

# TenneT offshore

North Sea Energy Infrastructure: current developments and outlook



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# TenneT at a glance



# TenneT offshore by 2023



## Germany

- Fifteen grid connections for offshore wind farms
- Twelve DC connections, three AC connections
- 4,300 MW at present
- 9,832 MW by 2023 (7,132 MW by 2019)
- NordLink: 1,400 MW (2020)

## Netherlands

- Five grid connections for offshore wind farms
- Only AC connections
- 3,500 MW by 2023
- NorNed (2008): 700 MW
- BritNed (2010): 1,000 MW
- COBRA cable (2019): 700 MW

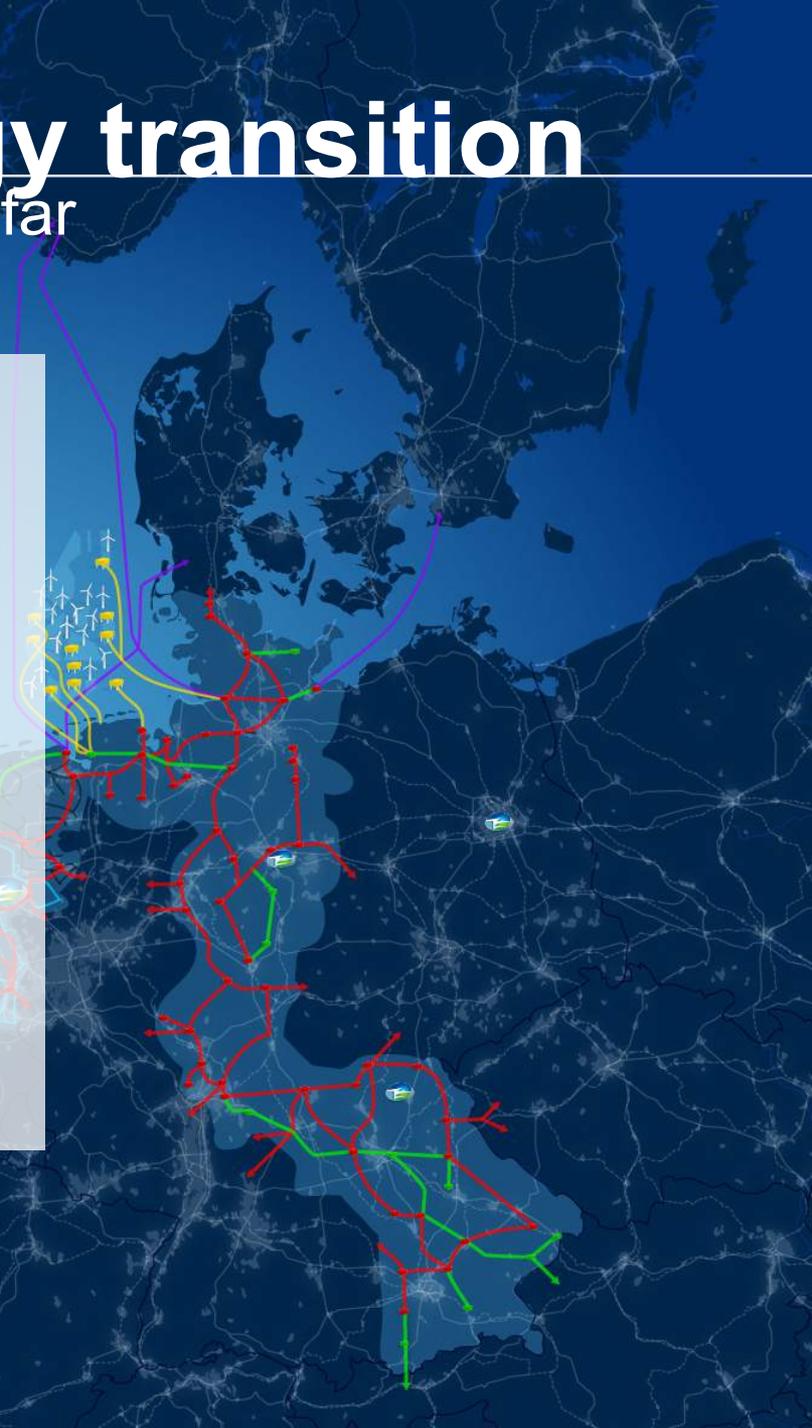


By 2023 TenneT will have realized 17.1 GW of offshore connection capacity (13.3 GW for offshorewind energy, 3.8 GW for interconnection): 13,000 km cable.

