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Baltic Integrid – The cost-benefit analysis of a meshed grid in the Baltic Sea Region

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Perspectives from the North Sea:
Challenges in comparing offshore grid solutions

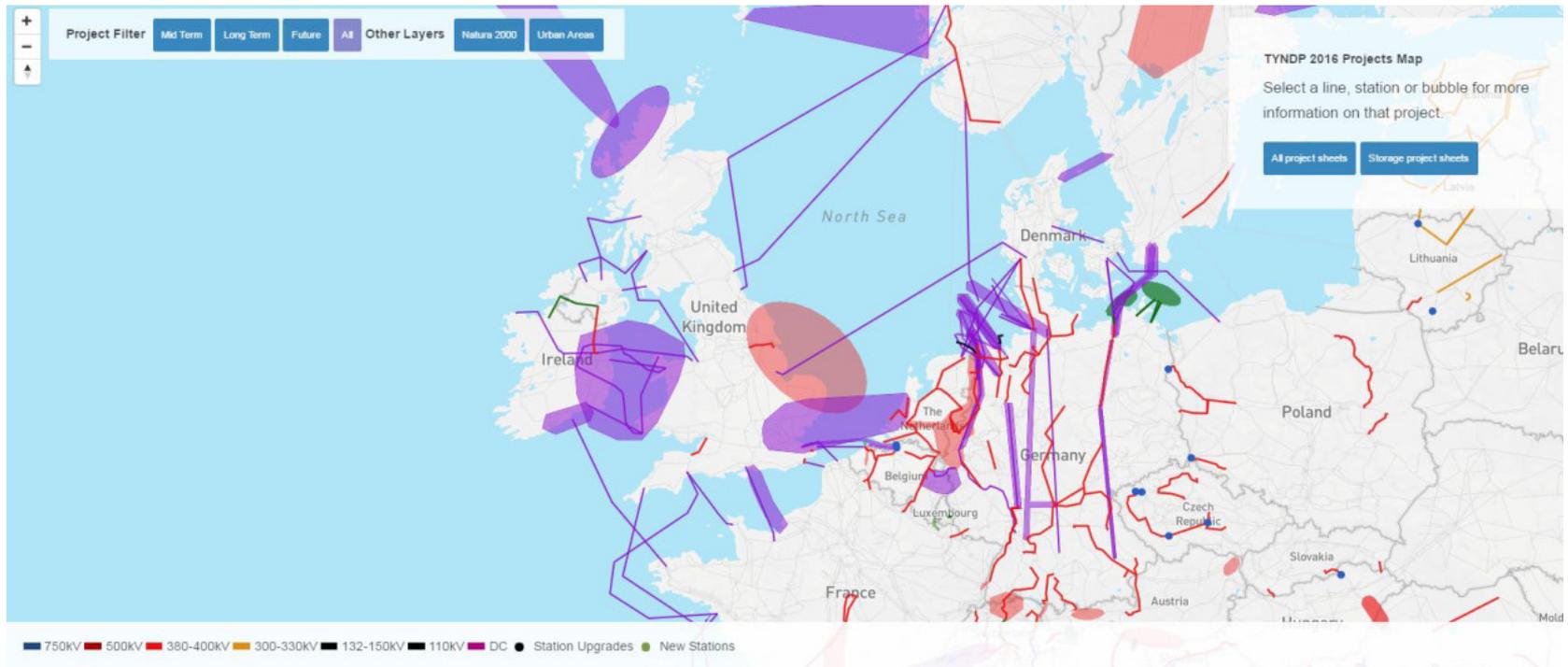


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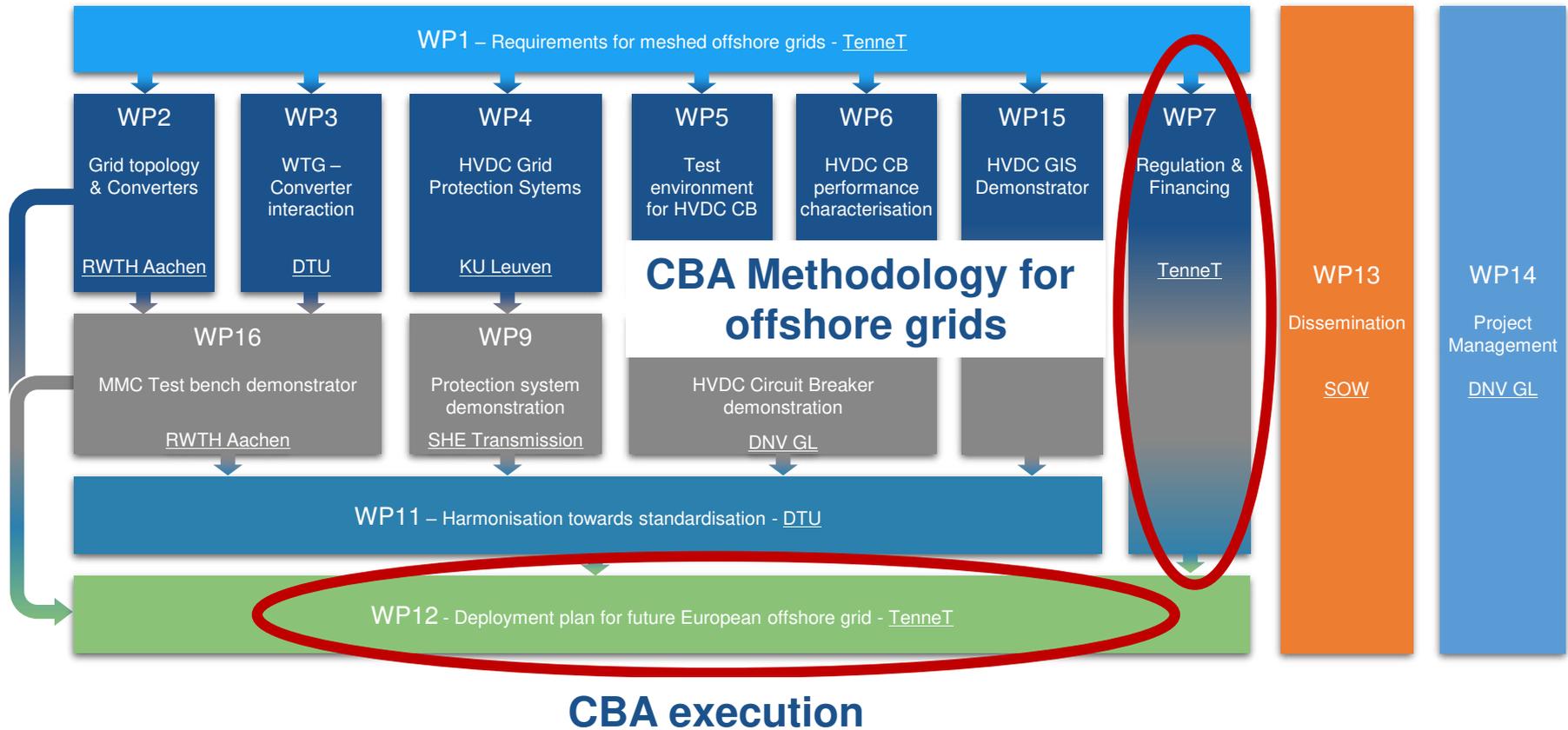
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Objectives and challenges



