# Journey to Plan-led Offshore Wind in Ireland

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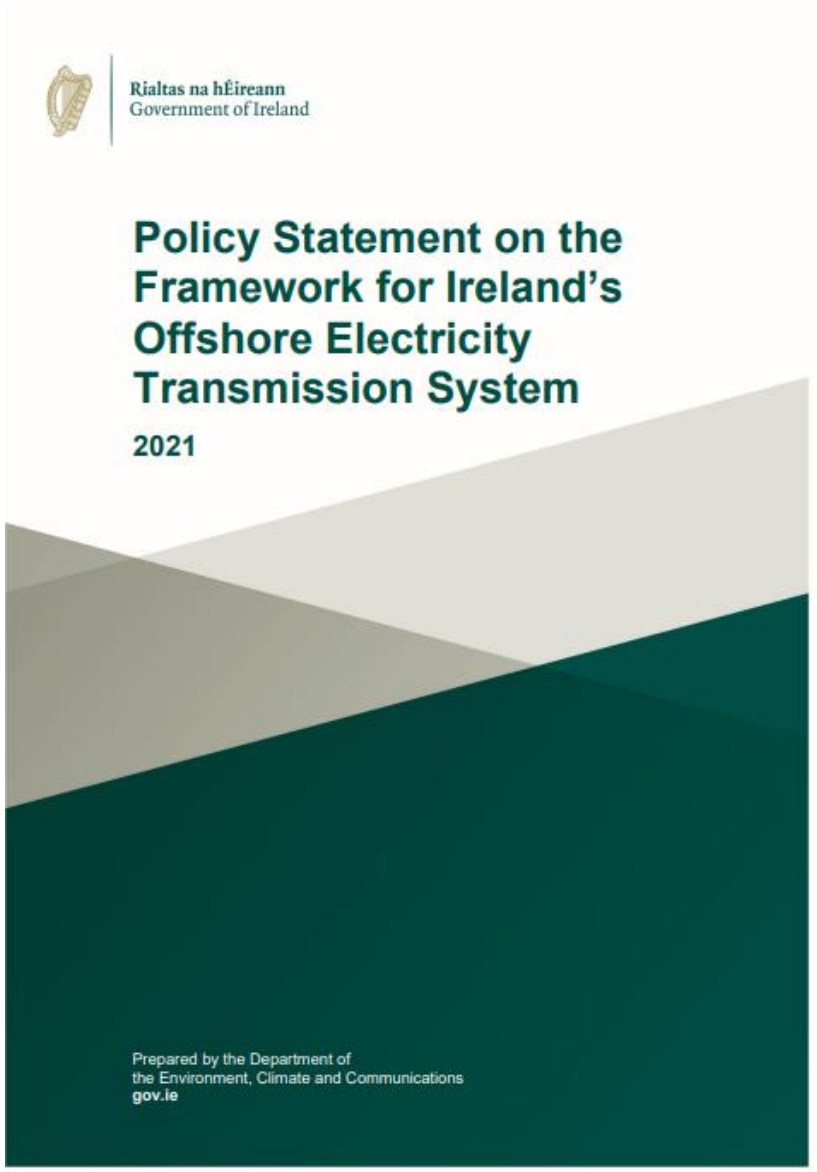
Climate Action Plan sets out the ambition of a grid to accommodate up to 80% of Ireland's electricity from renewable sources by 2030 and facilitate the development of connecting at 5GW of offshore wind.

