



## **ETERNAL SUMMER**

### **Energy Community Summer School Webinar Series**

#### **Session I: Connecting Offshore Wind Energy - Practical and Regulatory Considerations**

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***Moderated by Dirk Buschle***

**7 October 2020, 5.00-5.45 p.m.**

Please be invited to the inaugural session of the Energy Community Summer School's new Webinar Series. In the course of this series, representatives of the faculty, alumni and other friends of the Summer School will share their particular insight and experience with you, and invite you for a discussion in the spirit of the Summer School.

**About the topic:** Coastal states, especially around the North Sea and Baltic Sea, are counting on offshore wind for their renewable energy plans. With the planned increase in offshore wind capacity, it becomes increasingly relevant how to connect these windfarms in a cost-effective way. This can be done for example by a "meshed offshore electricity grid", which connects different countries and the offshore windfarms between them. However, there are several practical and regulatory barriers on the way to an offshore grid. In her presentation, Nieuwenhout will explain which options are available to connect offshore wind farms, which barriers currently exist and how to overcome these barriers.

**About the speaker:** Ceciel Nieuwenhout is a Summer School Alumna and a PhD researcher at the University of Groningen (Groningen Centre for Energy Law). She has written a dissertation on the legal framework for an offshore electricity grid in the North Sea, dealing with various legal and regulatory aspects of offshore electricity cables and the cooperation between coastal states. This dissertation, which is due to be defended on 16 November, is linked to the Horizon2020 project PROMOTioN.

**About the Summer School:** Initiated by the [Energy Community Secretariat](#) in autumn 2015, the Energy Community Summer School aims to promote the development of participants' competences in all topics related to energy through a dedicated multi-disciplinary programme. The Summer School is supported by a network of academic and research institution from the Energy Community and beyond. The Summer School is chaired by Dirk Buschle, Deputy Director of the Energy Community Secretariat and Chairholder of the Iberdrola Manuel Marin Chair for European Energy Policy at the College of Europe.

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With kind regards,

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