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Partners



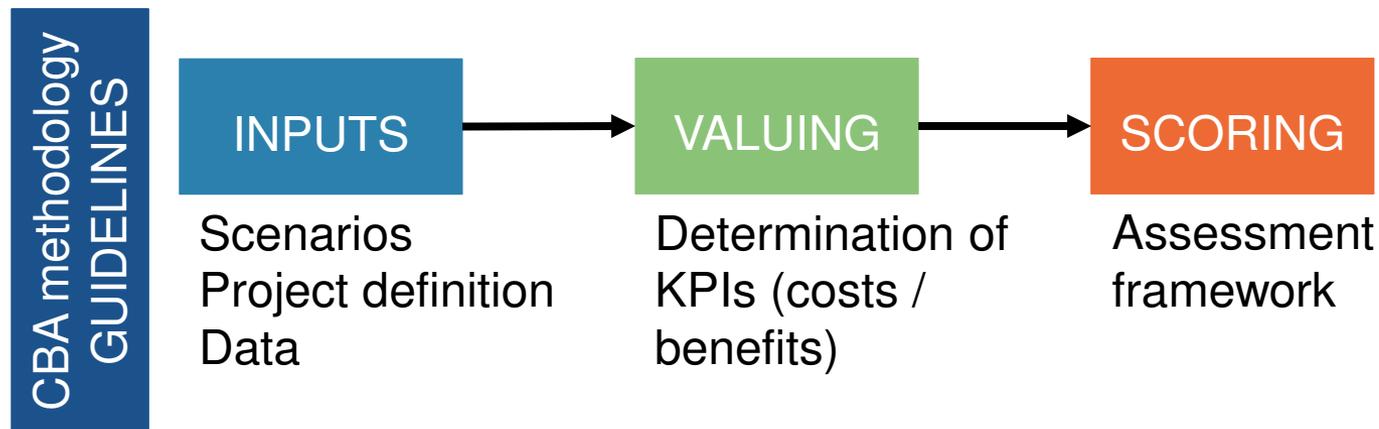


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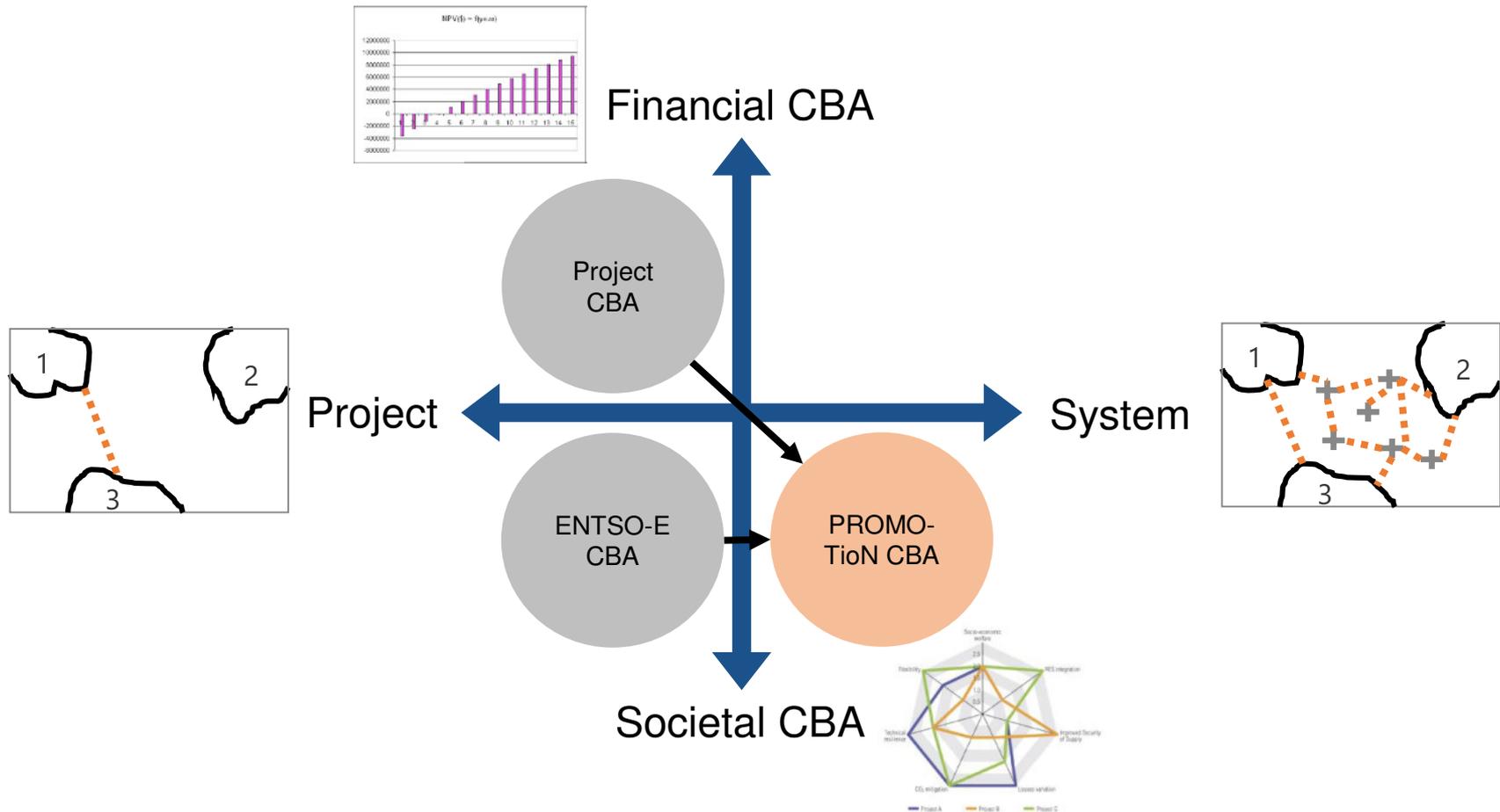
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Aim of the CBA

