

# National Grid

WP6 - National Grid's pilot project on stakeholder engagement in offshore interconnectors

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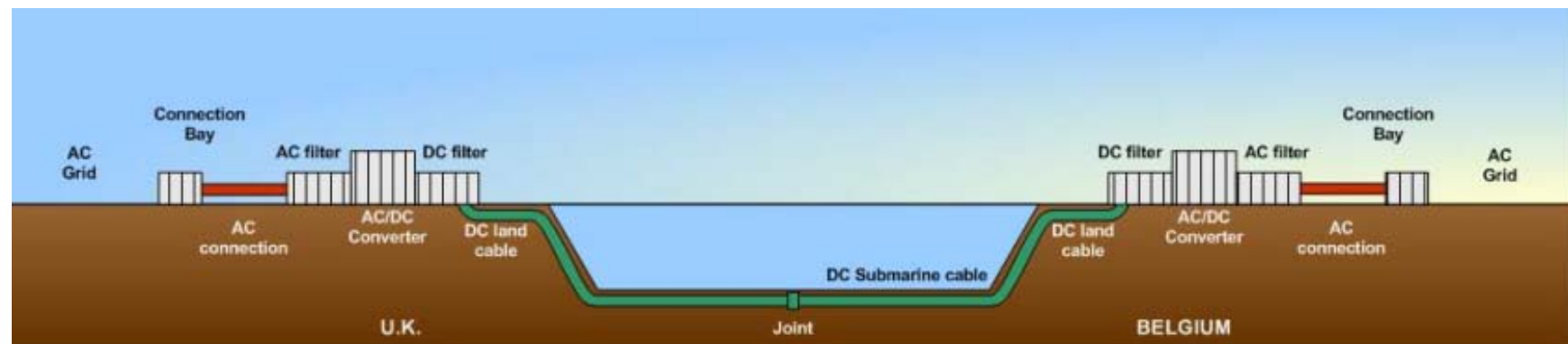


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- Develop a new approach on how to comprehensively apply good practice in marine-led/interconnector projects
- National Grid is systematically evaluating and building upon experiences from marine projects, including interconnector projects.
- Key Tasks:
  - Develop new and additional measures to improve public acceptance
  - Speed up permitting via early stakeholder engagement and early consideration of environmental concerns
  - Engage in an exchange of experiences and dissemination activities to support the implementation of best practices in other projects across the EU.

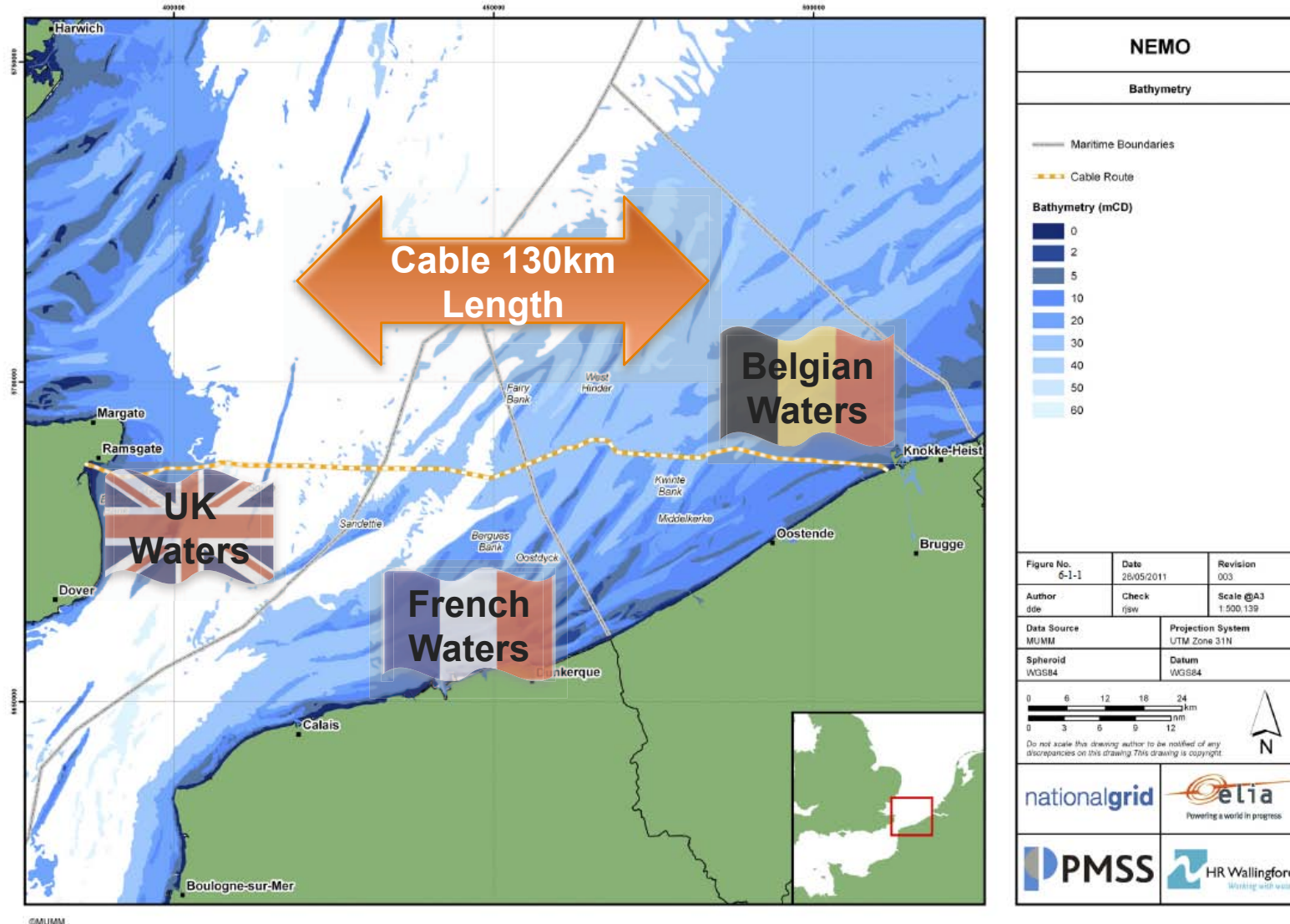
- National Grid is focusing on the evaluation of the Nemo Link® project.
- Permitting and consultation for marine elements of Nemo Link® project are complete, therefore WP6 focuses on a post-evaluation process
  - We are also drawing from our experiences with other marine grid development projects.
  - Importance of the land sea interface.



