

ADOPTING A SUSTAINABLE 2050 VISION FOR NORTH SEAS INFRASTRUCTURE TO DEFINE A WAY FORWARD

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COP21: A LEGALLY BINDING COMMITMENT TO HOLDING GLOBAL WARMING WELL BELOW 2 °C, PURSUING < 1.5 °C

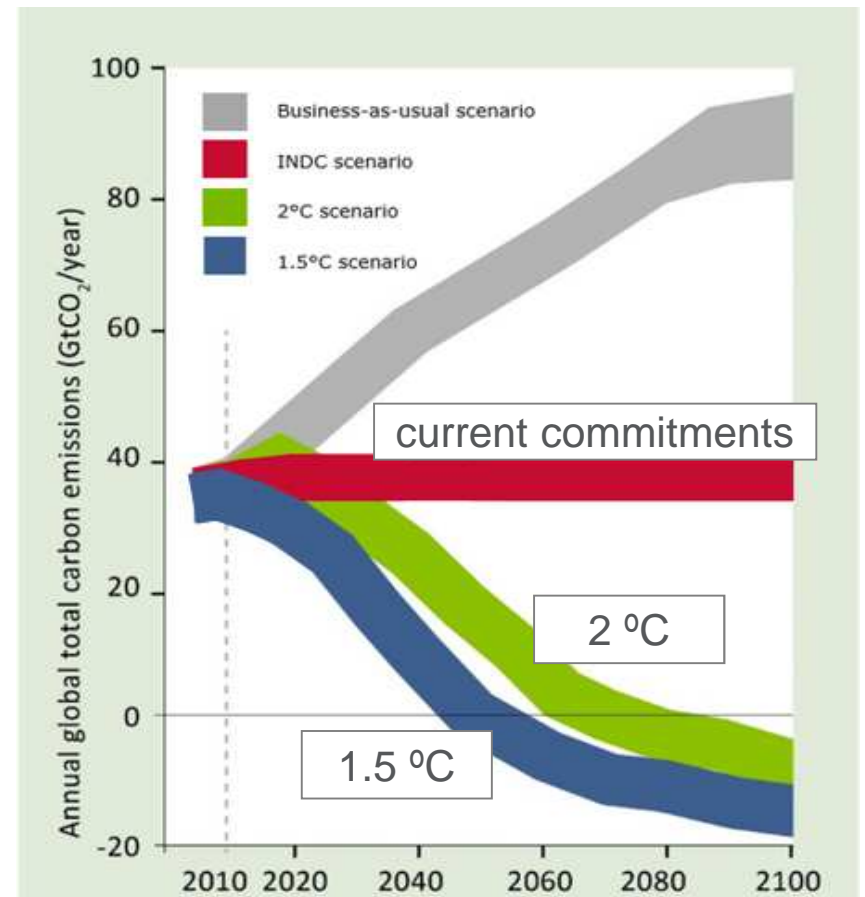


