Lessons from onshore wind decommissioning

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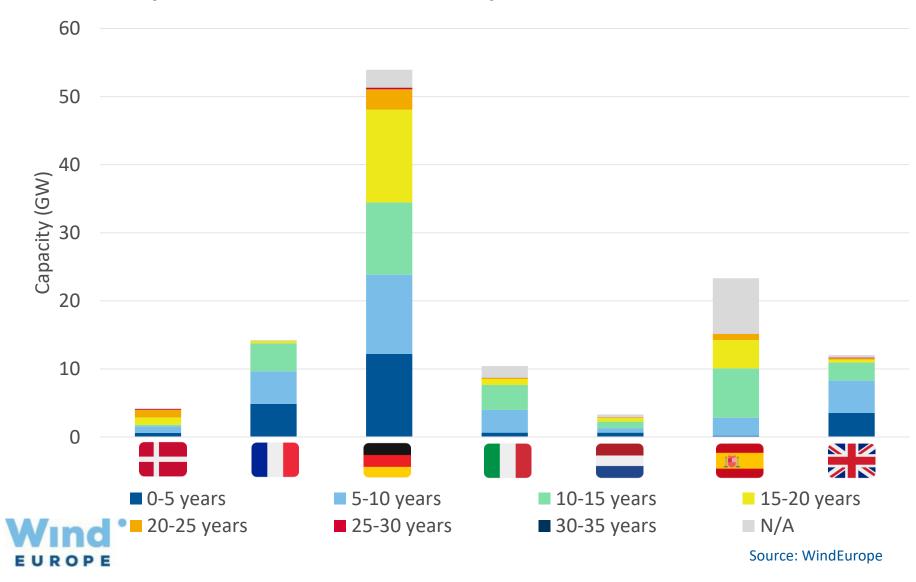
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An aging onshore fleet: *More than 16 GW in Germany are older than 15 years*



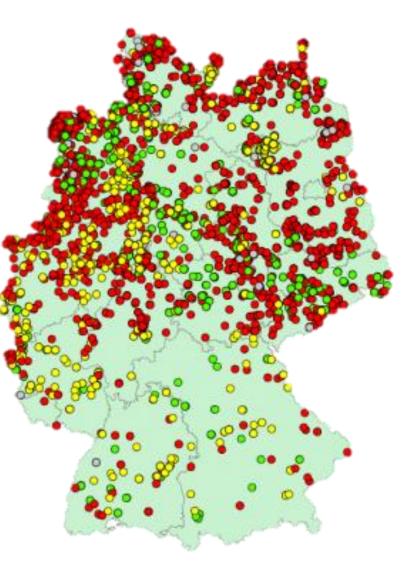
Where it's possible to repower wind farms in Germany, September 2019

Repowering possible

Repowering might be possible

Repowering not possible





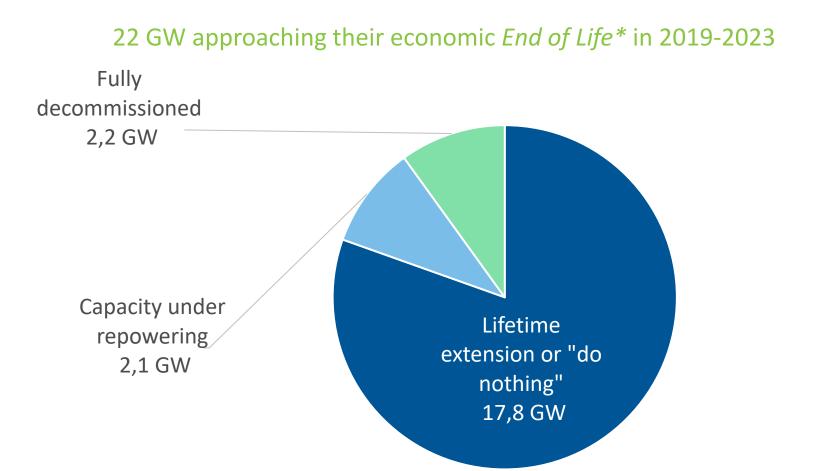
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Repowering doubles a wind farm's capacity and lowers turbine numbers by a third



