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Declaration of Coordination and Cooperation in the North Sea region

If there is one area where the energy transition is visibly taking shape, it is the North Sea region. In the next decades fossil exploration and production will diminish, while renewable energy production is growing. In the short and medium term, fossil fuels and renewables will coexist for some time. With this in mind the offshore North Sea oil and gas operators on the Dutch continental shelf, the offshore wind sector and NGO's, have joined forces and declare that they will collaborate in order to contribute to a safe, sustainable, reliable and affordable energy system in balance with improving eco-systems. We believe that such joint effort will generate benefits for the society as a whole (People), the environment (Planet), as well as the operators involved (Profit).

Considering the North Sea region as an extensive source of energy, our joint efforts will be targeted at innovation to speed up the energy transition. In developing an integral long term vision (till 2050) and a call to action (till 2030) we include all North Sea stakeholders, such as companies, governments and the public in the surrounding countries, as well as parties with a stake in nature, agriculture, fishery, navigation, restoring the eco-system etc.

We agree that we will explore the possibilities of Coordination & Cooperation in the North Sea region, such as:

- Aligning related initiatives that have the potential to create synergy, e.g. the joint use of logistics and mobility and mutual understanding of data;
- Joint Innovation and research: support of the development of the North Sea as a sustainable source of energy and, for that, cooperation with the Topsector Energy Innovation Programmes. Joint analysis of the potential of electrification of offshore platforms and of required safety areas around platforms. Innovation aimed at system-integration, power2gas, energy-storage, E-grid and improving ecosystems;
- Joint Communication: aimed at societal and political support that helps to harvest synergies;
- Community building: creating a broad council to share interests, expertise, products, data and logistics in support of the energy transition.

NOGEPA, NWEA, TENNET, TNO and Stichting Natuur & Milieu will form a steering committee to further investigate the possibilities. In order to realize a sustainable and integral result, the committee operates in close contact with the SRI (Social Responsible Innovation) -Lab of the Dutch Topsector Energy in which the many stakeholders in the North Sea region will participate.

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