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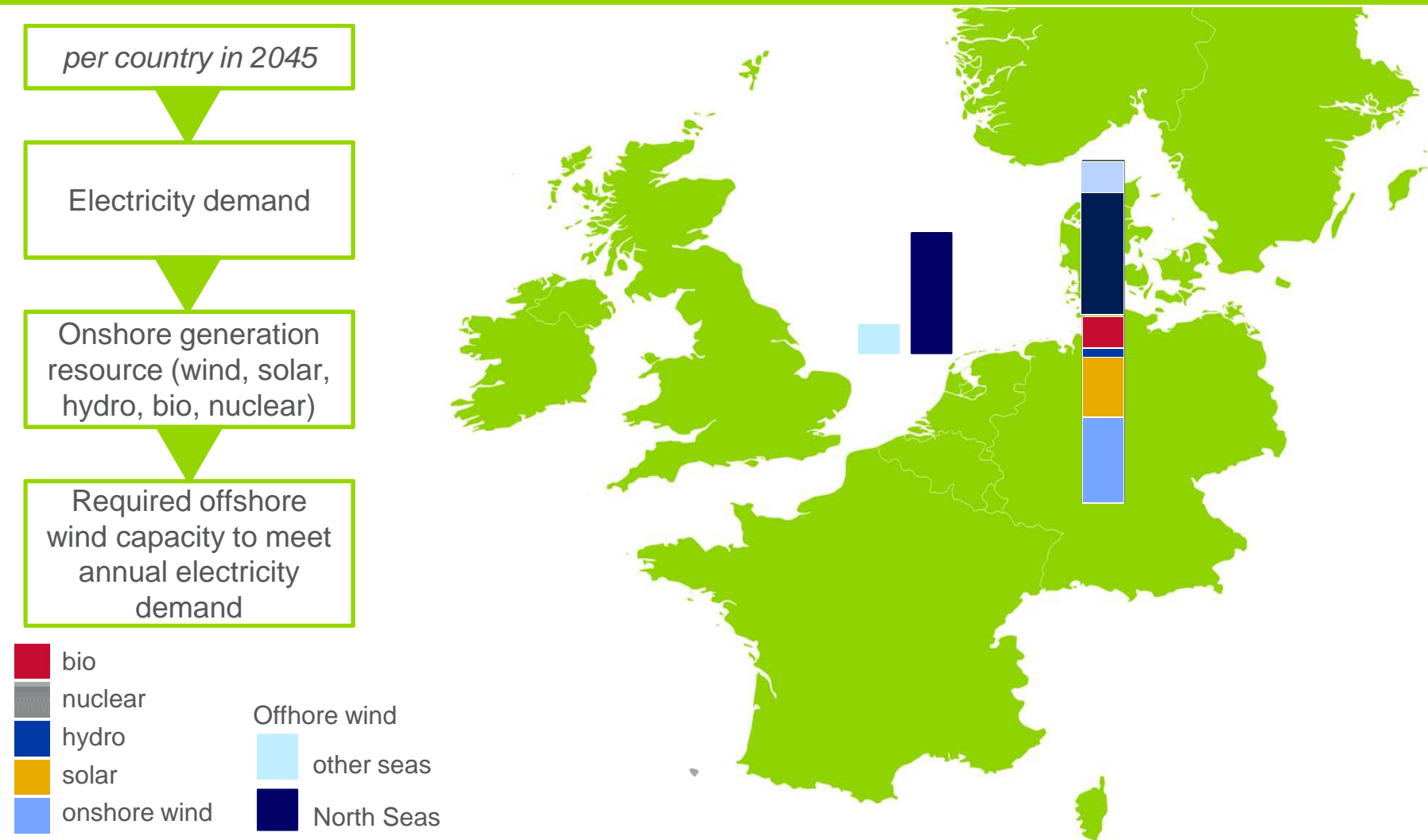
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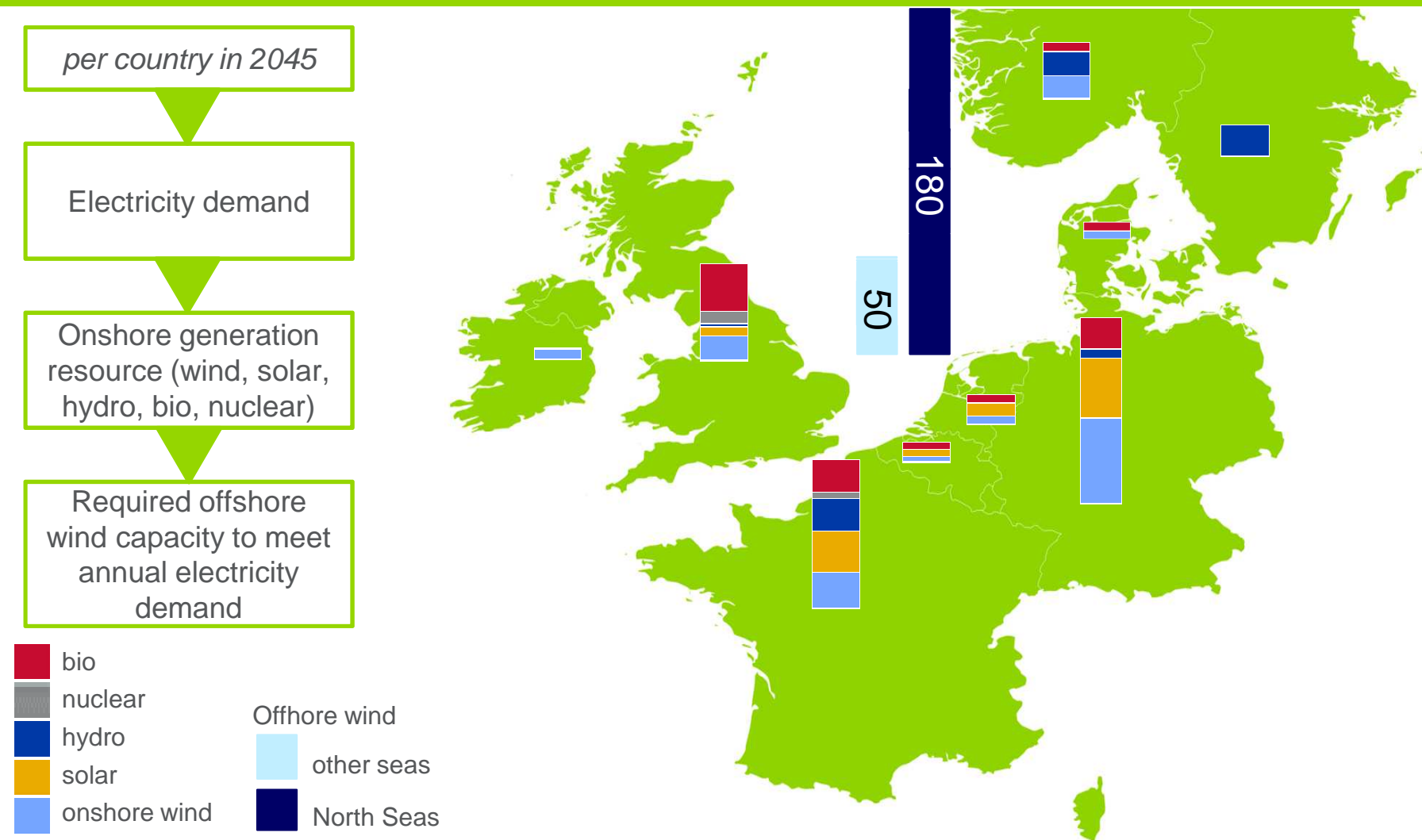
- zero CO₂ emissions before 2050
- a 50% reduction in total energy demand in 2050 (relative to 2010)
- a full de-carbonization of the electricity supply as early as 2045



