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Online final event: EU research project PROMOTioN presents final results on September 21

Arnhem/Berlin, 6 July 2020. The EU-funded Horizon2020 project 'Progress on Meshed HVDC Offshore Transmission Networks' (PROMOTioN) will present its research & demonstration results and recommendations at a final online event on September 21, 2020. The event, titled "North Sea Grid for the European Green Deal: How to unlock Europe's Offshore Wind potential - a deployment plan for a meshed HVDC grid", marks the culmination of over four years of intense practice-oriented research on planning offshore wind projects and meshed transmission grids. The event was originally scheduled for May 2020 in Brussels but, due to the COVID-19 crisis, will now take place as a fully digital conference.

The event will feature high-level key notes and panel discussions with policy-makers and executives from TSOs as well as from the offshore wind sector and research institutions. Speakers from all sectors will also weigh in on the results and deliver their own thoughts on the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Confirmed speakers include e.g.:

- Martin Neubert (CEO, Orsted Wind Power Germany GmbH)
- Vera Silva (CTO, GE Grid Solutions & Vice president of Innovation, T&D Europe)
- Tim Meyerjürgens (COO, TenneT Holding BV)
- Torben Glar Nielsen (CTO, Energinet DK)
- Ditlev Engel (CEO, DNV GL Energy)
- Mark v. Stiphout (Deputy Head of Unit - Research and Innovation at DG Energy)

Requested for Keynotes:

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- Ditte Juul Jorgensen, Director-General DG Energy
- Andreas Feicht, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Since 2016, project partners from TSOs, manufacturers, developers, consultants and research institutions have worked to address the barriers in developing a meshed offshore HVDC transmission network. As part of the project, they have developed and tested reliable network protection solutions, worked towards technology interoperability and standardisation as well as outlined recommendations for an EU-wide regulatory and financial framework. In addition to the theoretical approach, the project has also conducted full-scale demonstrations of, e.g. HVDC network control systems, gas-insulated switchgear and circuit breakers to address the more technical issues surrounding meshed offshore grids. During the preceding break-out sessions and at the final web conference on 21 September, project partners will showcase the overall results of their years-long research on the technical, economic, legal, financial and regulatory issues concerning meshed offshore transmission networks and other relevant project results.

A first overview over the agenda can you find attached.

Registration for the final event is possible via this link is possible:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6564018855193404687>

Technical and non-technical Break-out Sessions on conclusive detailed findings will take the weeks before the online final event from 24 August – 18 September 2020. Each Breakout Session will be dedicated to a certain theme and consist of pre-recorded presentations that can be accessed online as well as a live Q&A session.

About PROMOTioN

The PROMOTioN project aims to tackle technical, regulatory, financial and legal





challenges to the implementation of offshore meshed HVDC transmission networks. The consortium consists of 34 partners ranging from all major European HVDC equipment manufacturers, TSOs and academia to test labs and consultants. This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 691714.

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