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# “Powering the North Sea Transition”

Keynote on the Third North Sea Summit in Hamburg

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# Davos – 21 January 2026



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They are smart. China's very smart. They make them. They sell them for a fortune. They sell them to the stupid people that buy them, but they don't use them themselves.

Donald J. Trump, Davos

# Third North Sea Summit – 26 January 2026



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The commitments made here in Hamburg today will ensure a more secure, cost-effective and integrated energy supply. This will increase Europe's resilience and competitiveness as a whole. [...] We are keeping offshore energy affordable for consumers and facilitating new investments in the economy.

**Friedrich Merz, Hamburg**

# Path to Hamburg North Sea Summit



## Esbjerg-Declaration, May 2022

- Germany, Denmark, Belgium, and the Netherlands
- 65 GW by 2030 and 150 GW by 2050
- “A new chapter on renewable energy in Europe”

## Ostend-Declaration, April 2023

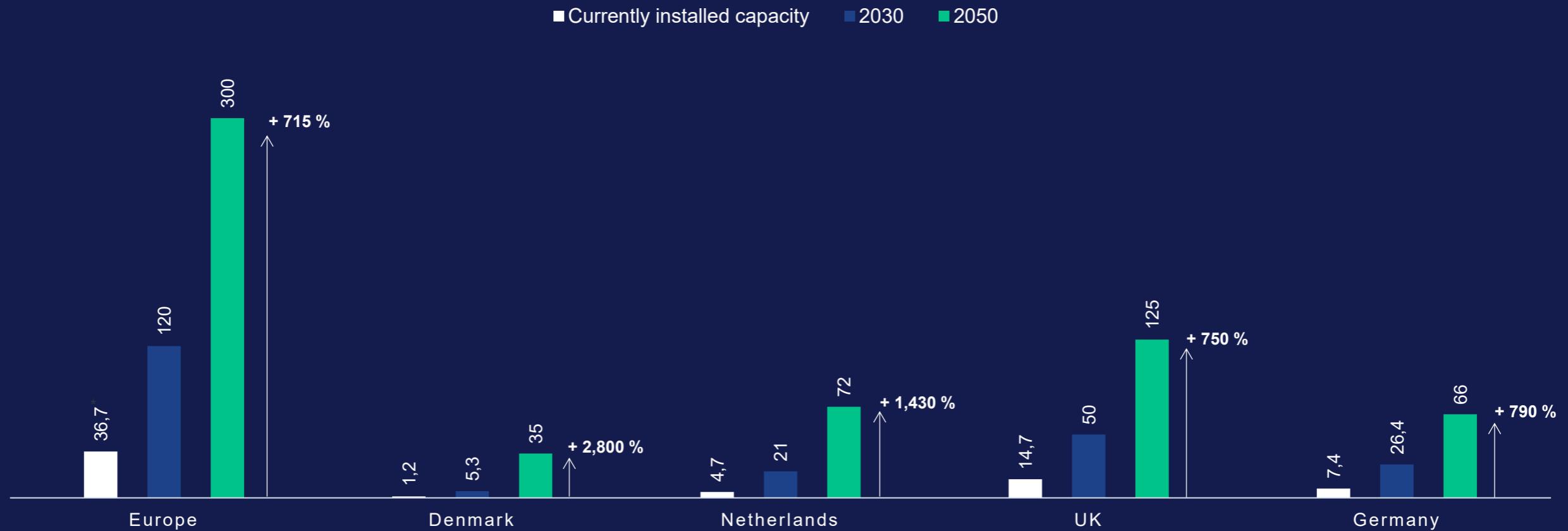
- France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Norway and the United Kingdom joined
- 120 GW by 2030 and 300 GW by 2050
- North Sea as a “green power plant for Europe”

## Hamburg-Declaration, January 2026

- NATO and Iceland joined as observers
- “Developing the North Sea into the world's largest reservoir of clean energy“

# Targets vs. Installed capacity

## Offshore wind capacity in the North Sea and targets in GW according to the Ostend Declaration



\* Total installed capacity of offshore wind farms across Europe including Baltic Sea.

# Recent Offshore Wind Tenders

- Failed tender for 5 GW in the United Kingdom
- Tender for 3 GW without bids in Denmark
- Biggest ever tender in the United Kingdom for 8.4 GW
- No bids in Germany in the August tender for 2.5 GW
- Postponement of a tender in NL to 2026
- Planned tender in NL for 1 GW

# Hamburg North Sea Summit – „From National to Regional“ Outcome

- **The Hamburg Declaration** – “Building the North Seas’ power hub for a resilient and competitive Europe”
- **Hamburg Declaration of Energy Ministers** – “From national to regional: delivering on our joint vision of the North Seas as Europe’s Clean Power Hub”
- **Joint Offshore Wind Investment Pact for the North Seas** – between the governments of North Seas States, the European wind industry and the transmission system operators (TSO) of the electricity and hydrogen networks
- **Three Bi- and Multilateral Joint Declarations of Intent**
  - “On a Strategic Partnership on Energy including Offshore Renewable Energy Cooperation Projects in the Baltic and North Seas” between Denmark and Germany
  - “On Cooperation on North Sea Renewable Energy Infrastructure” between the United Kingdom and Germany
  - “The Development of Cooperation Projects for an Interconnected Offshore Renewable Energy Grid in the North Seas” between Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom

# Hamburg North Sea Summit – „From National to Regional“ Outcome

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## **Creating suitable investment conditions for offshore wind energy**

- Stable offshore wind tender pipeline between 2031 and 2040 with up to 15 GW per year
- Promotion of CfDs
- Confirmation of 300 GW target for 2050

