

Second to none wind energy framework - think Denmark

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A 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) is hereby established with the aim of strengthening and continuing the strong collaboration between the global wind energy industry and the Danish government.

Background

Continued cooperation over the last more than 40 years has resulted in Denmark and the wind energy industry having created a leading industrial hub for wind energy. The wind energy industry has taken advantage of the openness from and cooperation with the political level and created substantial economic activity through manufacturing facilities, test-facilities and R&DD-efforts, which will continue the innovative path of wind power.

The wind energy market is developing rapidly on a global scale leading to increased growth and job creation in the wind energy industry and especially within offshore wind energy solutions. Decisive investments will be made in the coming years related to placing of new production facilities as the sizes of offshore wind turbines will require larger facilities located next to port areas in order to avoid onshore transportation.

Up to now, the wind energy industry has contributed continuously to the Danish economy leading to a foot print of more than 33.000 jobs and a turn-over of 143 billion dkk in 2017.

The platform for creating the strong wind energy industry hub in Denmark is to a large extent due to a shared vision of green transition and a long-term stable political framework with the Energy Agreement of 29 June 2018 backed up by all Parties of Parliament as testimony to this. There has been a solid focus on development of a robust environment supportive of the needs of the wind energy industry. Thereby changing Danish governments have played a pivotal role in developing the wind energy technology from a niche technology to a mature and globally competitive electricity generating technology.



Innovative framework and showcasing the latest solutions are key

The signatories to this MoU agree to strengthen the collaboration enabling Denmark to remain a preferred country partner for the global wind energy industry. The signatories agree to establish a dialogue forum 'Growth in the Wind Energy Industry' that meets at least once a year for a stock-taking of the Danish conditions for continued growth in the wind energy industry.

This MoU underscores the ambition of the Danish government for Denmark to be a vital base for the leading players in the global wind energy industry, notably by providing state-of-the-art framework conditions and an attractive environment for the wind industry related to areas such as research and development, test and demonstration facilities, access to skilled labor and a market for state-of-the-art onshore and offshore wind.

The industry signatories state their intention to continuously taking the value-proposition that Denmark presents into consideration when making strategic business and investment decisions to ensure a continued partnership to grow and develop the wind energy technology base in Denmark.

Signatories



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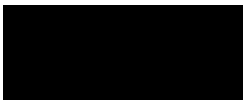
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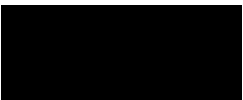
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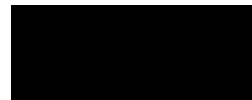
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