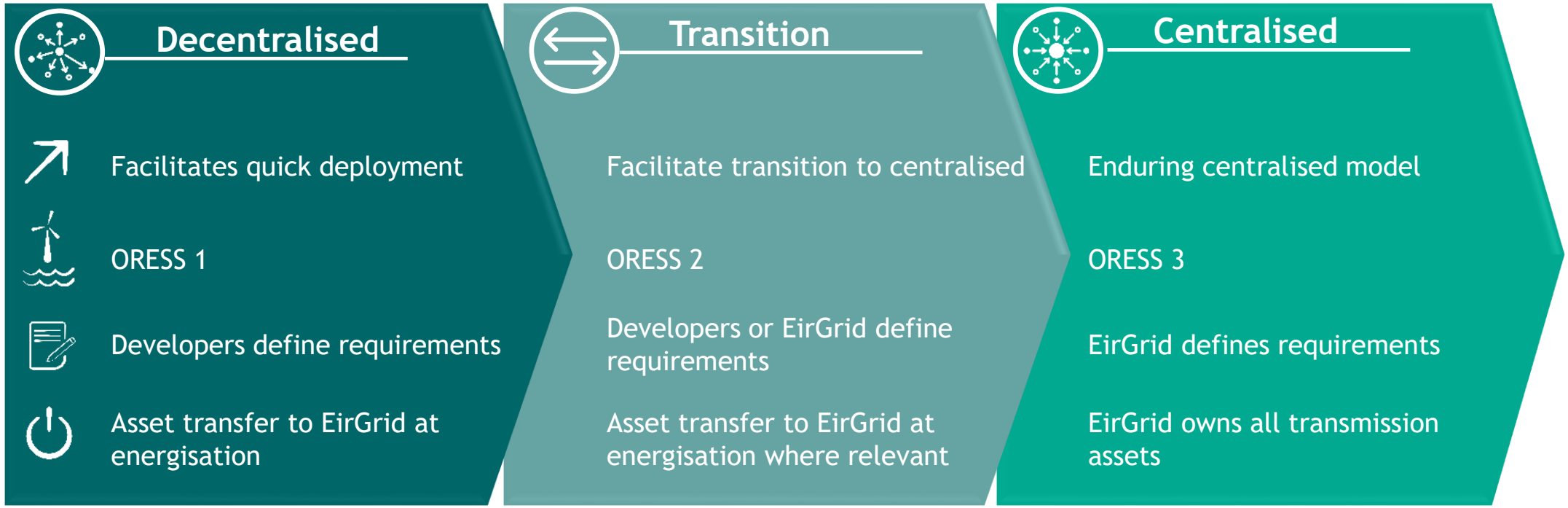
# Key Enablers for Offshore Wind

- New regulatory consenting regime
- Route to market through scheduled RESS auctions
- New framework for developing an offshore transmission system and phased transition
- Designation of EirGrid as the system operator and asset owner of Ireland's offshore electricity transmission system



# May 2021 Government Policy Statement -
## Framework for Ireland's Offshore Electricity Transmission System

The framework provides for a phased transition from a decentralised offshore transmission system model to a centralised model over the course of this decade, with ownership of offshore transmission system assets to be assigned to EirGrid, Ireland's existing electricity Transmission System Operator.

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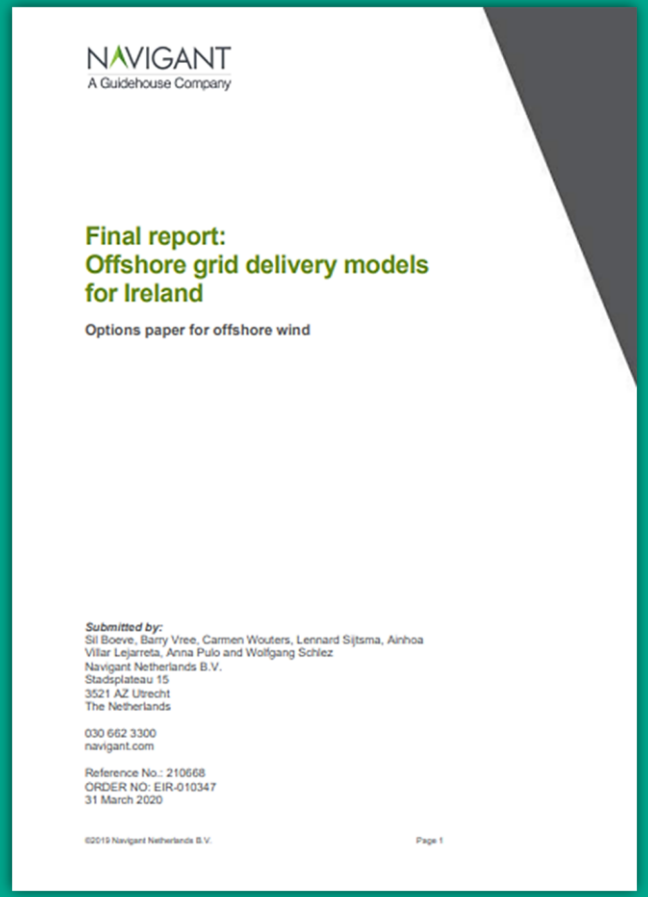
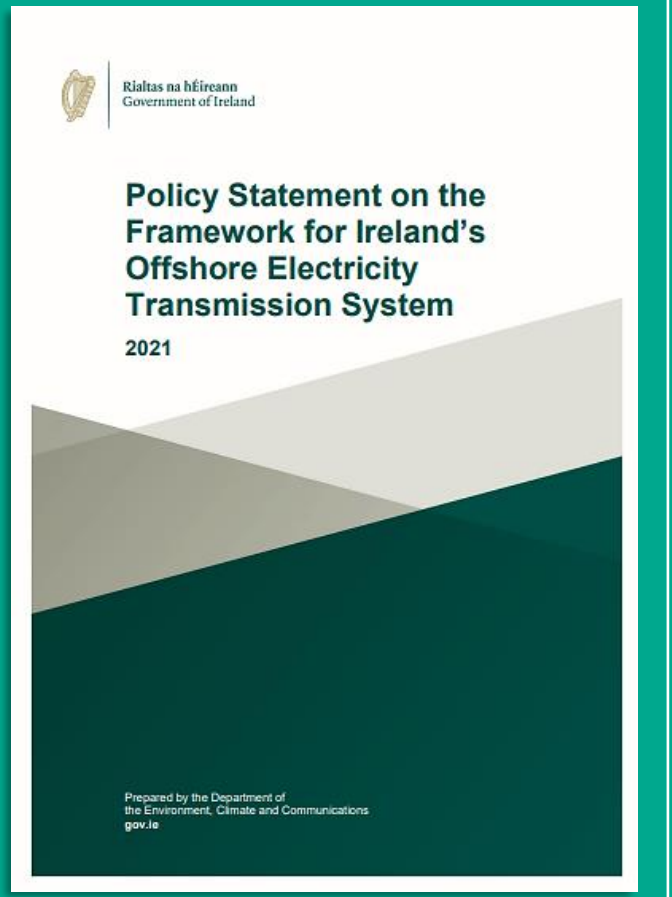
# Policy Framework





