



# New Horizons: Ireland's Offshore Wind

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# IWEA Represents ~90% of Wind Energy in Ireland

## Members across existing assets, development & supply chain for onshore & offshore:

- Wind farm developers
- Asset owners
- Supply Chain:
  - Turbine manufacturers
  - Construction companies
  - Supply companies
  - Accountants
  - Insurance
  - Consultancy
  - Legal firms
  - Banks





## Government pledges to generate 70% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030

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# 2030: A Game Changer

REQUIRES AT LEAST 3.5 GW OF  
OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY BY 2030

Technology	NDP	Uptake to meet 2030 targets (Based on MACC analysis)	
	2030	2025	2030
<b>Total RES in Generation mix<sup>4</sup>, %</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>70</b>
▪ Onshore wind, GW	~7	~6.5	~8.2
▪ Offshore wind, GW	1.8	~1.0	~3.5
▪ Solar PV, GW	1.5	~0.2	~0.4

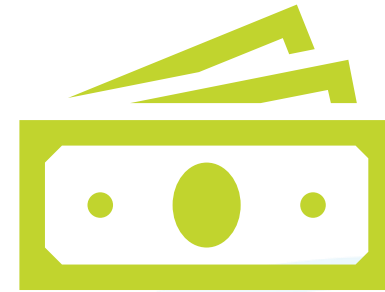
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# How Can We Work Together to Deliver the Benefits of Offshore Wind in Ireland?



Huge Potential



Rapidly Falling Prices

Project, location	MW	Developer	Status
Arklow Bank 2, Wicklow	520	SSE Renewables	Legacy
Braymore Point, Dublin	800	SSE Renewables	Early-stage development
Celtic Sea Array, Waterford	800	SSE Renewables	Early-stage development
Clogherhead, Louth	500	ESB, Parkwind	Early-stage development
Codling Bank 1, Wicklow	1100	Fred Olsen, Hazel Shore	Legacy
Codling Bank 2, Wicklow	1000	Fred Olsen, Hazel Shore	Advanced development
Cooley Point, Louth	500	ESB	Early-stage development
Dublin Array, Dublin	600	Innogy, Saorgus	Advanced development
Helvick Head, Waterford	1000	Energia	Early-stage development
Inis Ealga, Cork	400	DP Energy	Early-stage development
Kilmichael Point, Wexford	500	ESB	Early-stage development
NISA, Louth/Meath	750	Statkraft	Early-stage development
Oriel, Louth	330	Oriel, Parkwind, ESB	Legacy
Skerd Rocks, Galway	400	Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta	Advanced development
Unnamed project, tbc	1000	Energia	Early-stage development

