



ESO Networks Stakeholder Group

30th March 2021

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2. Review of previous minutes and action log
3. Early Competition
4. Break
5. Early Competition ENSG Report
6. Offshore Coordination
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Action Log

ID	Description	Owner	Due	Status	Date Raised
34	Organise a Phase 2 environmental meeting	Rhiannon M / Tania D	02/03/2021	Open	26/01/2021
35	Clarify what will be in scope of ENSG for Offshore Coordination input	Rhiannon M	02/03/2021	Open	26/01/2021
36	Talk to Luke about interaction with Phase 2 work and upcoming project	Rhiannon M	02/03/2021	Open	26/01/2021
37	Correct Fiona's quote on slide 9 to say independent planning body	Sally	30/03/2021	Open	02/03/2021

ENSG - Early Competition



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Early Competition ENSG Report



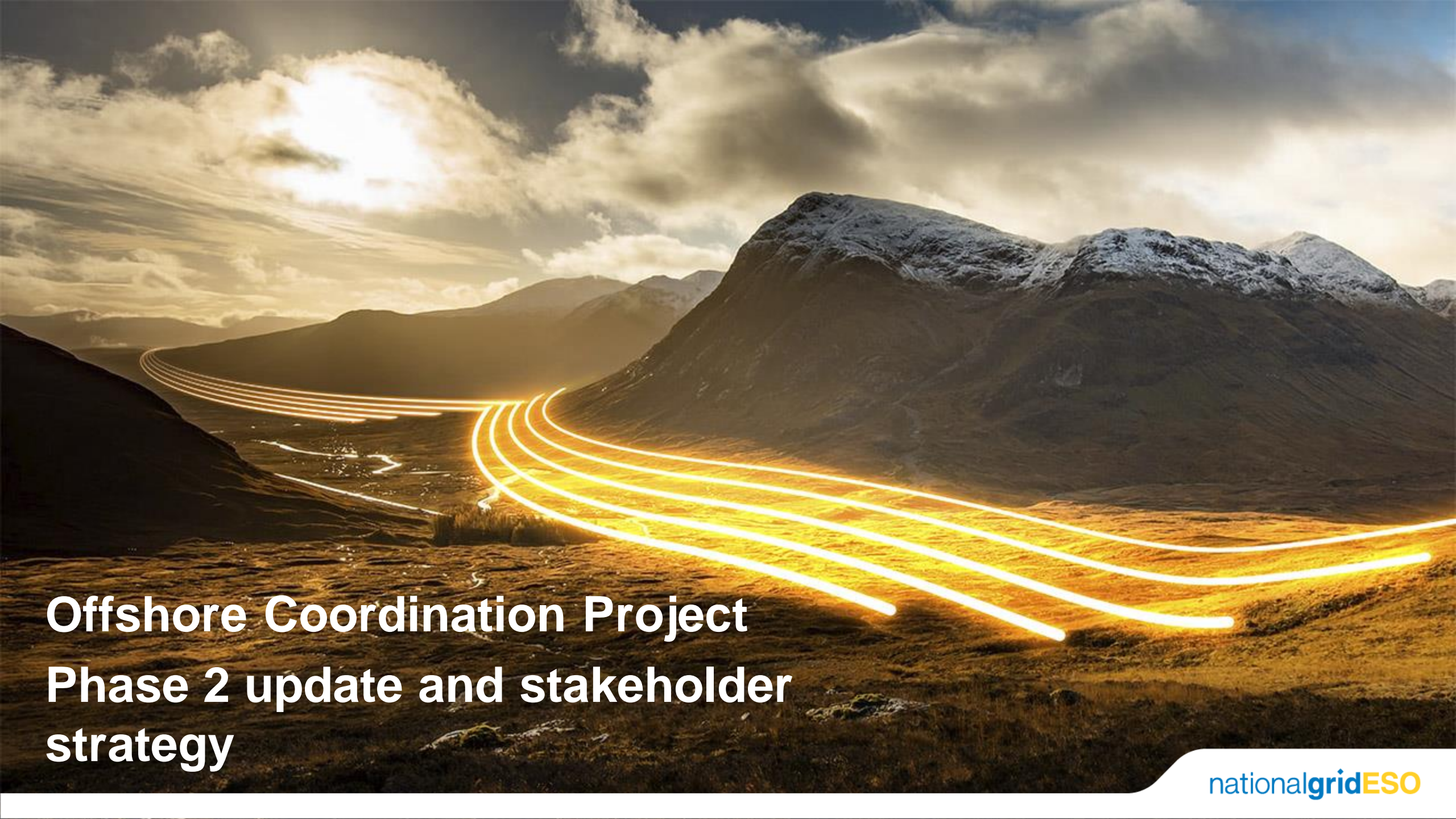
ENSG Early Competition Project Report

Stakeholder Engagement Key Messages

- Overall, the ENSG has been impressed by the extensive stakeholder engagement carried out by the ESO for the ECP
- The ENSG was disappointed by the lower than expected responses to the Phase 2 consultation, however the ESO ensured feedback was received through other engagements, including webinars and bilateral conversations
- It is recognised that the ESO acted on the feedback and recommendations made by the ENSG, including extending the consultation period from 6 weeks to 10 weeks

Assessment of Proposals Key Messages

- The ENSG discussed with the ESO in detail their proposals and the process used to make their decisions
- Overall, the ENSG has been satisfied that the ESO has considered the proposals thoroughly
- There have been some challenges from the group on the TOs role in Early Competition and the mitigation of the conflicts of interest
- The group has felt like the counterfactual approach could have been considered further with more engagement carried out to explore the option
- In response the ESO has created a report on the TO counterfactual approach shared with the group and organised an additional workshop with industry to explore the option further



Offshore Coordination Project Phase 2 update and stakeholder strategy

Offshore Coordination project – Phase 2 update

Phase 2 workstreams aligned to BEIS Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) workstreams:

