

European Research Models for Advancing the Offshore Wind Industry

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Short profile of Fraunhofer IWES North-West

Managing Director Research spectrum

Operational budget 2015

Staff

Located in

Investments to date in the establishment of infrastructure

€ 60 million

€ 15 million

150 employees

Research Alliance Wind Energy

Strategic Alliance with ForWind and the German Aerospace Center (DLR)

Bremerhaven, Oldenburg, Bremen, Hanover

Wind energy from material development to grid connection



Fraunhofer's business model: Focus on industry as a factor for success

- **67 Fraunhofer institutes** in Germany
- More than 24,000 employees, mainly with an academic background in natural or engineering sciences





Outline

National funding offshore wind: Germany

- Example: FINO1, 2 & 3
- Example: RAVE

European funding

- Example: DOWNVInD
- Example: EERA-DTOC
- Example: DEMOGRAVI3

Conclusion





National funding offshore wind: Germany

Basic research

(e.g. academia)



Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Applied research (e.g. research institutes) Proposal (industrial contribution needed) Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)



Example FINO1, 2 & 3

Offshore platforms in North Sea (1 & 3) and Baltic Sea (2), planned in 2002

Goals:

Installation in proximity to future offshore wind farms

- Met-ocean and subsoil conditions
- Detection of vessel traffic (BMVBW)
- Survey of birds, mammals and benthos (BMU)





Example FINO1, 2 & 3



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RAVE – Research at Alpha Ventus

- 2005 Planning of offshore test site
- 2007 Research initiative Research at alpha ventus, RAVE
- 2009 Realization of offshore test site alpha ventus

Funded projects in the areas

- O&M, coordination, measurements
- Foundations
- Wind turbine and monitoring
- Grid integration
- Ecology, acceptance, HSE





RAVE – Research at Alpha Ventus

Examples

- Optimization of wind turbines and blades
- LIDAR measurements and devices
- Load calculations and verification
- Noise during installation and operation
- •Wind farm sonar transponder submarines
- Scour protection



European funding

Framework programmes:

- Framework Programme 6
- Framework Programme 7
- Horizon 2020

2002-2006, 15.0 bn€ 2007-2013, 17.5 bn€ 2014-2020, 50.5 bn€

Funding schemes (changes with framework):

- Collaborated projects CP approx. 5
- Coordination and Support Actions
- Research for SME

- approx. 5 20 M€
- approx. 5 M€



European funding

Effects of funding:

 Reaching European targets (decrease costs of energy, decrease GHG, strengthen EU economy...)

- Improve cooperation between academia and industry
- Dissemination of knowledge
- Realization of demonstration projects
- Education of researchers and engineers (PhDs)



European funding

Procedure of funding:

(Research pathway / strategy)

- 1. Tender
- 2. Establish consortia
 - 1. industry + academia
 - 2. from different European countries
- 3. Send in proposal



Example: DOWNVInD

Distant Offshore Windfarms No Visual Intrustion In Deepwater

- Demonstrator and research
 Installation of two RePower 5M In 2007
 25km from shore
- 18 consortia members
 €6m EU funding
 €8.8m local funding



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Example: EERA-DTOC

EERA Design Tools for Offshore Wind Farm Cluster

- Integrated and validated design tool
- Wake, yield, electrical models
- Verification of models
- ■22 consortia members■€2.9m European funding





Example: DEMOGRAVI3

Demonstration of a full scale hybrid concrete steel, selfbuoyant bottom standing gravity based foundation

- Planned to be installed in 2017Portugal
- 10 consortia members€19m European funding



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Conclusion

National and European research play an important role for the development of offshore wind

National / German projects are

- Focused on basic research
- Research topics are clustered (FINO / RAVE)
- Obtained data is still today unique

European funded projects

- Bring together knowledge, networking, dissemination
- Realization of complex demonstration projects



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