# The European energy transition

Ambitious goals reachable only with far  
Offshore

- EU ambition: 80-95% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in 2050 compared with 1990 levels
- Large volumes of RES needed:
  - 600 GW offshore & onshore wind power required to cover 50% of the electricity demand (WindEurope)
  - 17 GW needed for Paris agreement implementation by the Netherlands
- The Challenge:
  - How to make far shore wind power cost efficient
  - Environment
  - integration in the energy system



# Solution: hub and spoke concept



## Hub and spoke delivers

**Scale:** A large scale European roll-out for offshore wind delivers a significant contribution to cost reduction

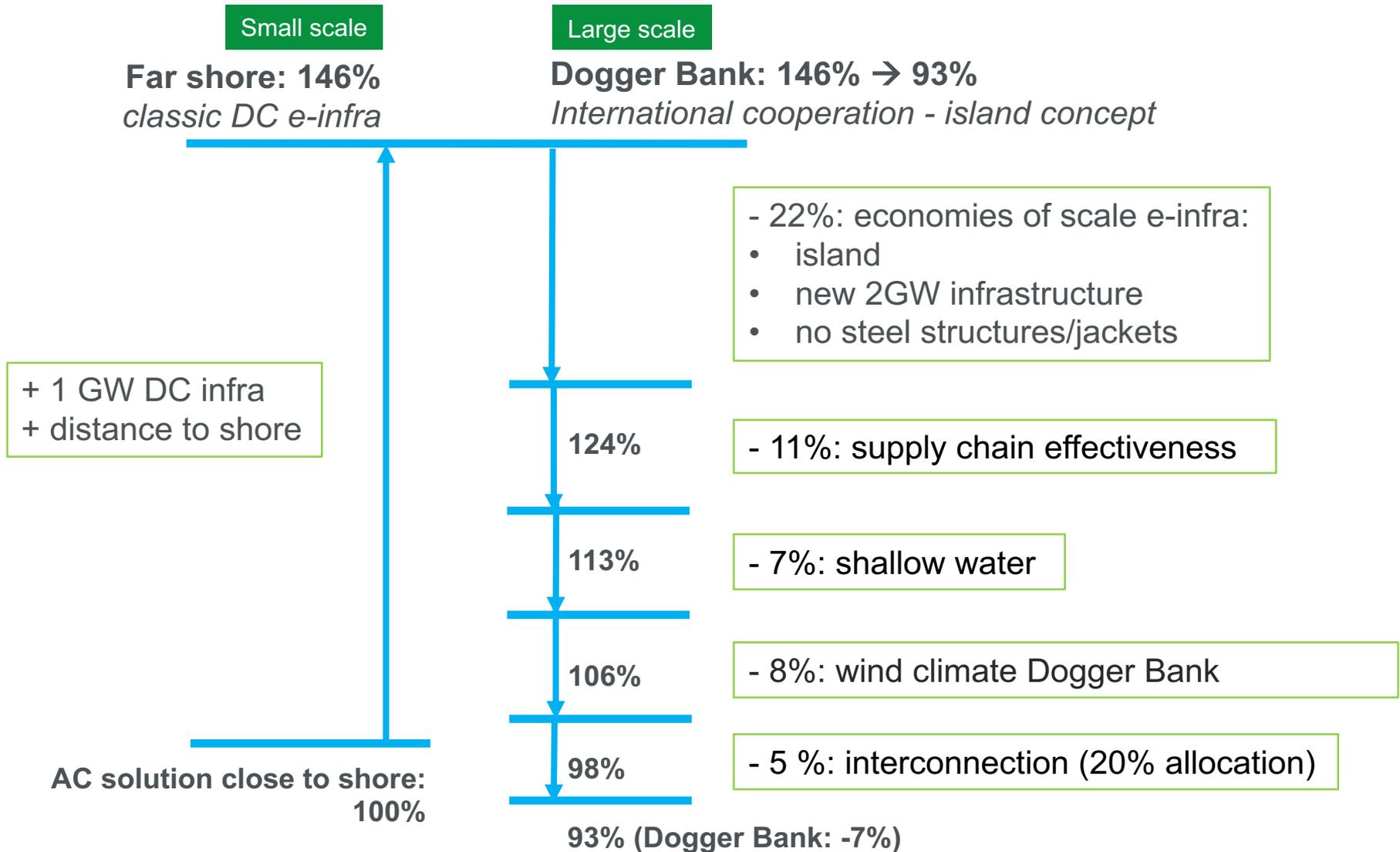
**Location:** When far shore becomes necessary, shallow waters with better wind conditions contribute to cost reduction