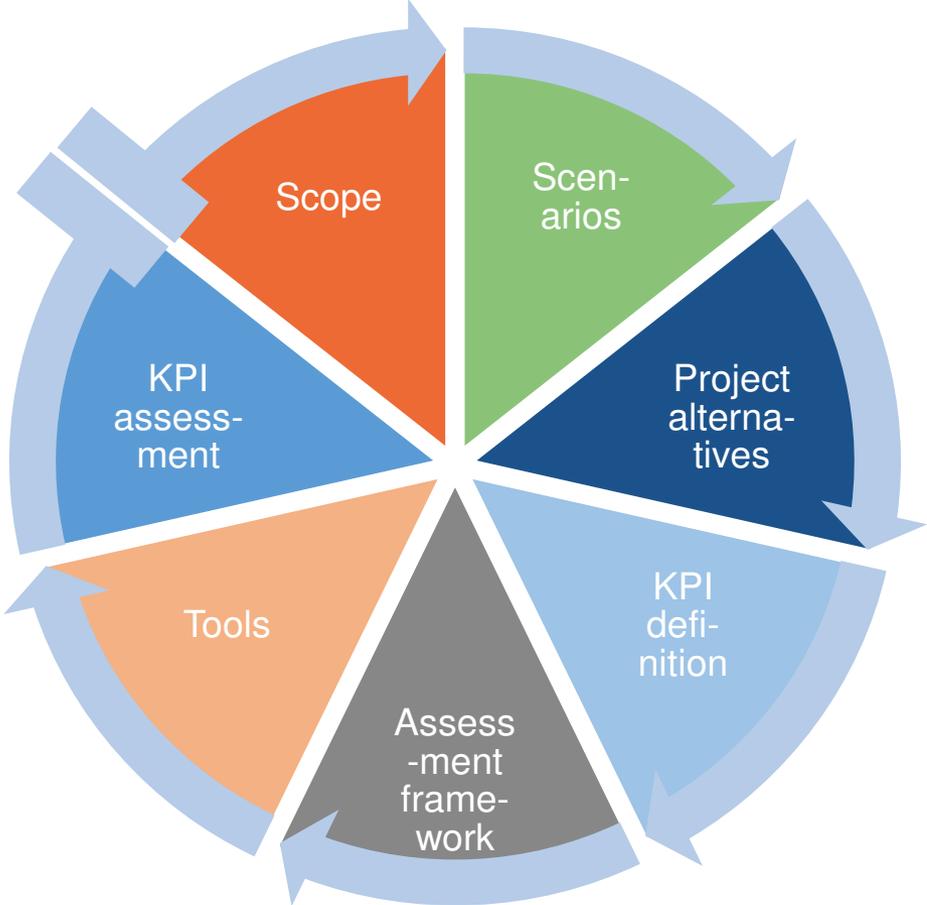
- To develop a CBA methodology able to identify the “best” offshore grid design



