

Joint Declaration

## Cooperation for Innovation: Reaching Offshore Wind Expansion Targets Together

Hamburg, 28 September 2022 – At WindEnergy Hamburg 2022 trade fair, the associations and organizations clusters signing this declaration pledge to cooperate to help achieve these goals:

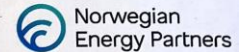
- 19.6 GW of offshore wind by 2030 in the Baltic Sea
- 76 GW of offshore wind by 2030 in the North Sea
- 30 GW of offshore wind in the U.S. until 2030

Offshore wind is one of the most competitive and most scalable domestic sources of electricity. The offshore wind industry has already achieved impressive cost reduction successes over the last two decades, based on international cooperation for innovation. The ambitious expansion of offshore wind until 2030 and beyond faces several bottlenecks, including the availability of skilled labour as well as resilient closed value chains.

The signatories are aware of the necessity of international cooperation for the required speed of expansion and know what needs to be supported politically now to skillfully circumnavigate bottlenecks and make national targets achievable:

1. A training and qualification offensive is now needed in the countries that are pushing offshore wind development.
2. Sustainable supply chains need sustainable expansion of offshore wind.
3. The cost pressure on the supply industry must be mitigated by measures that make supply chain development sustainable. Qualitative sustainability criteria for auctions, such as the carbon footprint, are suitable measures.
4. Cost reduction successes need international exchange on learning curves and best practices.

We, partnering cluster organisations in the North and Baltic Sea regions as well as the United States, see the huge potential for collaborative innovation and qualification activities



involving member companies and institutes in order to realize the ambitions mentioned above.

Governments want actionable solutions: In the interest of our members, we are ready to represent our experience and our political voice in the sense of the objectives listed here in exchange jointly and individually at the national level. We will intensify our common exchange in the sense of a resilient sustainable offshore wind industry in order to accelerate the worldwide offshore wind expansion for electricity and green hydrogen.

We encourage all to combine climate protection with employment and value creation for a carbon-neutral future with offshore wind energy as its main pillar.

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