**Wind connector:** The wind connector combines large scale wind farms with powerful interconnectors for more efficient use of the electrical infrastructure and further European Market integration

**Hub function/ island:** By building an island, a hub function can be created with virtual near-shore environment allowing more economical AC/DC-solutions contributing to OPEX/CAPEX cost reductions

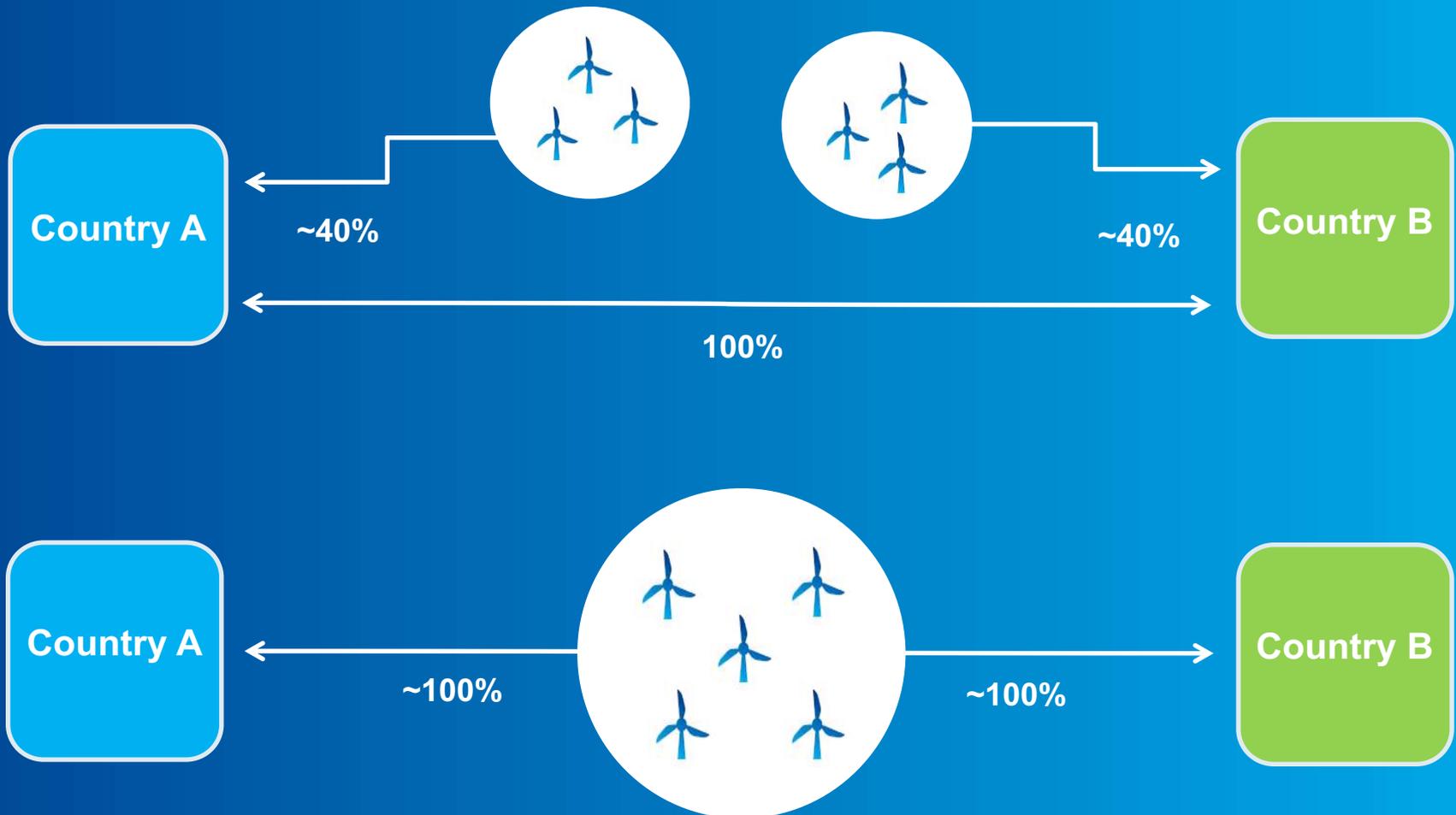


# Solution: scale



# Solution: the Wind Connector

The *'wind-connector'*: wind infrastructure and interconnector combined in one function



# The big step: hub and spoke system



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