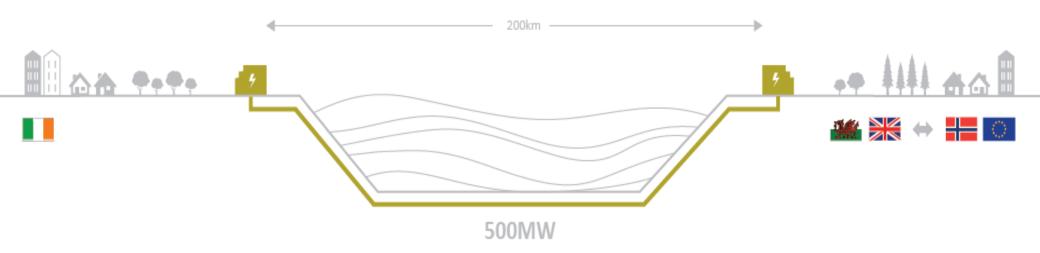
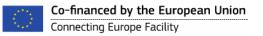
### GREENLINK INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT UPDATE



Wexford County Council 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019





### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**



#### Greenlink is Ireland's next interconnector



### TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

- Nominal 500MW
- HVDC ~±300kV single symmetrical monopole
- Voltage Source Convertors



#### CABLE ROUTE

- Great Island sub station -County Wexford
- Pembroke sub station Wales
- ~200km of HVDC land and marine cable and ~1km of HVAC

#### **PROJECT TIMING**

- Planning Appl. Q4 2019
- Regulatory finalisation in 2H 2019
- FID for €400m in 2H 2020
- Construction 2020 2023

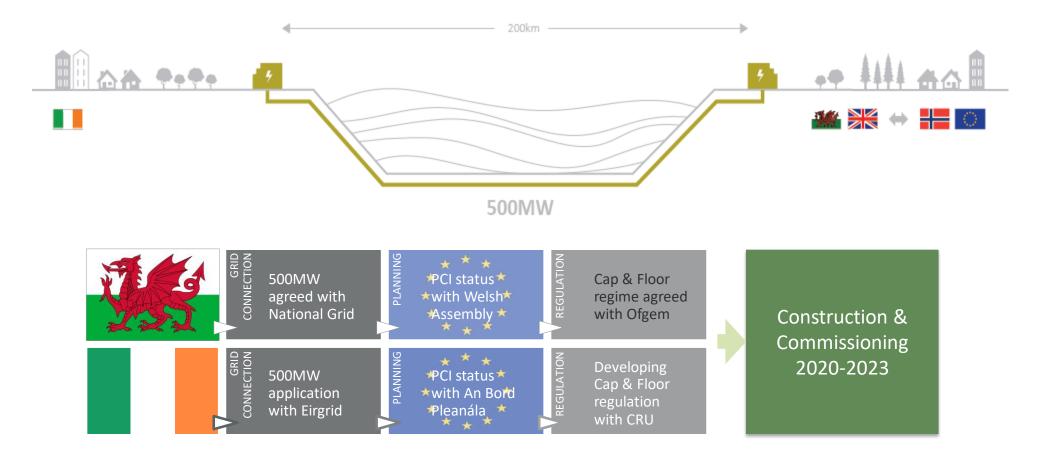
### **PROJECT TIMELINE**







Greenlink is fully supported by the CRU, Ofgem and EU. The path to financial close is now established and the project is targeting 2020 for construction





#### CRU and DDCAE have a clear trajectory for the establishment of Irish interconnector policy

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## GREENLINK LEVERAGING RENEWABLE ENERGY



#### Greenlink will stimulate investment in affordable low carbon energy, including offshore wind

#### Irish wind resource is plentiful and predictable

• Typical North Atlantic low pressure moving north easterly across Ireland

#### Irish wholesale prices fall and surplus energy is exported to GB

- Less curtailment by 5,500 GWh<sup>(a)</sup> through 2047
- Higher renewable revenues for longer avg. €3.20/MWh in GB
- Better returns for renewable investment
- Lower cost to consumers €800m<sup>(b)(c)</sup>

#### Further interconnection with higher priced markets will increase the affordability of nascent Irish offshore wind

- Greater economies of scale but larger initial investment
- Capturing Ireland's greatest natural resource?



a) Sum of avoided curtailment between 2023-2047

b) NPV@3.5%, real 2017€

c) Source: Baringa 2017, Greenlink CBA analysis Reference Case

### **BREXIT AND POWER TRADING**



Post Brexit the UK remains a natural stepping stone to connect to Europe's energy markets

#### In the event of a hard Brexit

- UK and EU are both WTO members
- No tariffs on the trading of interconnector capacity
- ISEM prevails
- GB does not participate in market coupling remains a higher priced market

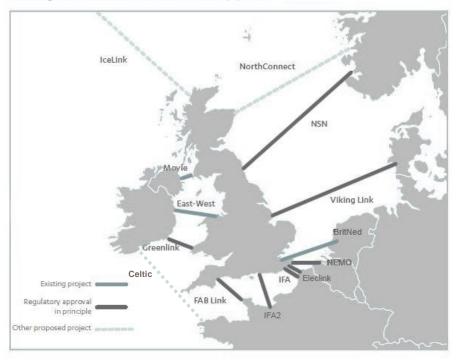
#### UK continues to support Greenlink

- PCI status
- Proactive and coordinated approach with CRU
- · Security of supply policy independent of Brexit

#### UK is the third largest generator in Europe

- UK 338.6 TWh cf. Ireland 30.4 TWh
- Forecast 10GW of interconnector capacity with continental Europe and Scandinavia
- A natural link to Europe that avoids excessive capex and line losses

#### Existing interconnectors and the future pipeline



### **BENEFITS - OVERVIEW**



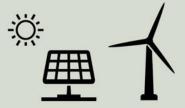


Potential to power 380,000 homes\*



€400m

of private capital investment for Ireland and Wales



Energy

Supports the growth and integration of low carbon energy

**Security** Enhances the security of supply for electricity consumers





Downward pressure on electricity bills



Jobs and knock-on economic benefits during construction

\*Figure for number of homes is based on typical annual Irish household use of 4,200 kWh (CER, Review of Typical Consumption Figures – Decision Paper 12 March 2017 (CER17042) and estimated total flows from UK to SEM of 1,600,000 MWh/yr.