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## **Cross-border planning and financing of offshore wind farms and associated power grids**

- Offshore Financing Framework (OFF)
- 100 GW of cooperation projects by 2050, 20 GW by 2030 – Flagship Project by 2027

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## **Protection of critical infrastructure**

- Security-by-design of offshore energy assets
- Standardising of offshore HVDC components for swift repairs

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## **Cross-border cooperation in the expansion of hydrogen infrastructure**

- Long-term strategy for combining offshore wind and hydrogen projects
- Roadmap for the next North Sea summit

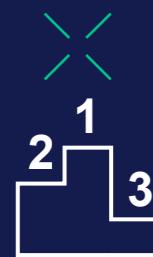
# Hamburg North Sea Summit Conclusion and Outlook

- Important and clear signal that North Sea states are committed to offshore wind expansion and close cross-border cooperation
- Crucial step towards an independent energy supply with high energy security and greater resilience
- Kick-start for a new boom in the offshore wind energy industry



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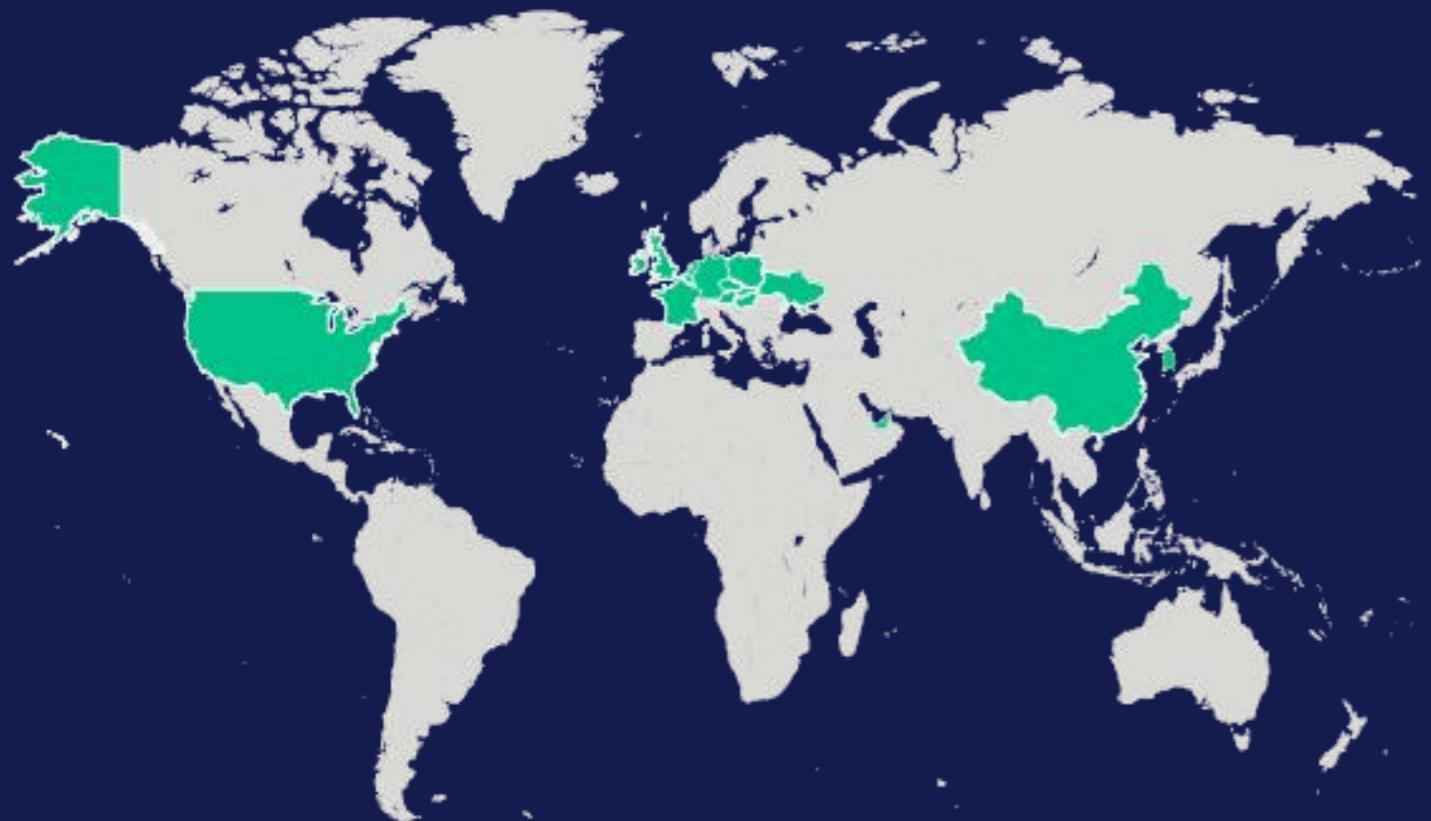


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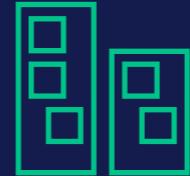


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Often recommended for the energy sector: transactions & financing, **JUVE 2021/2022 – 2023/2024**

Recommended for plant construction and the energy industry, **The Legal 500 2023 & 2024**

Very good advice on the construction of offshore wind parks – Competitor, **JUVE Rechtmarkt 1/2024**

Janina Pochhammer deals exclusively with plant construction, therefore has very good industry know-how and is also an extremely strong negotiator, **The Legal 500 Germany 2024**

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Janina Pochhammer has a very structured and extremely fast way of working and is characterized by a high level of commitment and very professional advice., **The Legal 500 2021**

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