



# A COMPREHENSIVE OFFSHORE MARKET REPORT BASED ON EXPERIENCE

## Fresh understanding from the recognised authority on wind power

Garrad Hassan, the world's largest renewable energy consultancy, has completed offshore policy and market reviews for many clients, from technology start-ups and site developers to government agencies. As a result, it is uniquely placed as an independent voice, close to key market players and regulators.

In response to a recognised requirement for increased understanding of individual markets based on past learning, Garrad Hassan has undertaken a detailed offshore wind energy market review. The resulting comprehensive report documents existing regulatory frameworks, examines experience and reports on developments; other topics covered are:

- Market Development;
- Targets, Incentives and Policy;
- Grid Access; and,
- Planning, Regulation and Licensing

## Local understanding informs a global perspective

At present the only commercial offshore wind energy installations in the world are located in European waters; hence, the Market Report focuses on European markets, and primarily on those which have, or are set to have, a predominant influence on the overall development of offshore wind energy in Europe.

With construction of the first non-European offshore wind farm, the Dong Hai Bridge project in China, currently underway, and the imminent development of a number of sites throughout Asia and North America, the offshore wind market is set to take on international dimensions in the coming years.

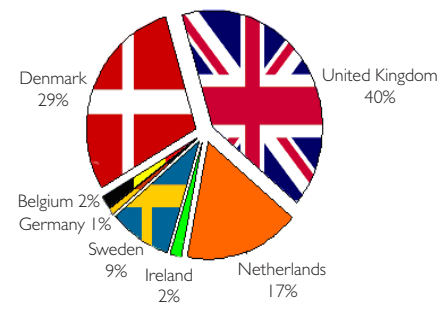
In the early development years, these markets will look to draw on almost twenty years of European experience in the deployment of offshore wind technology, with growth in the European offshore wind market likely to out-pace the rest of the world for some years to come.

## The key questions addressed

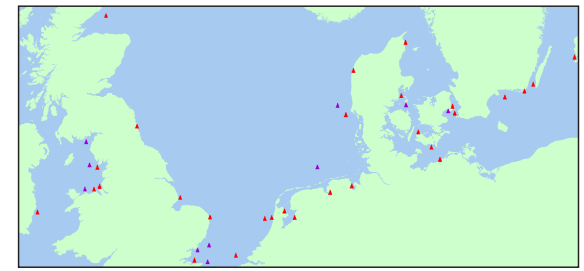
There are diverse motivations for seeking improved offshore market understanding but the questions which need to be answered rarely change:

- How has offshore wind energy developed in the key markets?
- What has worked, and what hasn't worked, in the development of successful national markets for offshore wind energy and how can this be used to make better decisions in the future?
- How do national markets compare in relation to regulation, legal framework, targets and incentives, and the general governmental attitude towards the industry?

Contribution by Country to European Offshore Wind Energy Capacity



European Offshore Wind Energy Installation Locations



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