Scope



Dimensions



Pragmatic vs ideal methodology



Dimension					
Scope	CBA Purpose of project	Value to society Multi-criteria Offshore grid for evacuation of wind	Value to each member state Augmented CBA (hybrid) Offshore grid for evacuation of wind & market integration	Value to society & each member state Standard CBA (full monetisation) Offshore & onshore grid for evacuation of wind	Value to all stakeholders Offshore & onshore grid for evacuation of wind & market integration
Scenarios	Onshore development Wind development (offshore scenario)	Assume onshore grid can take on wind One scenario of locations & capacity	Include full development and reinforcement needs One scenario of capacity with multiple locations	Multiple scenarios of capacity and locations	Surprise scenario
Project alternatives	Scope Boundaries Alternative offshore grid Reference grid	E-network Offshore grid (incl. Onshore and windpark connection points) Optimised radial AC/DC Base case	E-network & E-storage Offshore grid & wind parks Optimised radial AC Null alternative	E-network & E-storage & P2G Offshore grid & onshore grid Optimised meshed DC	E-network & E-storage & P2G & G-network Offshore grid & wind parks & onshore grid Hybrid radial/meshed
Tools	Scope onshore market model Offshore market model Region	Zonal core (surrounding countries) & satellite Split to belong to each surrounding country Surrounding countries	Nodal core & zonal satellite One virtual bidding zone EU28	Full nodal Multiple virtual bidding zones EU28 + borders	Full nodal
Assessment framework	Evaluation period Time step for clustering Assessment projects	End-situation, as build in one go & 30 years operational life (2050-2080) Build “in one go” With and without the project (PINT/TOOT)	Complete development & operation (2020-2080) 5 years Projects vs null alternative	1 year	
KPI's	Quantitative/Qualitative	Quantitative	Monetised	Hybrid	





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PROMOTiON – Challenges

Scenarios

- How to evaluate project alternatives?

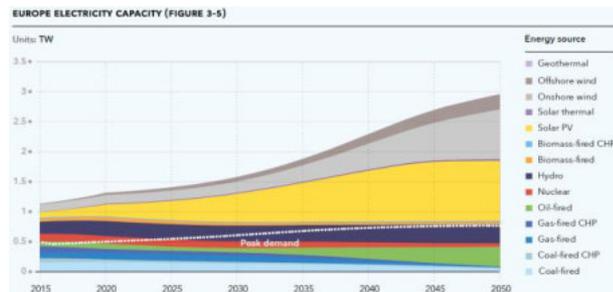
Onshore scenarios

Offshore scenarios

Technologies

Market design

Grid development



Source: ETO, DNV GL

AC

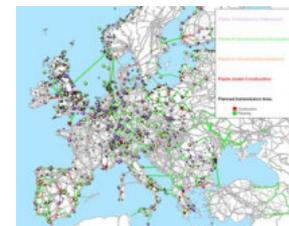
HVDC



Source: DNV GL



Source: TenneT

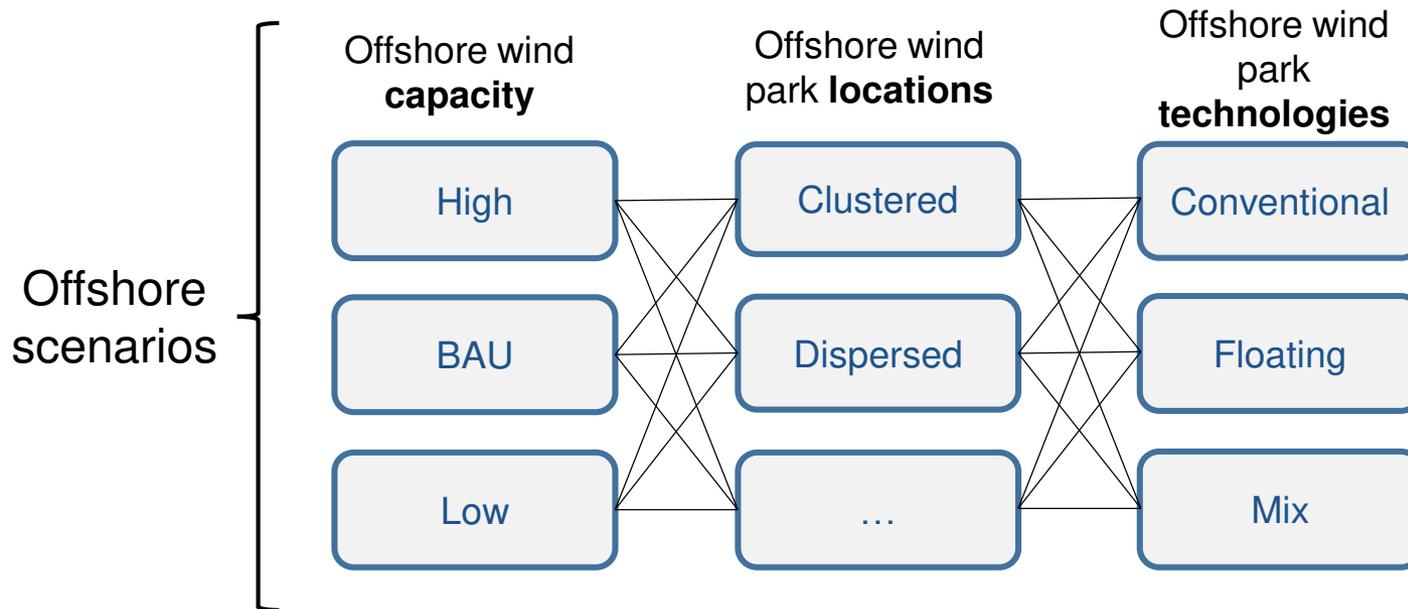
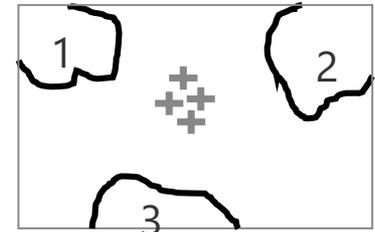
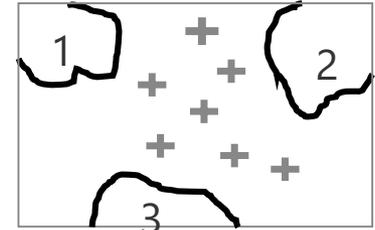