- **Early Opportunities:** Identifying and delivering innovative and flexible approaches to connecting projects already in progress
- **Pathway to 2030:** Preparing for and developing the agreed detail for an operable coordinated onshore and offshore network design
- **Enduring Regime:** Identify, engage on and deliver the changes to industry codes and standards needed to enable coordination in the enduring offshore regime

Early Opportunities

Engaging with BEIS, Ofgem, TOs, project developers to identify possible project and their feasibility.

Pathway to 2030

Commenced development of offshore cost modelling tool in conjunction with Imperial College and The HVDC Centre.

Enduring Regime

Feeding our views on enduring regime options into BEIS to inform OTNR. Assessing the extent of code change needed across all workstreams.

NB. Multipurpose interconnectors sit across all three workstreams

Stakeholder engagement vision and principles

Draft – feedback from ENSG welcomed, in meeting or via email: rhiannon.marsh@nationalgrideso.com

Our vision is to progress Phase 2 in collaboration with our diverse range of stakeholders, embedding an inclusive approach that puts our focus on acting upon insights (from Phase 1 and feedback/engagement), builds trust, and enables us to co-create solutions with our stakeholders.

Our principles underpin the vision:

We recognise that each stakeholder is unique

We seek to understand how our project impacts our stakeholders, what they need from us and tailor our approach accordingly.

Our approach is inclusive yet targeted

We listen to and value the views of all stakeholders, engage with all interested stakeholders, and target our communication at the stakeholders it is relevant to.

Our engagement is outcome-focused

We create purposeful engagement opportunities that are timely and focused on maximising stakeholders' contributions and participation.

We communicate our messages clearly and consistently to the relevant stakeholders

We communicate clearly and effectively by using a variety of forms of communication appropriate and proportionate to the need and circumstances.

We're committed to listening, learning and continuously improving our engagement

We use formal and informal feedback and insights to adapt our engagement approach and we communicate how we're doing this. We proactively reach out to our stakeholders to seek input and learn from their experience.

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