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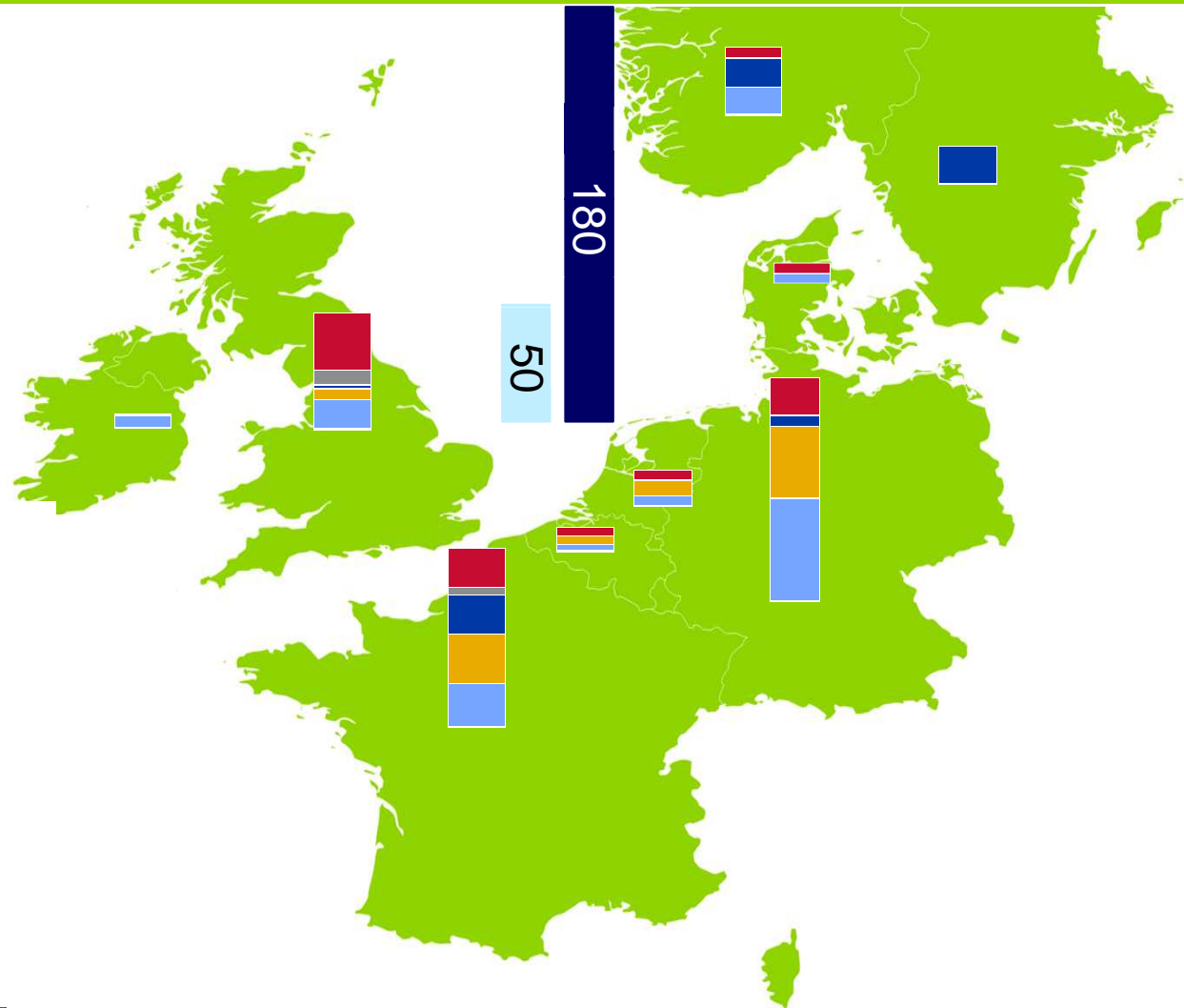
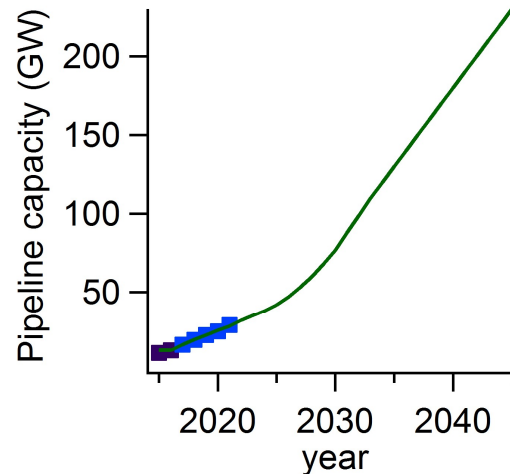
