

Offshore Wind Energy: Legal Framework and Current Situation

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Introduction:

The latest legal act in Germany: The Infrastructure Planning Acceleration Act.
What is it good for? Why did we need it?

The Legal Framework:

From UNCLOS to the approval procedure regulations in the EEZ.
Legal administrative borders in Germany will be explained.
The question of administrative borders will be discussed as well.

The Approval Procedure:

What are the issues to be dealt with?
What kind of arguments are relevant topics of the decision?
The actual status of the projects in the „German Waters“ will be described.
Administrative procedures, obstacles and possible solutions like standardization methods will be pointed out.

Some of the first results of the German research efforts, the FINO- Programme and other studies will be reported.

Last but not least the technical and administrative challenges of the „German Test Field“ will lead us to the question whether we have found the appropriate approaches for the development of offshore wind energy.