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# How is Offshore Wind being Developed?

## Phase 1 - Developer led 3.1 GW

- Auction held 2023 and four successful projects.
- Pathway for Merchant Projects


## Phase 2 - Plan led 900MW (EirGrid)

- South coast – EirGrid develops the grid offshore.
- Private developers then connect to offshore station locations.


## Phase 3 - Plan led 2 GW

- Floating offshore wind in development by 2030

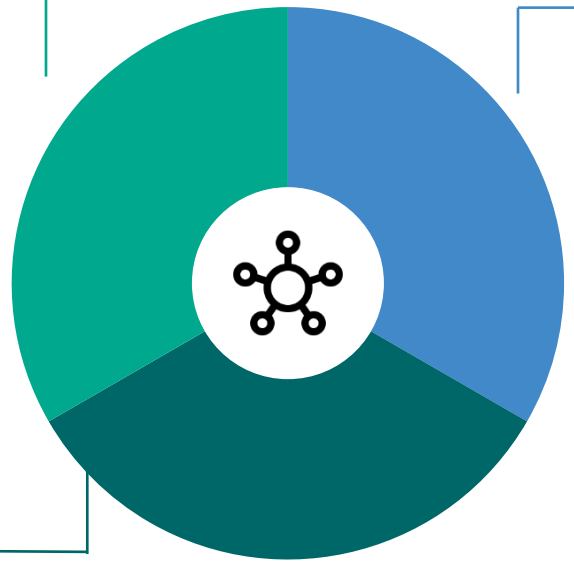
# Benefits of a Plan-Led (Centralised) Model

## Efficiency

- Coordination of on- and offshore grid
- Optimises infrastructure requirements
- Optimisation of O&M

## Technology

- Facilitates future-proofing
- Facilitates interconnection
- Facilitates larger and more distant offshore wind farms
- Supports future Power to Gas projects



