



Move Up the Supply Chain

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The Innovative Foresight Planning (IFP) Energy Cluster Work Package C Offshore Wind Supply Chain Challenges Workshop

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**Summary of Output – presentation to
POWER cluster on Thursday 20th May 2010 at All-
Energy**



Scope / Objectives of the workshop:

Four countries represented – Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, UK

Over 110 delegates registered (good national spread)

Offshore Wind focus

Objectives:

1.0 Enable networking / dialogue across the regions

2.0 Develop a prioritised cross regional view of the main challenges facing our regional offshore wind supply chain

3.0 Look for key methods of addressing some of the most pressing challenges




4.0 Prepare the output into a report that can be used by the IFP project and partner projects (POWER cluster) to initiate focused follow on work



How? By exploring the question:

‘What are the main challenges facing our regional supply chain in Offshore Wind?’

Each of 11 tables of randomly grouped delegates discussed the question, prepared cards that expressed what the table saw as the FIVE key challenges facing the regional Offshore Wind supply chain, from three perspectives:

PEOPLE	
PROCESS	
TECHNOLOGY	

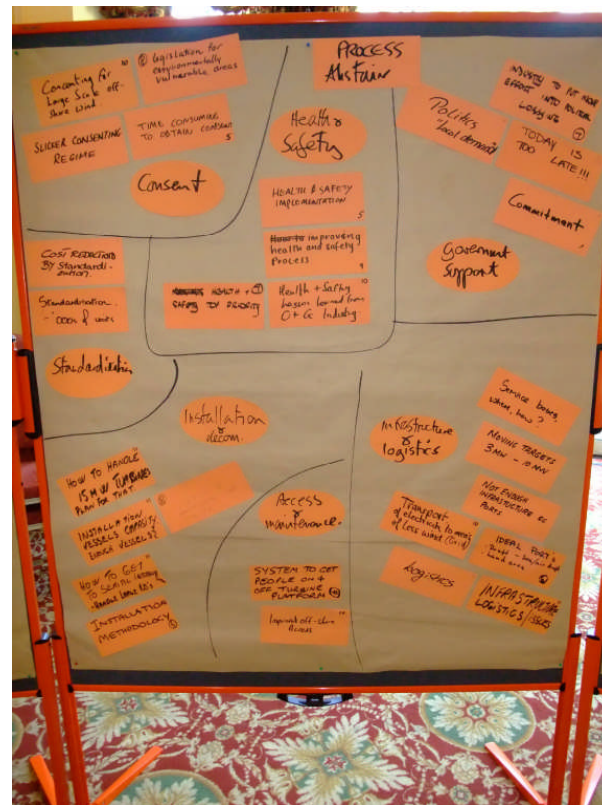
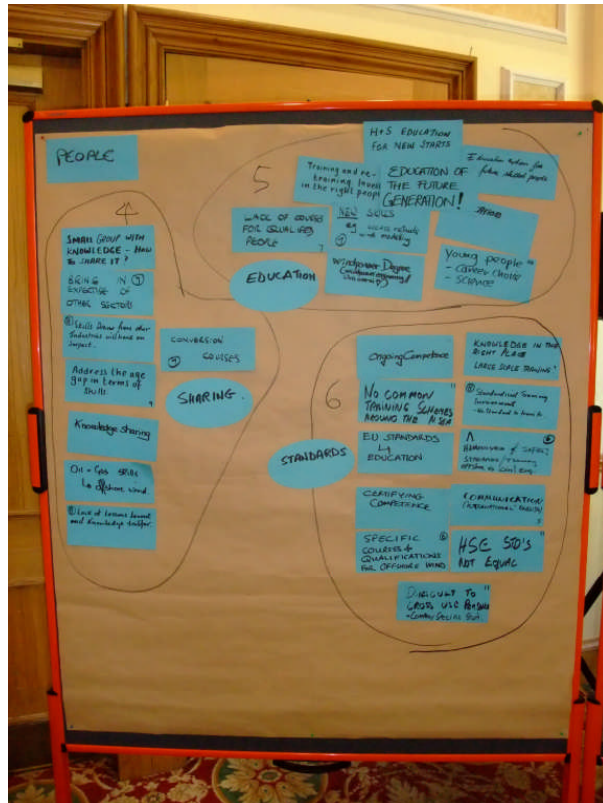
We then sorted the cards into common themes in each of the three areas -