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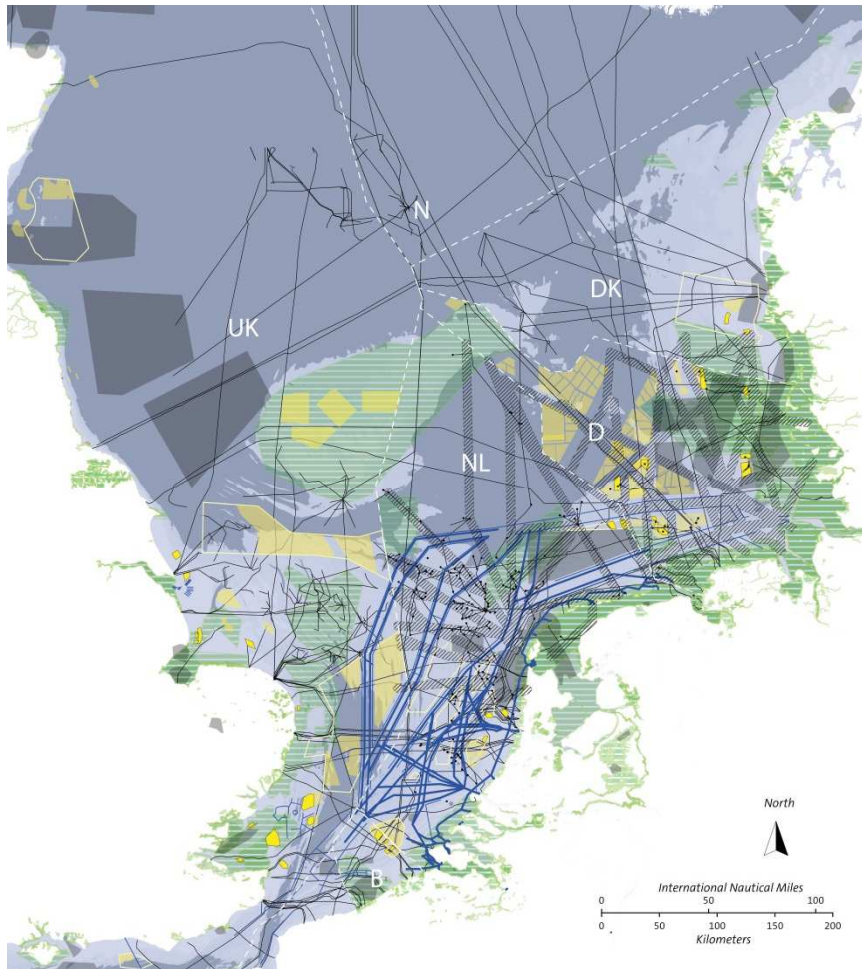
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A need for ...