Source: Platts



Scenarios

- Guidelines on scope of scenarios to avoid bias
- On - and offshore scenarios
- Ideal vs practical



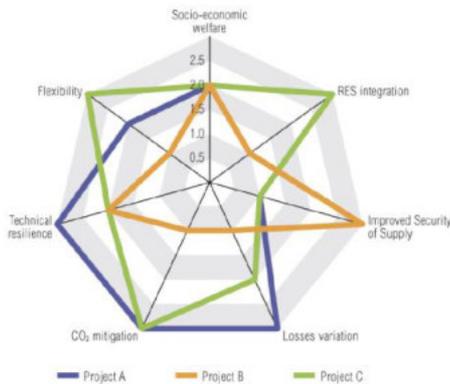
Assessment framework - reference

- PINT vs TOOT
- Reference for project assessment
 - Null-alternative = base-case = BAU

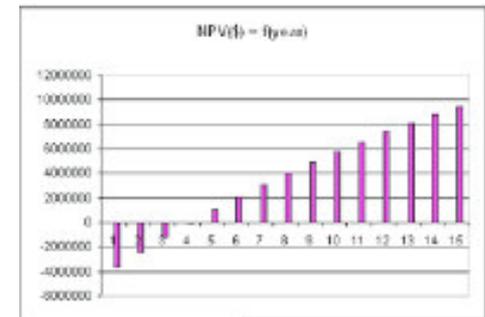


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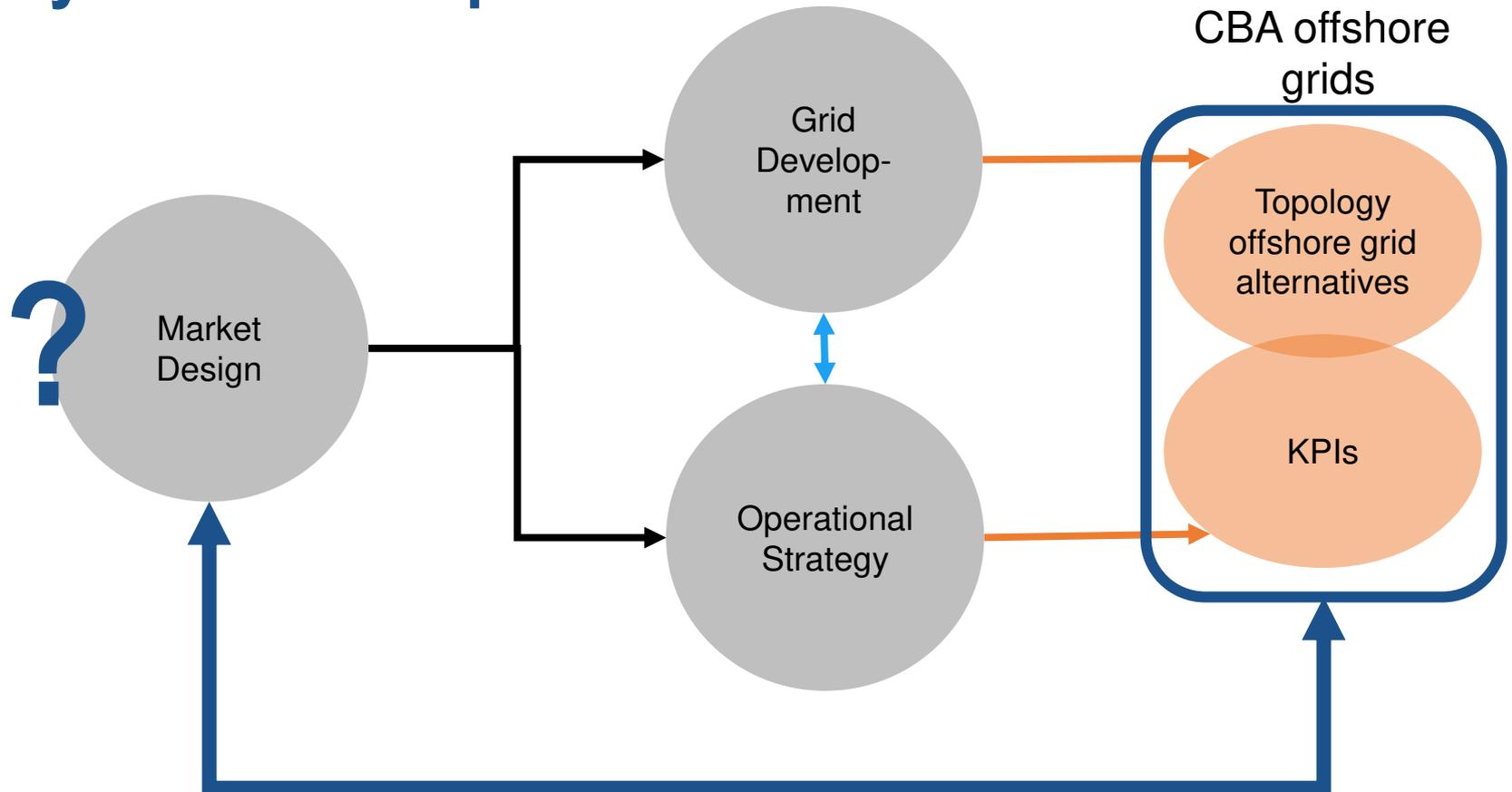
- Project comparison
- Limits on full monetisation of KPIs
- Objective KPIs and weights
- Ideal vs practical



