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# Pushing Offshore Wind Energy Regions (POWER)



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## POWER German-English Business Networking Event

POWER is organising a high profile networking event in Lowestoft, East of England, on the 5th October, aimed at German and English businesses of the offshore wind supply chain. Main aim is to encourage and facilitate business to business linkages of the offshore wind supply chain between the German and English POWER regions. The programme will include speakers from the European Commission (to be confirmed), DTI Renewables, Airtricity, Global Marine, JDR Cable Systems and OrbisEnergy, as well as a presentation about the German offshore wind energy market. The afternoon will be dedicated to one to one networking between German and English businesses, facilitated by the East of England Energy Group (EEEGr). The German delegation will have an opportunity to go on site/company visits on the 6th October. The event is an official decentral event of the Brussels Open Days - European Week of Regions and Cities. Note that official registration deadline for German businesses was 8 September. English businesses can still register via [www.eeegr.com](http://www.eeegr.com) (go to "events"). Read more at the POWER website: [www.offshore-power.net](http://www.offshore-power.net).





## A contest to award visions on the topic of offshore wind energy



They are the windmills of our times, those giants in the North Sea: Offshore wind energy plants. The contest 'kids 4 offshore' launched by the University of Oldenburg and the Bremen University for Applied Sciences asks school classes to develop their vision of this modern type and submit it until 30 November 2006. Be it a video game, a computer animation, a photo, a text or a painted picture: nearly everything is possible. At the beginning of 2007 the awarding of the best contributions will take place.

Sponsors, partners and supporters are invited to get engaged with 'kids 4 offshore'! The German multi-service energy company EWE ([http://www.ewe.de/english/eng\\_presse.php](http://www.ewe.de/english/eng_presse.php)), the Deutsche WindGuard (<http://www.windguard.de>) and innoVent (<http://www.innovent-online.de>) are already partners supporting this contest. We are still looking for more partners to sponsor the rewards: one of three school trips to edutainment centres dealing with the topic of offshore wind energy and renewables. Interested companies and institutions may contact Mr. Andreas Lieberum ([andreas.lieberum@ecolo-bremen.de](mailto:andreas.lieberum@ecolo-bremen.de)) for sponsoring issues or the kids4offshore team.

For more information visit the Kids4offshore website: <http://www.kids4offshore.eu>.



## Sustainable Energy Europe (SEE) 2005-2008

Power has been accepted as being a sustainable energy partner. Sustainable Energy Europe is a European campaign to raise awareness and change the landscape of energy. More information is available on [www.sustenergy.org](http://www.sustenergy.org).

## Invitation to cooperate with our performance & competence management model for the INTERREG Offshore Wind Parks

The main question we will answer in this project: "What are/should be the performances and competences for the management team of an Offshore Wind Park?" We will use the Dutch results and translate that for the following target groups in the regions:

- Management Teams of the Offshore Wind Parks in the INTERREG countries. They determine the productivity and power in their organisation. As leaders they do have the task to develop their employees.
- Public Sector: governments, universities, etc.
- Private Sector: industrial firms, consulting firms, households etc.
- NGOs: environmental and consumer organisations etc.

Are you interested to work together with 5 students and 5 scientists from each of the INTERREG countries? The program Office EIMD in the Netherlands will be assisting the 5 students and the 5 scientists.

Essential for the success is that together we will mobilise politicians, local entrepreneurs, private equity entrepreneurs, bankers etc. in the INTERREG countries. Together we will perform a step-by-step desk & field research from October 2006 till the end of December 2006.

## European Commission Open Days 2006

The EU Commission has invited POWER to present its project in a seminar during the Brussels Open Days. This 'European Week of Regions and Cities' will be held on 9-12 October 2006, in Brussels (B). In just three years, this event has become the annual meeting place for Europe's towns and regions. POWER is presented in the seminar "Sustainable Energies Part I: Linking Sustainable Energy Use to Regional Economic Development", chaired jointly by EU Commissions DG Regional Policy and DG Transport and Energy, 11/10/2006, 9.00-11.00. See the EC website for more information (section Regional Policy, Conferences): [http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/conferences](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences).

POWER will also be involved in two decentralised events of the Open Days as part of the East of England's involvement in the regional conglomerate "Sustainable Energy Regions": POWER organises the German-English Business Networking Event in the East of England (see above), and has been invited by Western Greece to present in a conference in Patras (Douglas-Westwood will be presenting on behalf of POWER).



## Offshore Summer School

The 2006 Offshore Summer School in Bremen and Bremerhaven, Germany, has been a successful and intensive learning experience. It was mostly organised by the POWER partner's bfw, Hochschule Bremen, Hochschule Bremerhaven and the University of Oldenburg in close cooperation with the other partners. The 6 day education program was executed by nine different expert faculty members in the field of Offshore Wind Energy. Seventeen participants from academic and industrial institutions have interactively learned the various theoretical and practical aspects of Offshore Wind Energy: Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, System Engineering, Technical English, Team Building and Management & Safety and Rescue Training. More information about the program can be found at: [www.fk-wind.de](http://www.fk-wind.de) and [www.forwind.de](http://www.forwind.de).

Starting to create a relationship between the different level participants of Offshore Summer School with team training worked out very nicely. Also this non-technical part is considered as very important for their future professional life. The safety training under offshore conditions (wind, pouring rain and also sunshine) in the harbour of Bremen was another extraordinary experience nobody will forget. Television and publishing media were present. The feedback from press and participants was very positive.

This Offshore Summer School initiative of POWER is an instrument to spread knowledge with respect to Offshore Wind Energy. It is additionally an important instrument for potential participants from companies and organisations who are interested to implement a wind park in the near future. The POWER partners will definitely continue the Offshore Summer School initiative in order to make a full implementation of Offshore Wind Parks more successful and to create a knowledge base to avoid all the mistakes in our historic implementations to happen again.

We hereby inform you that POWER will organise next year's Summer School events in the United Kingdom and Denmark. Interested? For more information contact Richard Court (<mailto:Richard.court@NaRec.co.uk>) for the UK Summer School and Morten Holmager (<mailto:mh@offshorecenter.dk>) for the Danish Summer School.



## Euregia 2006 – Shaping Europe, Leipzig, Germany, 23.-25.10.2006

POWER will participate with an info point and offer a workshop in this international trade fair and congress with a special focus on INTERACT and INTERREG projects.

The workshop will be held on 24th October 2006, 09.30-12.30.

For more information visit the Euregia website: <http://www.euregia-leipzig.de>.

## EEEGr Summer Conference

Nearly 200 delegates attended this year's EEEGr Summer Conference, one of the key annual energy conferences in the UK. POWER was represented with a stand in the market place, and POWER flyers and mints were included in all delegate packs - the POWER mints being particularly popular. POWER was also featured in the Opening Address by John Westwood. More information and presentations are available at the EEEGr website: <http://www.eeegr.com>.

## POWER meetings & events

### Public events

15/09/2006	EERA event: New Opportunities for the East of England to work with European Partners. Robinson College, Cambridge (UK)
22-23/09/2006	Conference "Managing the Environment - Thinking Green" - Decentralised Event of the Brussels Open Days 2006. Patras Conference Centre (GR).
05-06/10/2006	POWER German-English Business Networking event, Lowestoft in Suffolk (UK)
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)
16/11/2006	Mini Symposium: Offshore Wind Energy, Royal Navy site in Den Helder, at the 'Dukdalf' (NL)
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)
15/12/2006	6th German POWER meeting, Hochschule Bremerhaven (D)

More information about these events (and URL links to the concerning websites) can be found on the POWER website: section Publicity – News and Events.



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