting, Bremen (D)
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More information about these events (and URL links to the concerning websites) can be found on the POWER website: section Publicity – News and Events.