Degree of
quantification and monetisation



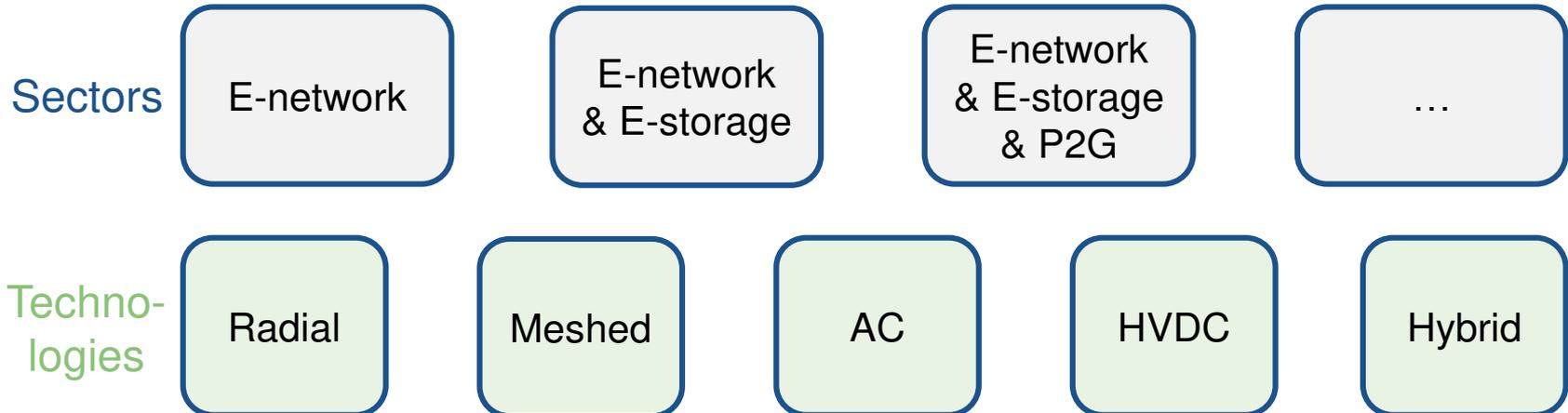
System development



CBA methodology might differ depending on concept

Project alternatives - scope

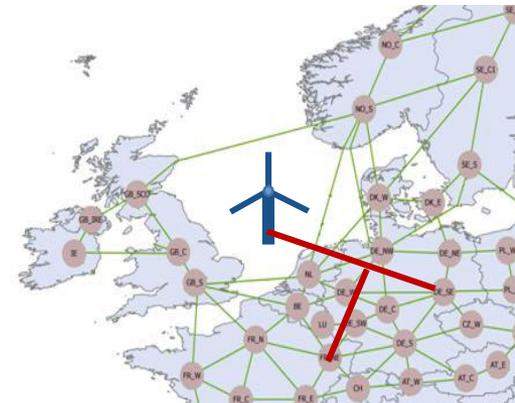
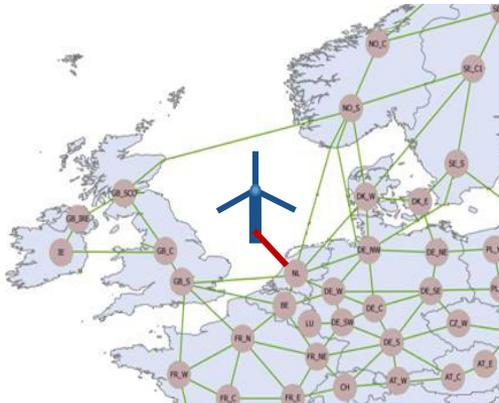
- Purpose of the project
- Sectors/technologies where project alternatives can draw from
- Ideal vs practical



Project alternatives - boundaries

- How to deal with the onshore grid?
- Connection points
- Ideal vs practical

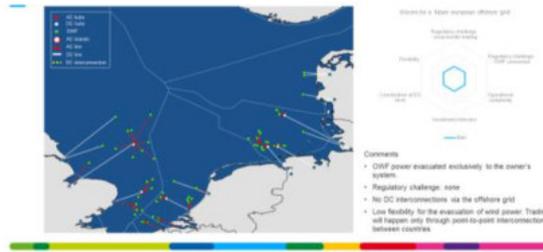
Degree of complexity



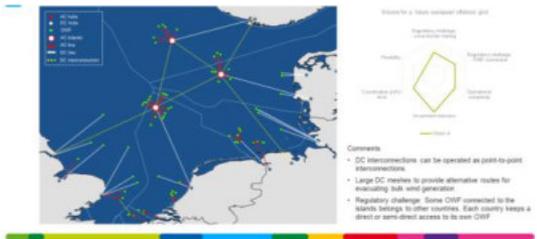
Project alternatives - concepts

• Concepts to develop project alternatives

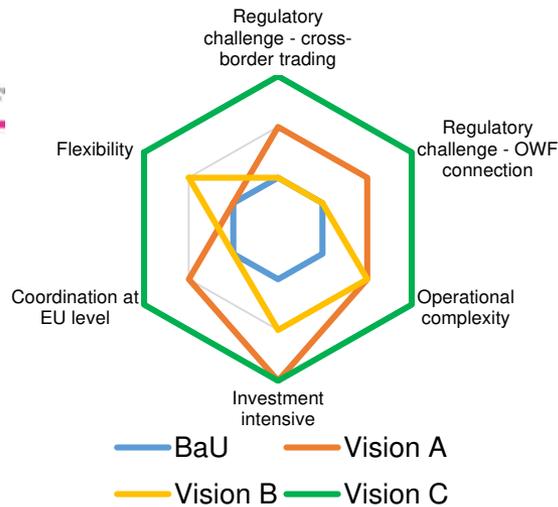
Reference concept



Concept A: Centralised EU grid based on AC islands



Concepts for a future european offshore grid



Concept B: Decentralised Hubs – National policy



Concept C: Decentralised Hubs – EU policy





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Challenges in comparing offshore grid solutions

- Complexity in CBA dimensions
- Single project vs system
- Financial vs societal CBA
- Ideal vs practical methodology
- CBA approach may differ between evaluated project alternatives





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