- The Nemo Link® Interconnector is an electrical connection between the UK and Belgium;
- Nemo Link® is a joint venture between National Grid Nemo Link® Limited (“NGNLL”), a subsidiary company of the UK’s National Grid Plc, and the Belgian Elia group;
- The subsea cable will run from Pegwell Bay in the UK to Zeebrugge in Belgium; and will pass through English, French and Belgian waters.
- Nemo Link® will give both countries improved reliability and access to electricity and sustainable generation

# The Nemo Link® Project

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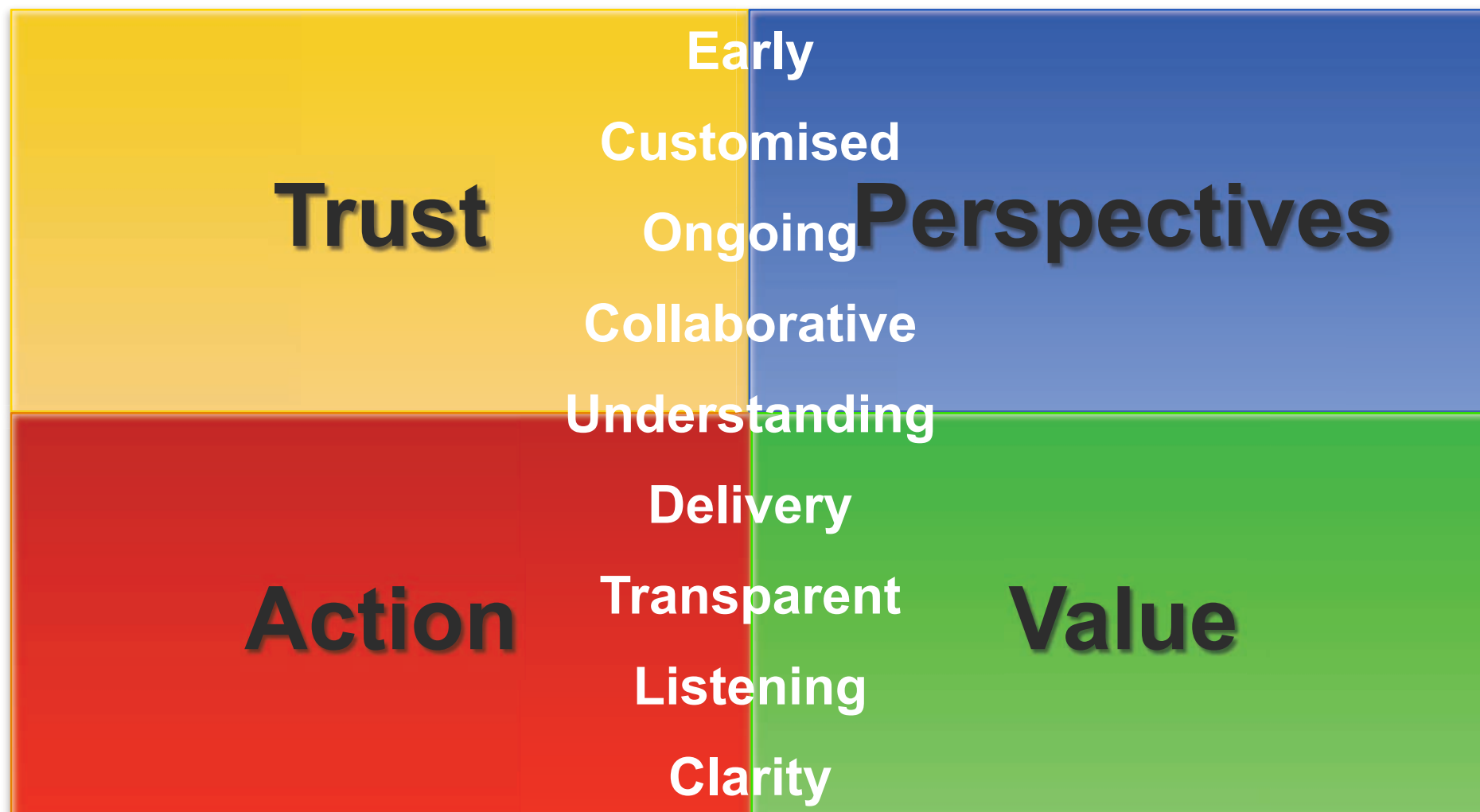
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- We discovered there was a lack of clarity in implementing the process.
  1. One example of this was uncertainty over individual competent authority remit and decision making powers
- This resulted in delays in issuing the marine licence.
- 2. There is not always cross-regional link-up between regional teams in both government and non-governmental organisations
- As a result learning from other projects was not carried forward to the Nemo project, causing delays.

- Continued engagement with stakeholders – October-November 2014
- Workshops – November 2014, London
- Develop marine focused *generic* action plan to improve public acceptance and speed up permitting leading to
- Production of best practice guidance document “Our Approach; Marine Development”

# Any questions?

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