## Public Acceptance

- Coordination of public acceptance
- Reduce overall grid requirements

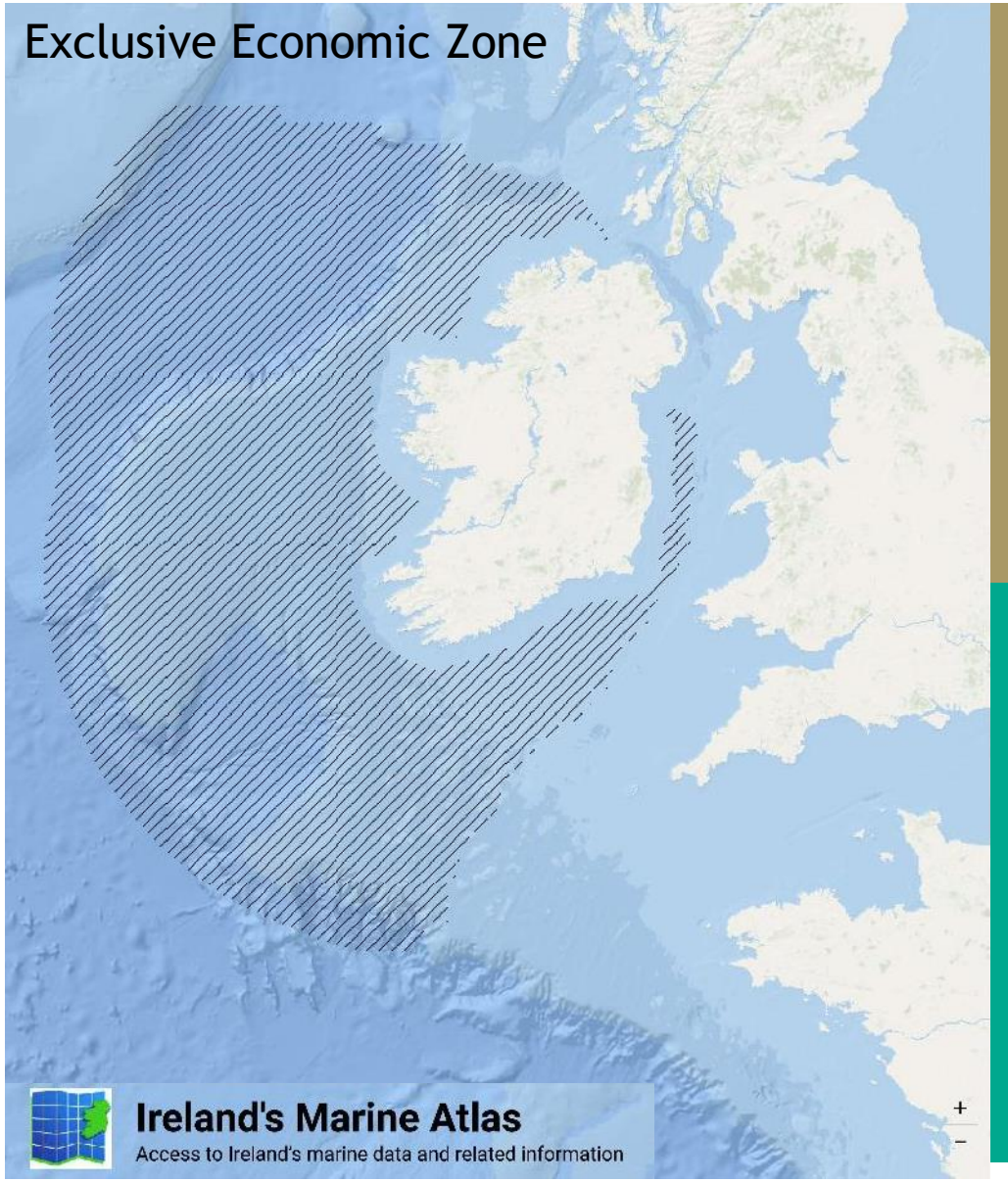
A centralised development model is recognised as generating maximum societal benefits due to natural monopoly efficiencies

# Harnessing Ireland's Offshore Renewable Energy Resources

- Ireland's large & relatively unconstrained maritime area
- Potential offshore energy resources available significantly outweigh domestic demand
- Phase 1 & 2 to addresses decarbonisation of domestic energy supply as quickly as possible

**Post 2030 - Phase 3 considers an enduring regime:**

- Takes 2030 targets as starting point
- Potential for offshore renewable energy generation capacity
- Long-term energy demand scenarios
- Interconnection with other energy markets and working to develop a pan-European electricity grid

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# Transition in Grid Delivery Models

Phase 1 – Developer-Led: responsible for planning, consent, design, finance, procurement, construction and commissioning of transmission infrastructure

Phase 2 – Accelerated transition: EirGrid responsible for planning, consent, design, finance, procurement, construction and commissioning of transmission infrastructure

| Wind Farm Developer Owned | EirGrid Owned | ESB Networks Owned |
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- A connection between the offshore substations and existing substations onshore. This will involve undersea and underground electricity cables.

# Thank you

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