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Examples of the sorting boards:





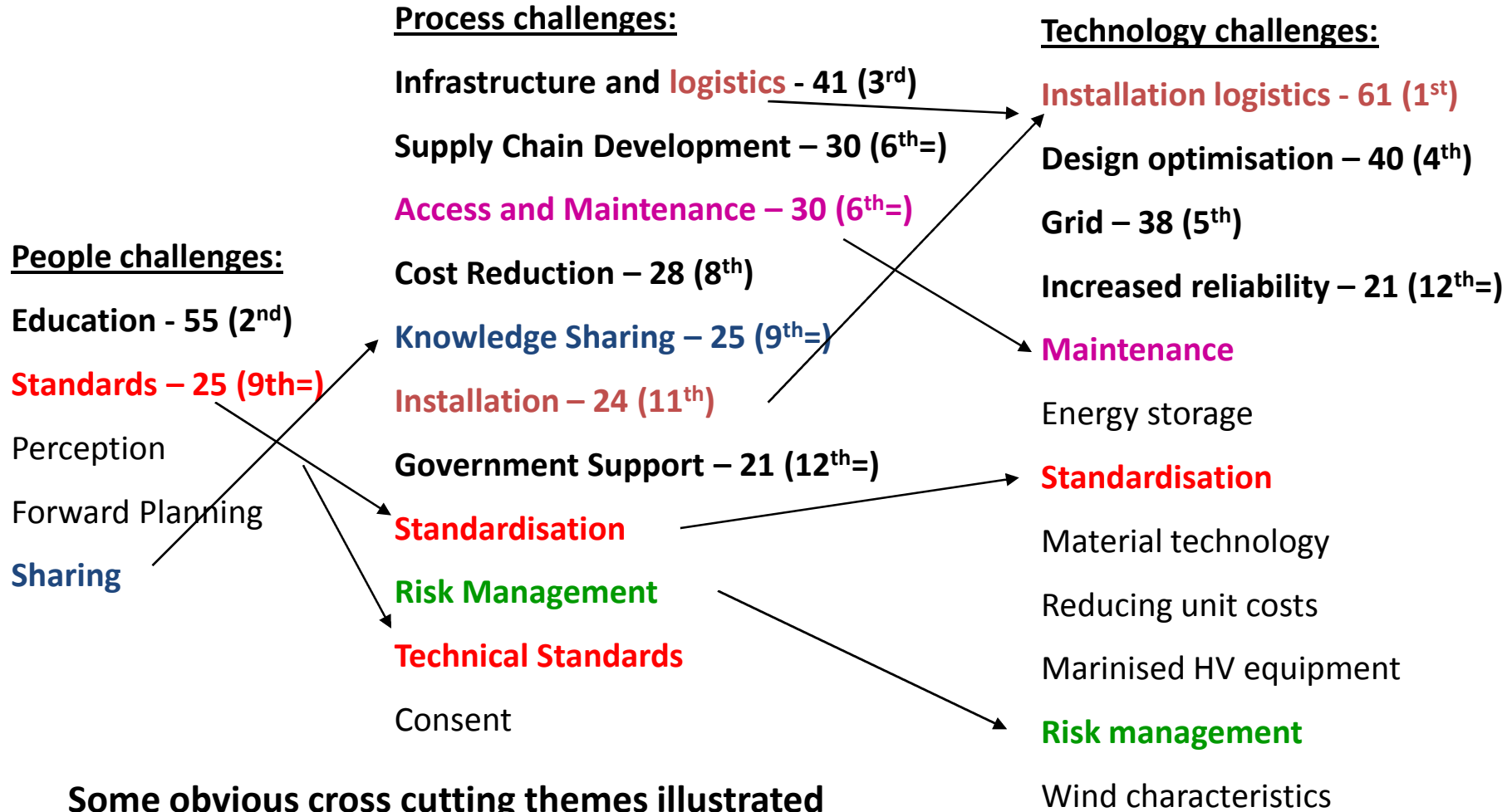
Then everybody voted on all the emerging challenges -



