

Annex - Examples of nature-friendly and community-positive non-price criteria previously included in national auctions

Non-price criteria	Examples
Criteria to avoid damage at site	<p><u>France:</u> Environmental award criteria in the auction for the Brittany floating offshore wind farm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimisation of the occupation of the zone. - The minimum amount that the applicant undertakes to allocate to Environmental, Social and Governance measures, called ERC measures (i.e. measures to avoid negative environmental impacts, reduce them when it is not possible to avoid them and compensate for them as a last resort).
Criteria to reduce damage at site	<p><u>France:</u> Environmental award criteria in the auction for the Brittany floating offshore wind farm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The minimum amount that the applicant undertakes to allocate to ERC measures (i.e., measures to avoid negative environmental impacts, reduce them when it is not possible to avoid them and compensate for them as a last resort). <p><u>Germany:</u> Award criteria relating to noise levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of turbines drilled without heavy-weight foundations or impulse drilling as a share of all the turbines to be installed. <p><u>The Netherlands:</u> Award criteria in the auction for Hollandse Kust West Site VI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The extent to which the project will limit negative effects on the conservation of birds, or promote positive effects on the conservation of marine habitat in the Dutch North Sea. - The extent to which innovative solutions are based on scientific knowledge at the time of submission, and are plausible to implement and measure. <p>Award criteria in the auction for IJmuiden Ver Wind Farm Zone Site Alpha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing measures in the wind farm area and determining their effectiveness to reduce negative ecological effects on locally occurring birds and marine mammals.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to knowledge development to reduce negative ecological effects and strengthen positive ecological effects in the wind farm area. <p>Award criteria for IJmuiden Ver Site Beta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measures that contribute to reducing the number of days harbour porpoises are disturbed during the construction phase of the wind farm.
Criteria to avoid and reduce damage from a lifecycle perspective (recycling, pollution, climate footprint and decommissioning)	<p><u>Denmark:</u> Expected requirements for Kriegers Flak II, Kattegat, Hesselø and North Sea I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Product Declarations: applicants must submit documentation and comply with the environmental performance of the central components of the offshore wind farm by developing Environmental Product Declarations (EPD). - Recyclable Turbine Blades: applicants must submit documentation for the Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) by the construction start-up deadline, which is December 2029 for most areas, except for Hesselø, which is December 2028. - Obligation to decommission the Offshore Wind Farm: the applicant must, at its own cost and risk, dismantle and decommission the offshore wind farm after receiving any approvals, licences and permits needed to comply with country laws. <p><u>France:</u> Award criteria for the auctions for floating offshore wind farm in the Mediterranean and in Brittany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blade recycling or reuse rate and permanent magnet generator recycling or reuse rate (targeting a recycling rate between 80 and 100%). - A hard requirement for developers to commit to a carbon footprint below 2,000 kg CO₂/kW (of installed capacity). <p><u>The Netherlands:</u> Award criteria for IJmuiden Ver Wind Farm Zone Site Alpha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The circular design of the wind farm (including the following components: wind turbine foundation; transition piece; tower; nacelle; rotor blades; and inter-array cables). - The use of alternative (circular) materials and critical and strategic raw materials, including rare earth metals. - The greenhouse gas footprint of wind turbines over their lifetime. <p><u>Norway:</u> In the prequalification for Sørlige Nordsjøen II developers were asked to describe how they would:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endeavour to minimise the project's carbon footprint. - Contribute to good waste management, with a particular emphasis on recycling. <p>(However, no minimum thresholds were defined for the above requirements, and they were not used as award criteria).</p>
Criteria to restore and regenerate ecosystems	<p><u>Denmark:</u> Expected requirements for Kattegat and North Sea I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must develop and complete nature positive initiatives, and provide the Danish Energy Agency (DEA) with a plan for completion of the initiatives within 6 months of the concession's signing date. These wind farms must be established with nature inclusive design (NID) adapted to the local area. <p><u>France:</u> Award criteria for the auctions for floating offshore wind farm in the Mediterranean and in Brittany: Minimum amount that the applicant undertakes to allocate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERC measures (see above) and the environmental monitoring of the project (excluding its dismantling). - A fund intended to finance actions to preserve the biodiversity potentially impacted by the project, and going beyond the actions implemented under the ERC measures, and to improve knowledge of the biodiversity. <p><u>The Netherlands:</u> Award criteria in the auction for Hollandse Kust West Site VI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The extent to which the project will limit negative effects on the conservation of birds, or promote positive effects on the conservation of marine habitat in the Dutch North Sea. <p>Award criteria in the auction for IJmuiden Ver Wind Farm Zone Site Alpha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening and restoring underwater nature, marine ecosystems and naturally occurring diversity of benthos in the wind farm area, and contributing to knowledge development to reduce negative ecological effects and strengthen positive ecological effects in the wind farm area.
Criteria for monitoring and information sharing	<p><u>Denmark:</u> Expected requirements for Kriegers Flak II, Kattegat, Hesselø and North Sea I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must develop and maintain an environmental impact monitoring programme for the offshore wind farm.