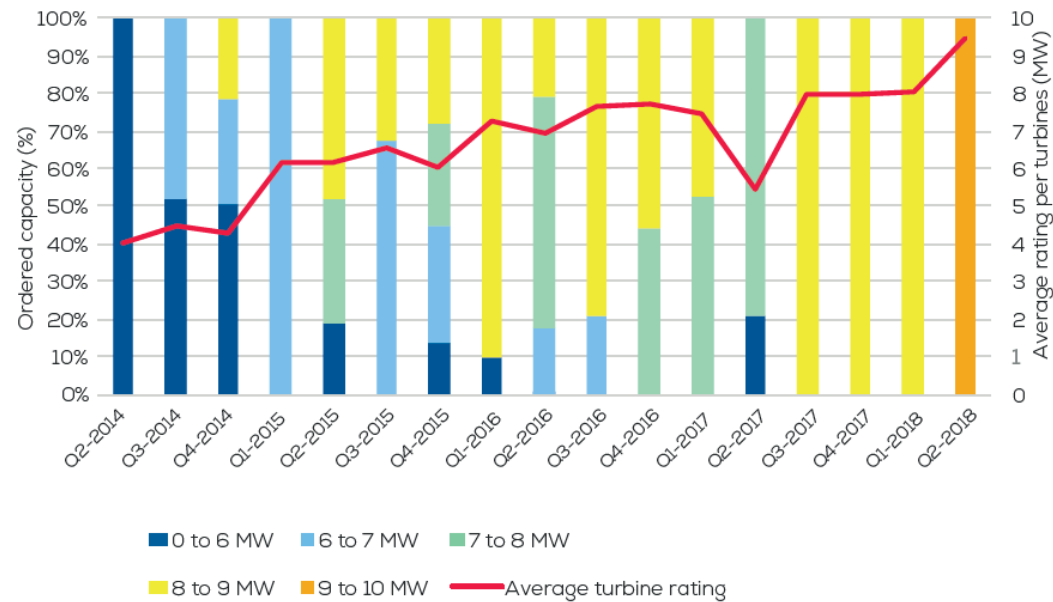
**Total:****10.2GW**

> 10,000  
MW of  
Offshore in  
Pipeline in  
Ireland

# Offshore Turbine Technology Rapidly Improving

## >8 MW Available Today

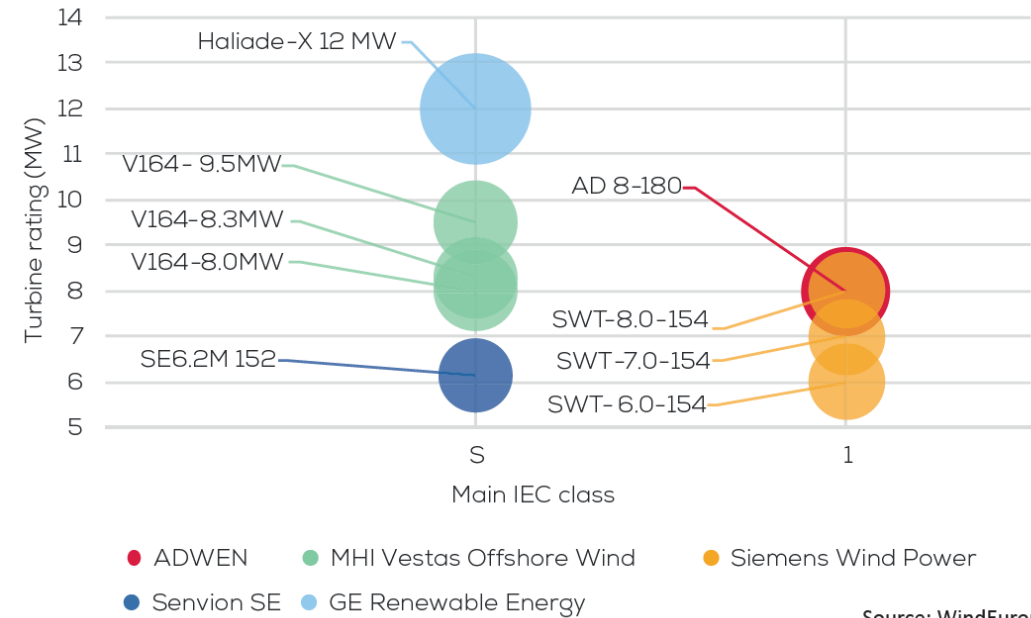
FIGURE 26  
Ordered offshore wind turbine power ratings in Europe