Coordinated roll-out effectively tripling the current rate to
~10 GW/year from 2030 onwards



COST EFFICIENT REALIZATION OF OFFSHORE WIND CAPACITY REQUIRES CROSS BORDER COOPERATION ...



North Seas ...

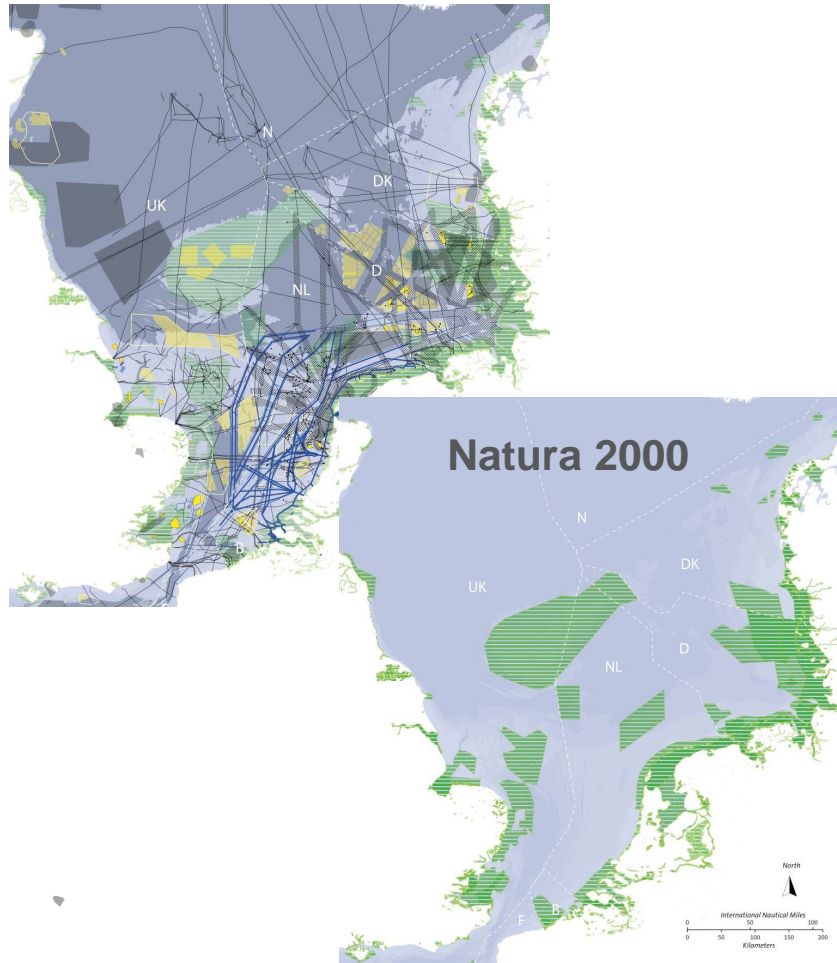
- an important nature area
- with intense use by a wide variety of economic sectors
- where cost of offshore wind depends on wind resource, depth, distance to shore/port, grid connection concept, inter-array wakes
- requires a regional view on resource use, deployment and operation based on a common sustainability commitment and an integrated market .

Spatial analysis
performed by

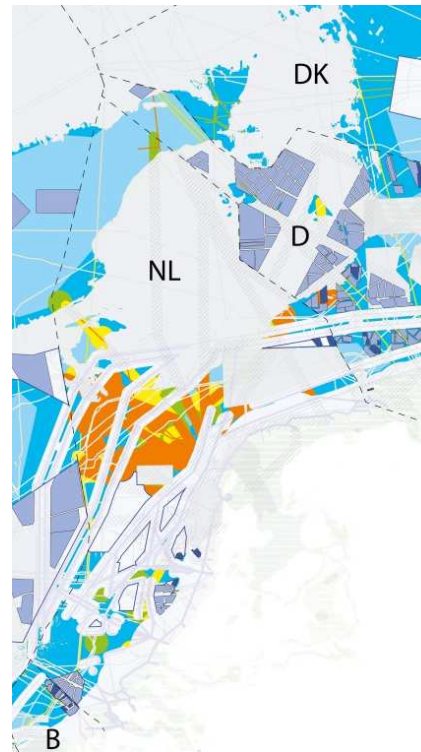


... AND A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO OVERALL SPATIAL PLANNING OF OFFSHORE WIND IN THE NORTH SEAS

