

Policy Dialogue:

Sustainable decommissioning of offshore wind parks – challenges and perspectives in the light of Circular Economy principles

Venue: Joint Representation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the State of Schleswig-Holstein to the EU, Avenue Palmerston 20, B - 1000 Brussels

Date: **28 September 2022, 11:15 -14:30**

Moderation: Isabel Sünner, Member of the Management Board, Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI)

11:15 *Arrival of participants / Coffee*

11:30 **Welcome by hosts**, Dr. Claus Müller, Managing Director of the Hanse-Office & Isabel Sünner, Member of the Management Board, HWWI

11:40 **Opportunities for the offshore wind industry in Europe - Status quo and policy prospects in a macroregional perspective**, David Matzek-Lichtenstein, Planning and Programming Officer, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission

12:00 **EU Parliament's perspective - current development of the offshore strategy in Europe**, Patricia Schlimbach, Northern German Chambers of Commerce Association, Head of Brussels Office

12:15 **Growth Opportunities of Offshore Wind Energy and Decommissioning in the North Sea Region**, Mirko Kruse, Special Advisor Industry, Innovation, Environment, Tourism, Bremen Chamber of Commerce - CCI for Bremen and Bremerhaven

12:30 **References to the Interreg North Sea programme 2021-2027 – the topics of Circular Economy and Offshore Wind Energy**, Annika Rix, German National Contact Point in the Interreg North Sea Region Programme / Senate Chancellery of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

12:45 *Light Lunch*

13:20 **Panel Debate: Eco-innovative concepts for decommissioning offshore wind parks**
Facilitator: Stephan Kotzur, University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer

Panellists:

- David Matzek-Lichtenstein, Planning and Programming Officer, European Commission
- Marcus Bentin, Professor, Department Maritime Sciences, University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer
- Alexander Vandenberghe, Sustainability Manager, WindEurope
- Mirko Kruse, CCI for Bremen and Bremerhaven
- Ben de Pauw, Technical Manager, POM West Flanders

14:15 Wrap up and end of meeting

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