### Greenlink is a cost-efficient source of future interconnection for Ireland



✓ Additional transmission network capacity, reinforcing the electricity grid in Ireland.

- ✓ Valuable regional investment to Ireland and Co. Wexford
- ✓ Direct jobs and knock-on economic benefits throughout the supply chain during construction



Greenlink is committed to maximising the use of locally-based contractors and personnel during the construction and operational phases of the project.

Types of skills and services that could be locally sourced include:

- Transportation equipment and personnel
- Materials, e.g. supplying and pouring concrete
- Electrical connection
- Hospitality and catering for civil engineering
- activities and earthworks
- Office and cleaning supplies
- Site security
- Site services, e.g. portacabins and portaloos
- Fencing
- Waste disposal





### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

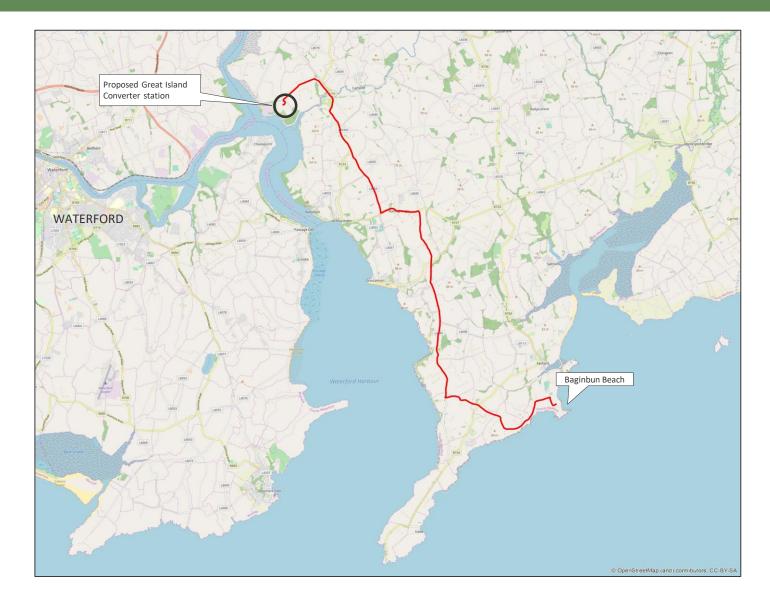


#### **Converter Station (Ireland)** Indigenous Adjacent to Great Island Power Station material 850 mm (Appro Warning tape HVAC cables (c. <0.5km) Protective covers • Underground cable technology • To connect converter station to the existing electricity substation Thermally suitable, granulated material Power cable in plastic duct. 300 mm HVDC cable (Onshore Ireland, 23kM approx.) Approx. Optical fibre duct 700 mm • Underground cable technology Approx. • Generally along existing roads • Usually installed in plastic duct to simplify the construction process **On-road HVDC cable trench detail** • 2 cables in a single trench with a typical depth of cover of 850mm to 1000mm protective cover and warning tape • Fibre optic cable for controls Submarine cable

- Horizontal Directional Drill preferred under beach at landfalls
- Cable pulled ashore from cable-lay vessel, through pre-installed duct

CABLE ROUTE





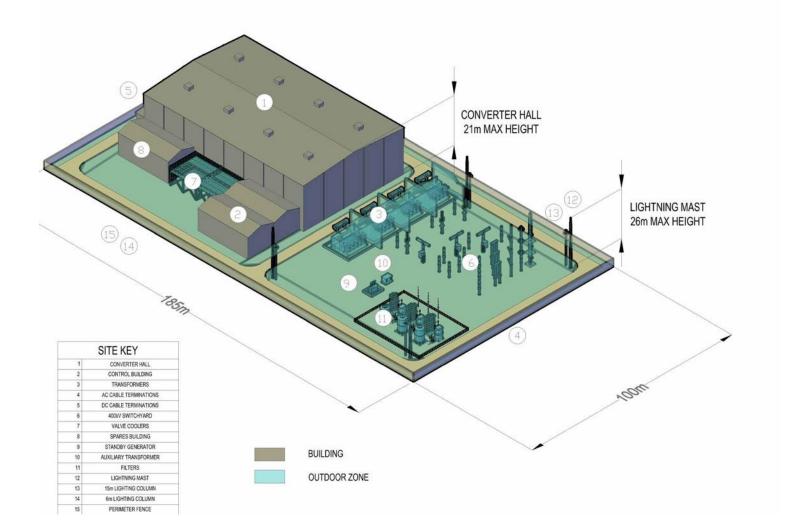
### CABLE ROUTE





### INDICATIVE CONVERTER STATION





### CONSULTATION



#### Early and transparent access to information

Opportunities to input & influence final proposal

Information brochure (3 editions to date)

Public exhibitions at key stages in the development

-June/July 2018 Fethard & Duncannon

-January 2019- Fethard & Duncannon

-March 2019 Ramsgrange

Presentation to Wexford CC 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Website including all planning documents and FAQs

Clear contact details to enable questions and one-to-one engagement

Presentations to community forums

Engagement with local supply chain

Demonstration that local community's views have been fully considered in final plans

# Public consultation is a core part of the development process







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