	<p><u>France:</u> Award criteria for the auctions for floating offshore wind farm in the Mediterranean and in Brittany:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The minimum amount that the applicant undertakes to allocate for monitoring. <p><u>The Netherlands:</u> Award criteria in the auction for Hollandse Kust West Site VI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The extent to which knowledge and experience are shared to contribute to solving knowledge gaps (including Environmental Impact Assessments). - The extent to which knowledge and experience are shared about the innovations being demonstrated. <p>Award criteria in the IJmuiden Ver Wind Farm Zone Site Alpha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to knowledge development to reduce negative ecological effects and strengthen positive ecological effects in the wind farm area. - The permit holder shares public information about its commitments as regards measures to be applied and the assessments of the wind farm. - The permit holder shares public information about its commitments relating to the circularity of the wind farm. <p><u>Norway:</u> Prequalification criteria for Sørlige Nordsjøen II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developers were required to have a plan for nature and environment, aiming to maintain these considerations during the implementation of the project, and aiming to contribute to improve knowledge and innovation to reduce the environmental impact.
Social criteria	<p><u>Belgium:</u> Prequalification criteria for the Princess Elisabeth Zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 1% of the total investment costs of the project will be open to direct and/or indirect citizen participation - Direct and/or indirect citizen participation is open to all citizens without any discrimination based on gender, social origin, race, political affiliation or religion. <p>Award criteria used for citizen participation in the auctions for the Princess Elisabeth Zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage of citizen participation above the required 1% (eligibility) - Percentage of direct citizen participation - Criteria on the degree of transparency, degree of accessibility, and level of participation in the plan

Denmark:

Expected requirements for Kriegers Flak II, Kattegat, Hesselø and North Sea I:

- Indirect state co-ownership of 20%.
- Employment of a given number of trainees.
- Protections against social dumping.
- Compliance with human rights and international conventions.
- Ensuring that subcontractors also comply with social clauses.

France:

Award criteria for the auctions for floating offshore wind farm in the Mediterranean and in Brittany:

- A minimum share of the work related to the bid should be procured from an SME.
- Proportion of servicing, maintenance and operation services that the bidder undertakes that have to be carried out by SMEs.
- Amount of financing or equity investment proposed for the installation.
- Commitments to the professional integration of people experiencing particular social or professional difficulties.

Germany:

Award criteria in auctions for centrally pre-developed areas:

- Contribution to workforce development through investment in training, the hiring of apprentices, and the percentage of the workforce that are apprentices.

The Netherlands:

Award criteria in the auctions for IJmuiden Ver Wind Farm Zone Sites Alpha and Beta:

- Compliance with the International Responsible Business Conduct (IRBC) principles for the Renewable Energy Sector through a criterion for participation in the IRBC Agreement and having due diligence policies focusing on human rights, environment, and recovery and redress.

Norway:

Minimum prequalification criteria for Sørlige Nordsjø II:

- The project will contribute to competence development in the supply industry and provide incentives for the use of skilled workers and apprentices.
- The applicant must have a plan for how the project will contribute to SMEs gaining experience in the delivery of products or services within the offshore wind sector in the following segments: studies,

	<p>manufacture, installation, operation and maintenance. In this context, SMEs are defined as companies with up to 100 employees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The applicant must have in place a plan for how the project will contribute to developing the supply chain industry in an economically sustainable manner that will help Europe and Norway.
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