Current constraints



Oil & gas decommissioning (example Netherlands)



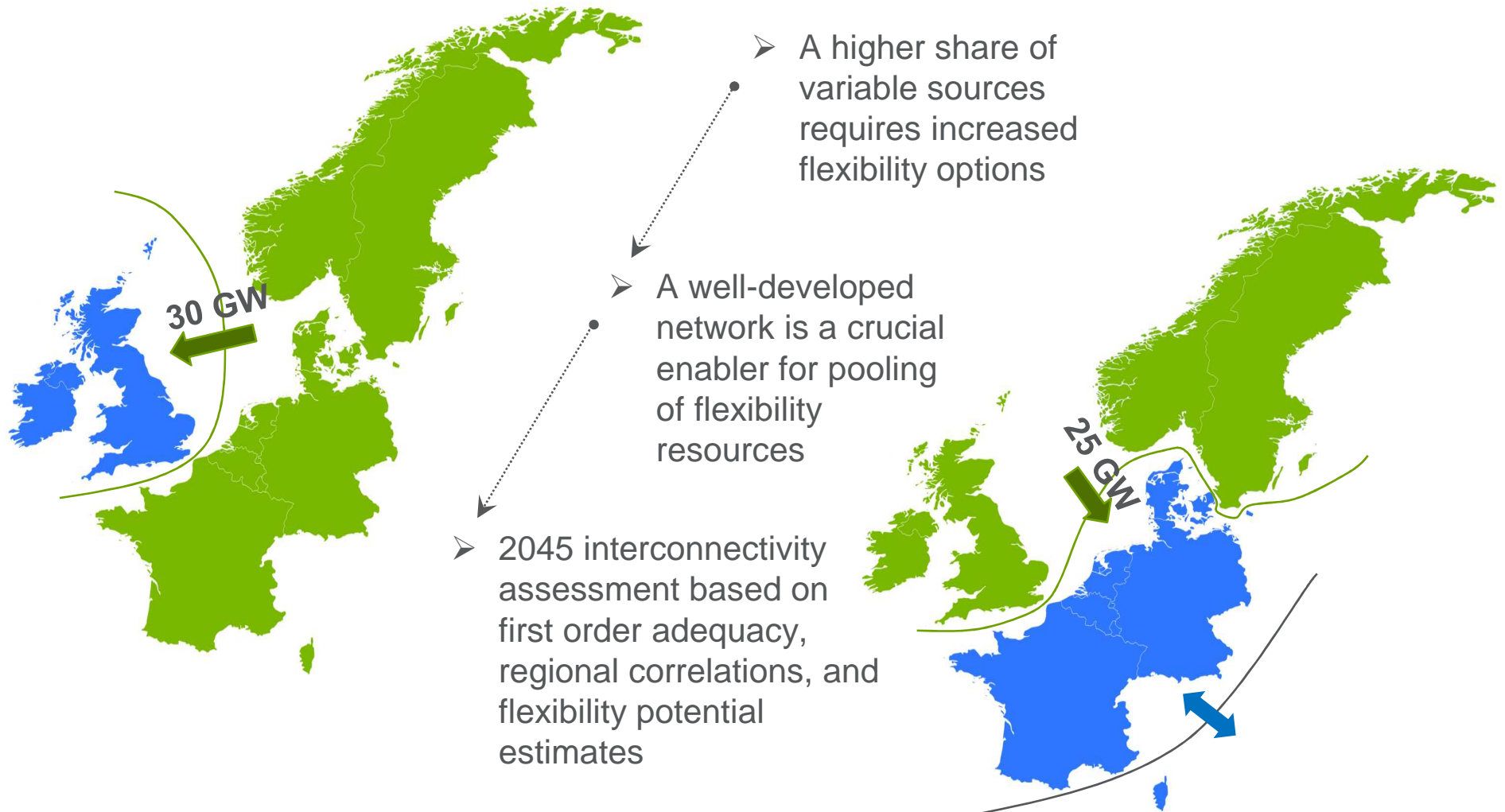
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A need for ...