Source: WindEurope

## 12 MW Available Soon

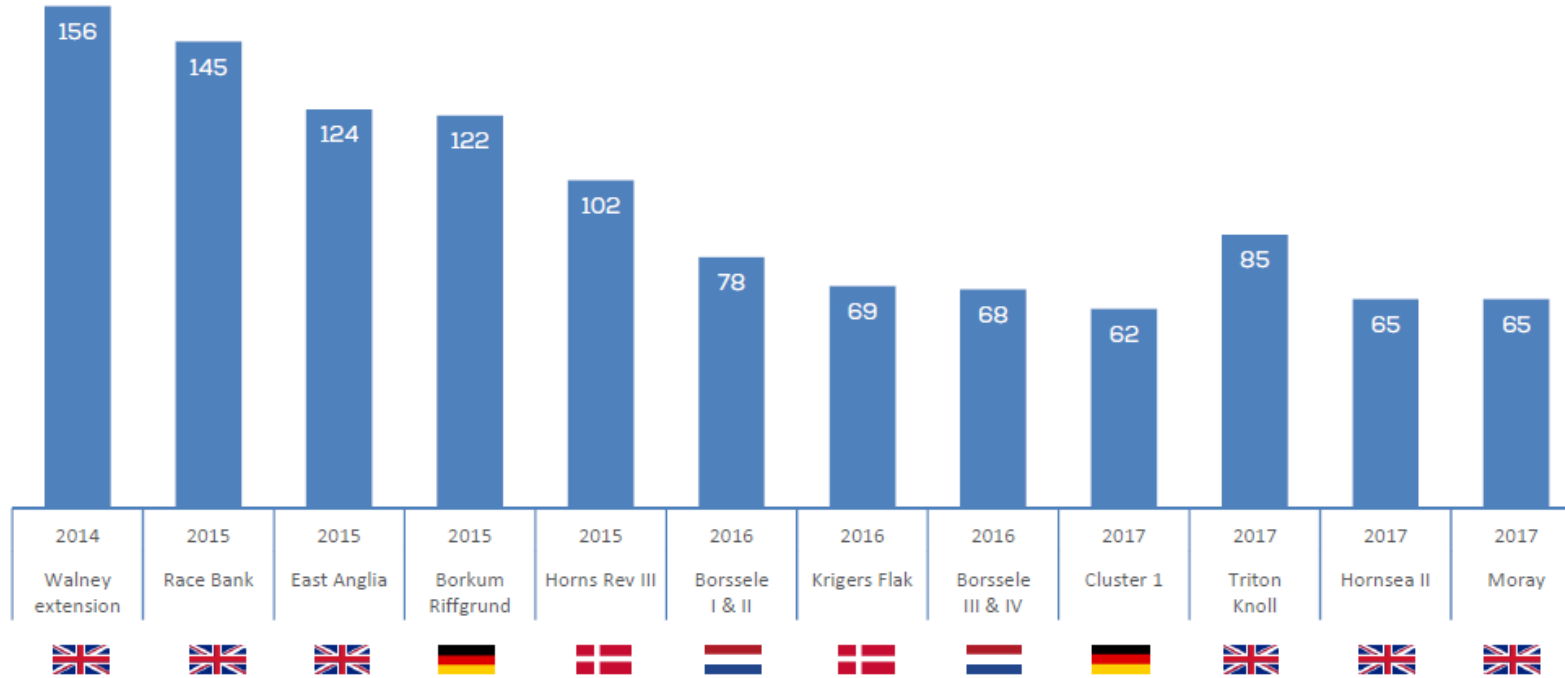
FIGURE 29  
6 MW+ offshore turbines currently available in Europe (size of the bubble represents the rotor diameter)



Source: WindEurope

## Prices Dropping in Other Auctions

Levelised revenue of electricity, incl. transmission costs  
EUR/MWh\*, 2016-prices

