

GP WIND UPDATE BULLETIN

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GP WIND – Theme Study Research

Since our last update bulletin, partners have been working mainly on the theme study research (WP3) lead by NINA.

Our 16 theme studies have been allocated to partners, peer reviewers have been appointed and native English speaker partners have volunteered to check the language of final versions.

The **8 environmental theme studies** have been distributed as follows:

1. Species impact offshore and onshore: Fish, Mammals, birds (including migratory routes) – lead by NINA, reviewed by LEITAT and RSPB.
2. Impact on habitats – lead by Savona, reviewed by ASEA and RSPB. Language check by SEAI.
3. Biodiversity – lead by the Scottish Government, reviewed by NINA and Savona.
4. Tackling Cumulative Impact Issues – lead by RSPB, reviewed by ADEP, the Scottish Government and SSE.
5. Systems and process for monitoring impacts; Examples of environmental mitigation techniques – lead by ADEP, reviewed by AUTH and SSE. Language check by RSPB.

6. Carbon Accounting Issues – lead by PIM, reviewed by the Scottish Government and SPR.

7. Construction and operation of facilities in the marine environment – lead by SSE, reviewed by SEAI and CnES.

8. Offshore – Human commercial activities: fisheries, Marine industries, seabed issues, landfall sites – lead by LEITAT, reviewed by APERE and CnES. Language check by SQW.

As for **community related issues**, the theme studies have been allocated in the following way:

9. Communication, awareness, information cascades – lead by SEAI, reviewed by ASEA and PIM.

10. Landscape & Managing visual impact issues (Visualisation techniques/ Mitigation actions) – lead by ASEA, reviewed by LEITAT and SQW. Language check by the Scottish Government.

11. Dealing with Noise Issues – including underwater – lead by CnES, reviewed by Savona and NINA.

12. Conflicts with other economic interests including tourism – lead by LEITAT, reviewed by PIM, SPEED and RWG. Language check by SPR.

13. Community concerns and acceptance – how to achieve 'buy in' – lead by APERE,

reviewed by SEAI and SPEED, language check by PIM.

14. Community benefit schemes (including community ownership) – lead by SPEED, reviewed by RWG and SQW. Language check by SPR.

15. Dealing with complex or entrenched public perception issues - lead by SPR, reviewed by APERE and ADEP

16. Undertaking Socio-Economic Analysis for developers – lead by SQW, reviewed by SPR and AUTH

The theme study research and the peer review are being successfully carried out, with the involvement of all partners and supporting partners, with the aim of producing high quality material.

GP WIND – Communication Activities

GP WIND partners have started implementing the project's communication strategy by participating in some relevant events (for instance the CWW conference which took place in Trondheim in May).

In addition to that, the first issue of the GP WIND newsletter has been sent in May to a wide number of contacts all over Europe and beyond.



GP WIND first newsletter

August will see the preparation of more of such activities through the revision of the CDAP (communication, dissemination and adoption plan) and the identification of events in the next months. If you wish to suggest an

event during which GP WIND could be promoted, please contact LEITAT.

GP WIND – Next Steps

The next implementation period foresees a wide range of activities, both technical and administrative.

The 16 thematic case studies (TCS) will be redrafted after the current undergoing peer review is complete, and following external advice.

In September the Regional Stakeholder Workshops will take place, with the aim of giving external stakeholders an opportunity to shape the final TCS.

The Scottish Government will provide draft material and advice on how to carry out the workshops.

Partners are encouraged to collect letters of support from stakeholders at the occasion of the workshops.

On October 25th, all partners will meet in Brussels at the Transnational Stakeholder Workshop, where the results of the TCS research will be discussed.

From an administrative point of view, next activities include:

- 1) Monitoring questionnaire and report (material will be circulated by the end of August)

2) Interim technical and financial report due by the end of September. Preparatory work already started.

3) Steering Group and WPCG meeting in Brussels on October 24th.

GP WIND – To Do

All partners should be aware of the following deadlines:

1) Send revised TCS to Duncan by Friday August 5th

2) Send draft (electronic) financial report (including timesheets) to Giulia by Friday August 5th

3) Send to Giulia data on communication activities carried out so far (number of recipients of the newsletter, events attended, articles published etc.) to be used in the interim report (by end of August)

4) send LEITAT list of possible communication activities to be carried out in the next implementation period.

Thanks to all the partners for the hard work and enjoy your holiday!