An international spatial planning strategy that ensures **cost efficient** utilization of the resource, aligned with **off- and onshore grid developments** and with maximum benefit for the **environment**

HIGHER LEVELS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES REQUIRE INCREASED INTERCONNECTIVITY



230 GW OF OFFSHORE WIND IMPLIES 50-80 GW INTERCONNECTOR CAPACITY FOR FLEXIBILITY OPTIONS AND MARKETS TO FUNCTION

Sufficient interconnection capacity is essential to **maintain operational security**

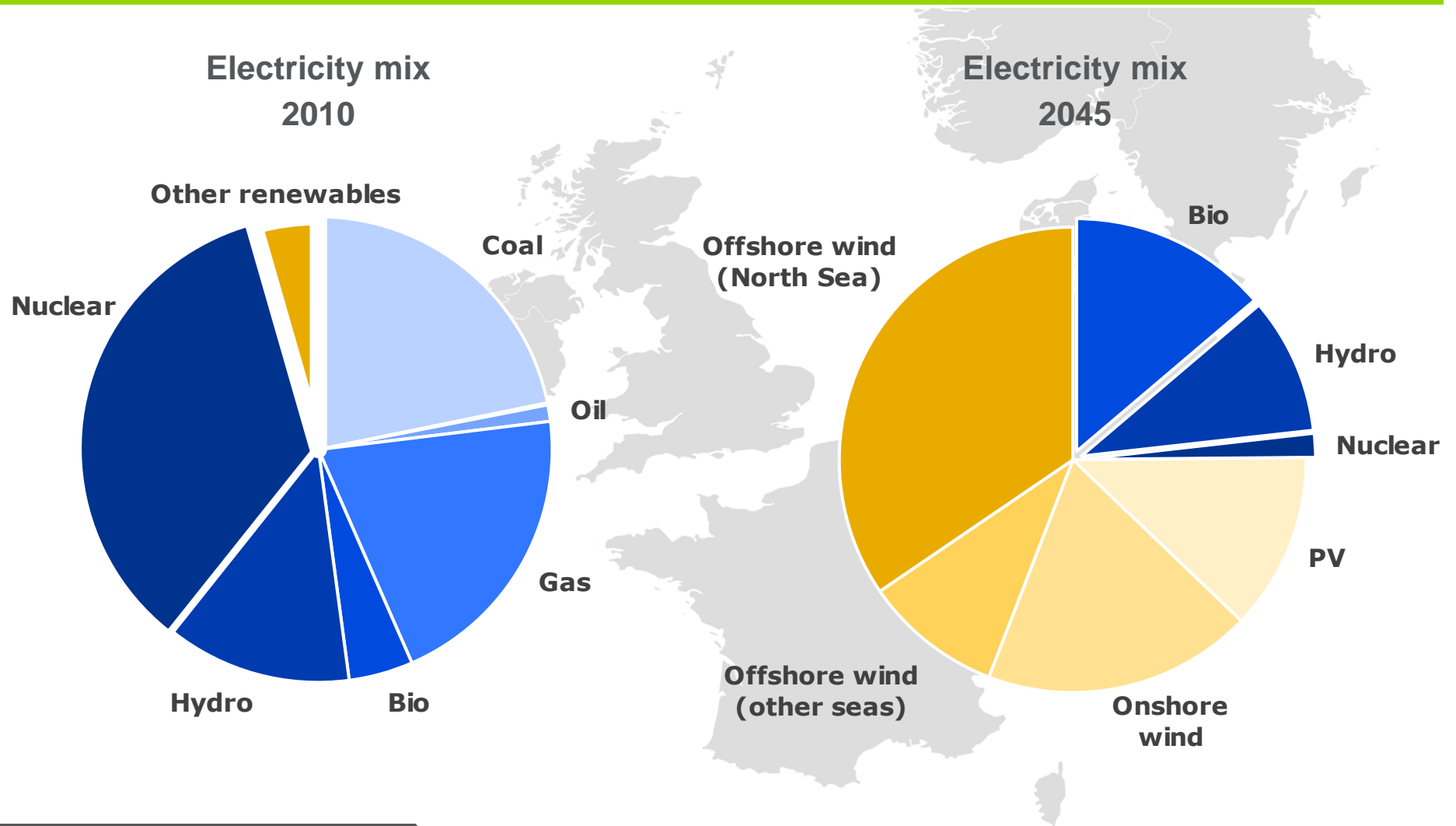
An increased roll-out of interconnector capacity requires a cost-benefit appraisal that goes **beyond current economic triggers** of operational cost savings

The **onshore grid** is an essential part of the North Sea grid too, and needs to cope with new flow patterns.



