

# PROJECT UPDATE

November/December 2022

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Agreements have been made with three operators for the NE1 ScotWind Clearing Round seabed licenses. More information on the organisations and their projects can be found [here](#).

A consortium of North Sea companies (including multiple ORION Partners) have launched a new initiative to create a “Hydrogen Highway” from Scotland to Rotterdam. To learn more about the study, see [here](#).

SIC has formally adopted a set of energy development principles which will become a priority for the ORION Project. More information on the principles can be found [here](#).

Early December saw a visit from the NE1 offshore wind developers to engage with ORION Project partners and stakeholders around development principles for renewable energy. For more information on the visit, see [here](#).

SIC just closed an online survey for the Shetland community about energy transition, the results of which will help to shape the future Energy Strategy for Shetland.

## Reflection on 2022

With the return of in-person events, you found us at: the Scottish Energy Forum in March, All-Energy Exhibition in May, the International Energy Summit in September, Shetland Climate Week in September-October, the SHFCA Annual Conference in October, and the NS HyMaP conference in November.

A range of projects were announced to commence around Shetland including the start of the long journey to floating offshore wind energy generation at the NE1 site allocated by the ScotWind Leasing Rounds in addition to those projects working towards decarbonisation of North Sea oil & gas assets.

## Looking ahead to 2023

The ORION team is looking forward to a busy year ahead and will continue to facilitate the transition to cleaner energies and promoting Shetland as a key location for an energy hub.

The Net Zero Technology Transition Programme will be concluded in this quarter. The results of the Energy Hub and Hydrogen Backbone studies within this programme will inform the development of Shetland's future energy system.

The first components for the UK's most productive onshore windfarm have begun arriving this quarter. The Viking Energy Windfarm is still on schedule to be completed by the end of 2024.

## UPCOMING

### 1-3 March – ACDC Conference

ORION will be presented during this event hosted by The Institute of Engineering and Technology. More info found [here](#).

### 14 March – All Thing Hydrogen Conference

There will be an ORION presentation at this conference in-person in Aberdeen. More info can be found [here](#).

### 18-19 April – Future of the North Sea

ORION will be presented during the Hydrogen Production & Projects session on day two of this event. Tickets and info found [here](#).

### 10-11 May – All-Energy Conference & Exhibition

Shetland will be represented at the conference in Glasgow this year with a booth on the exhibition floor.