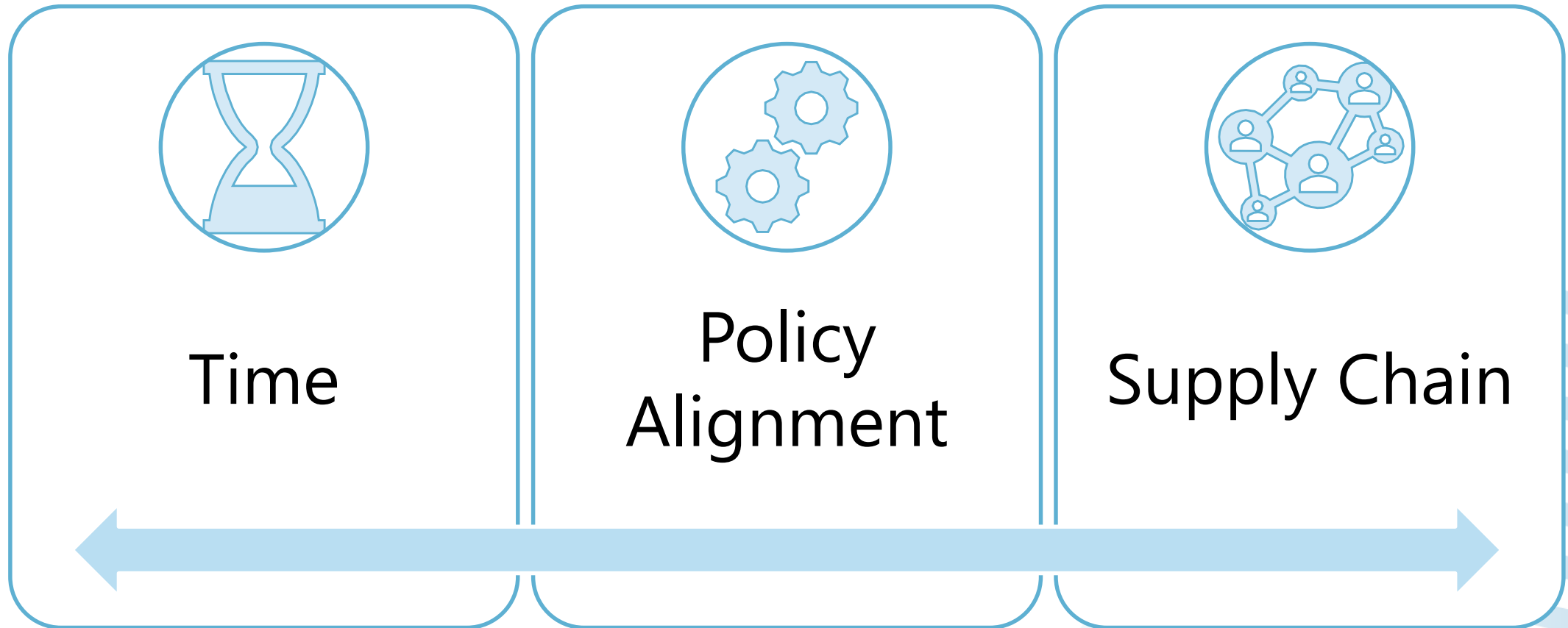


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Wind Prices  
Falling  
Rapidly once  
Industry is  
Established

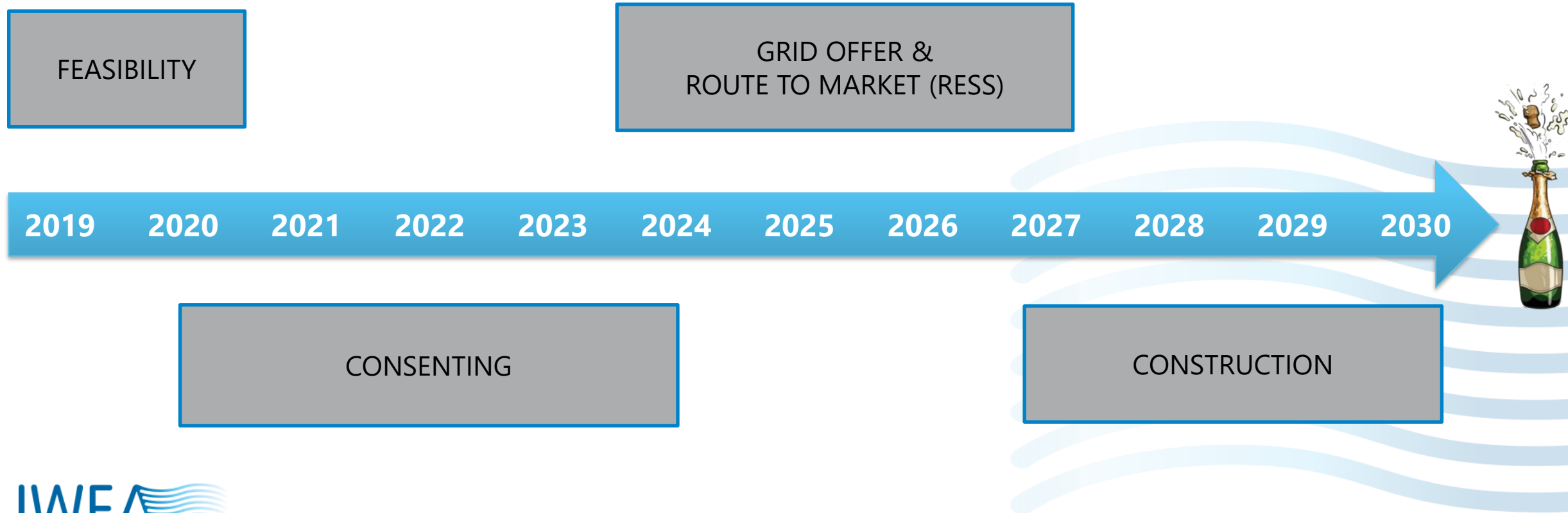
# Critical to 3500 MW of Offshore by 2030