Malpica wind farm before and after repowering

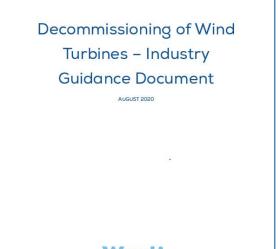
Most ageing wind farms are getting lifetime extension

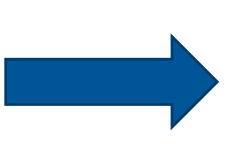




*Economic End of Life: an asset becoming 20 years old

Towards an international standard





IEC Technical Committee TC 88

NEW WORK ITEM PROPOSAL Extension of scope of 61400-28 with Decommissioning and preparation for recycling



Decommissioning and Dismantling Industry Guidelines



Non-prescriptive general guidance for onshore wind Decision-makers, including asset owners, governments and customers

At the End of Life Issues (EoLIS) Seminar (18-20 Nov 2020)



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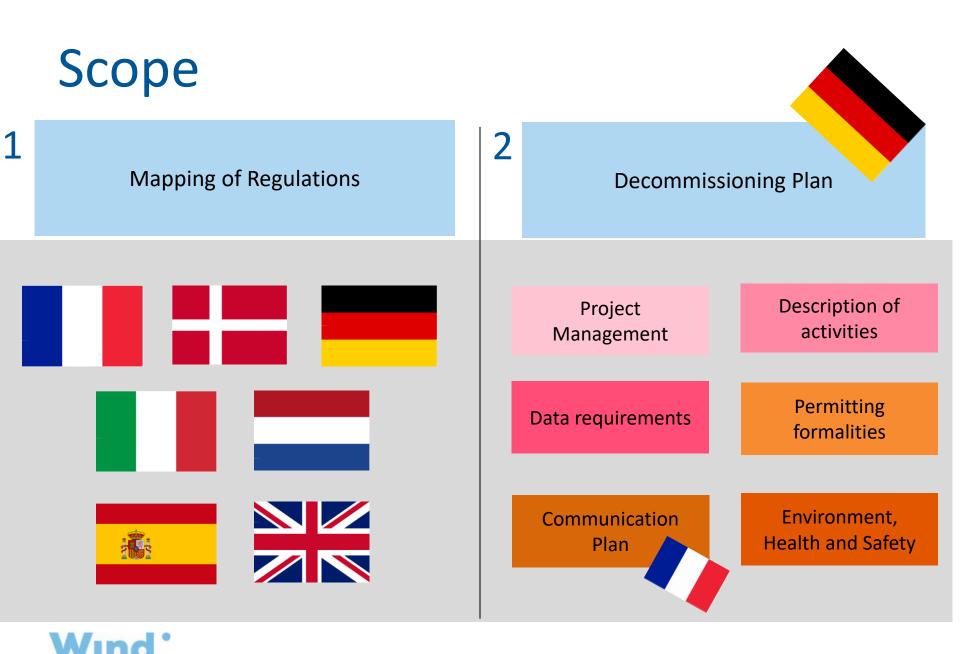




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Scope

3	Dismantling	4	Resource Management			5	Site restoration
	Disassembly		Concrete Metals		Prevent Reuse		Restore to greenfield
	Cutting and separating		Composites		Repurpose Recycle	n	Damage ninimisation
	Loading and Transport		Rare Earths Oils		Recove- ry Dispo- sal	F	Visual Remediation
		Other materials					



Key points in our guidance document

- Different rules for decommissioning and dismantling across Europe,
- a communication plan needs to involve different stakeholders,
- health and safety requirements should always be a top priority,
- the decommissioned site should be returned to a greenfield.