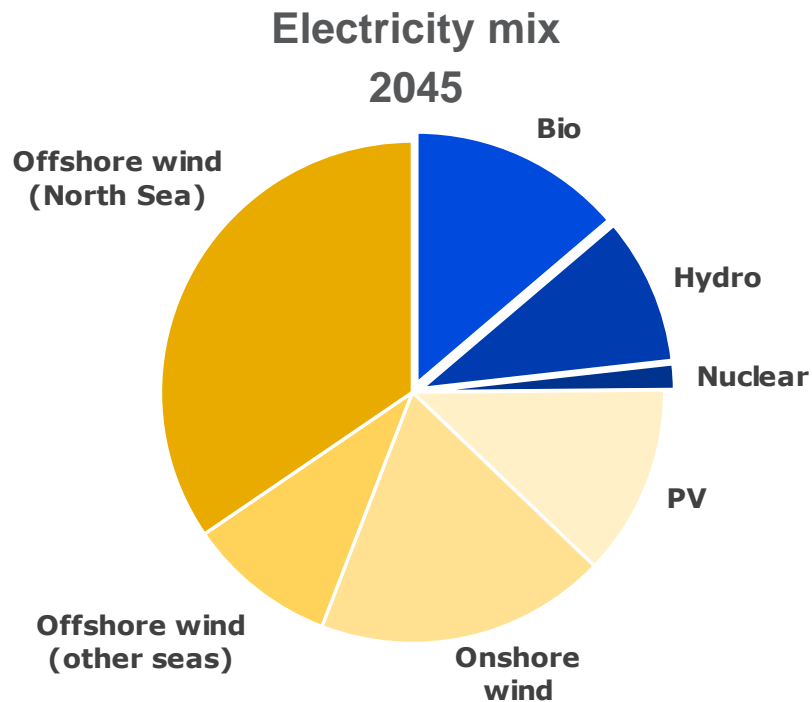
Based on Ecofys calculations, ENTSO-E, Electricity Highways

THE TRANSITION TO A DECARBONIZED ELECTRICITY SUPPLY MARKS THE END OF DEPENDING ON CONVENTIONAL RESERVES ...



... AND THUS REQUIRES A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FLEXIBILITY OPTIONS

- There is need for **better understanding of market/operation issues** resulting from this energy mix, including economic triggers and additional capacity reserves.
- **Increased use of cost efficient flexibility options**, such as demand response, small/large-scale storage, power-to-gas, etc., will become essential in the 2045 scenario in face of decreasing dispatchable generation capacity.
- A **realistic and robust potential roadmap** is needed for all flexibility options by 2045, including a trade-off of some flexibility options with interconnection levels.



Based on IEA, Fraunhofer ISI, PRIMES, WindEurope studies and Ecofys expert

DELIVERING ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THREE FRONTS

230 GW offshore wind | 50-80 GW interconnection | 25% dispatchable

Spatial planning

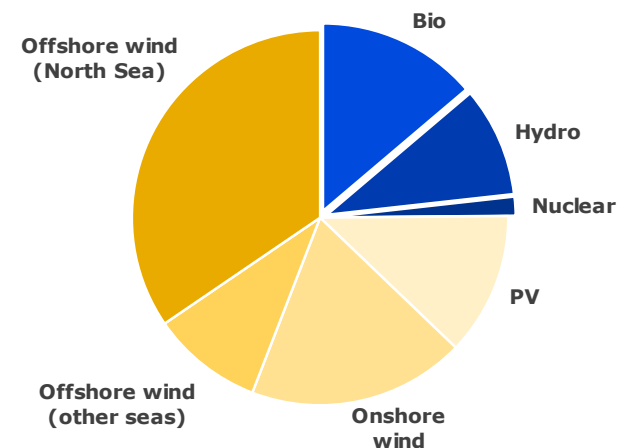
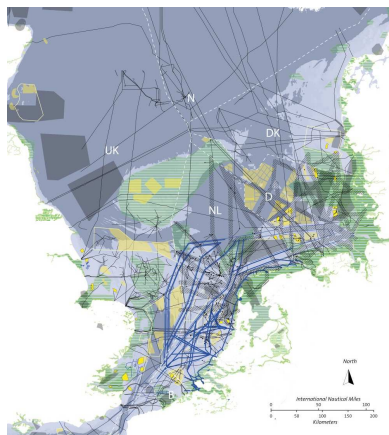
Development of **long term spatial planning strategy** (internationally coordinated roll-out, benefit to environment, maximise grid integration, at low cost)

Interconnectivity

Development of methodology to **value grid stability** that incentivizes interconnector capacity to maintain operational security

Flexibility

Development of **2045 roadmap for flexibility options** (storage, demand response, capacity reserves, and other energy sectors)





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