# 2030 is Very Close for a New Offshore Project: Need to Reduce this Timeline!

Estimated Timeline to 2030 for a New Offshore Project



# Policy Alignment for Offshore Wind in the Climate Action Plan?

## Legacy Projects – Vital for 2025

Transition Protocol for  
Consenting by Q4 2019

Grid Offer by Q2 2020, must  
accept by Q4 2021,  
Developer Led

RESS by Q2 2021

## Enduring Projects – Vital for 2030

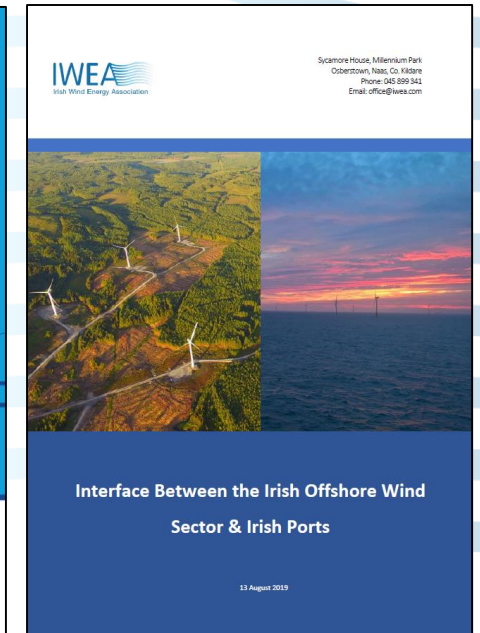
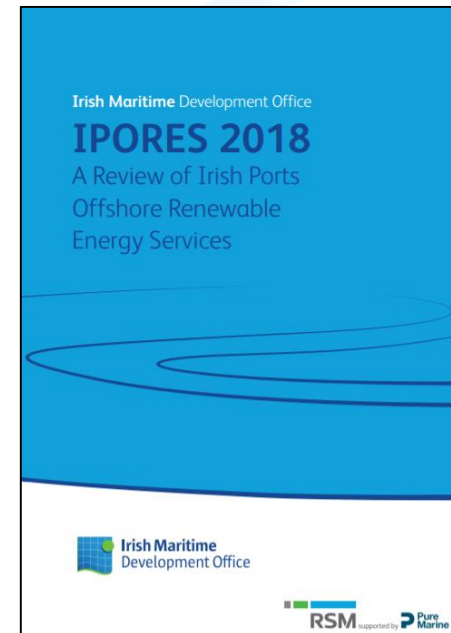
Consenting Regime by Q4  
2020 (final step is NMPF)

RESS in Q3 2022 & in Q3  
2024

Grid Offer +8 Months,  
EirGrid Led

# Supply Chain is Critical

- Competing on a global market
- Vital that Ireland gets started as soon as possible to attract the supply chain
- A **top priority** for IWEA to kickstart the industry
  - Engaging with Irish ports to ensure they are ready
  - Work underway by IWEA on the supply chain to identify:
    - Needs
    - Opportunities
    - Gaps
    - Policies required





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