Challenge	Votes	# of votes	Rank	Other stuff
Domestic Leadership at all Levels - Born Here, Born Here & Future		25	9th =	
TECHNICAL SKILLS		3	26th =	
SHARING		4	25th =	
EDUCATION		55	2nd	
ATTRACTIVE		8	19th	
STANDARDS		25	9th =	
FORWARD PLANNING		8	19th =	
PERCEPTION		8	19th =	
Materials Transition		6	23rd =	
Increased Reliability		21	12th =	
Wind Characteristics Modelling		3	26th =	



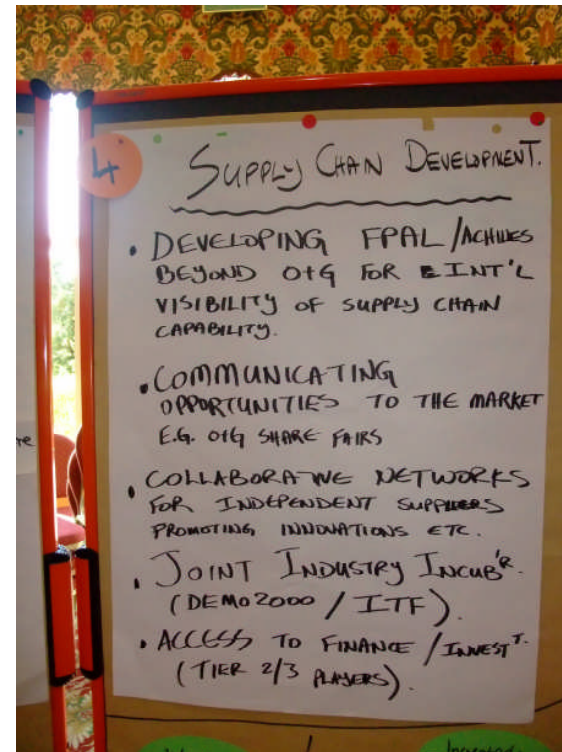
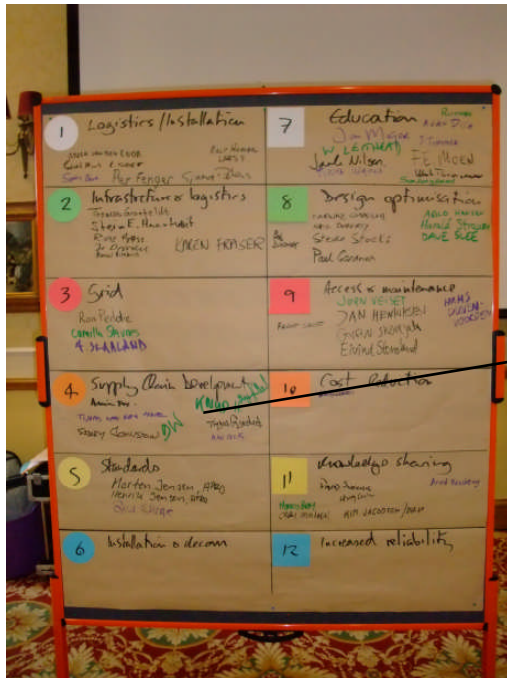
And here are the raw results:



Some obvious cross cutting themes illustrated



Then the delegates chose which of the top 12 challenges they would like to consider in more detail and discussed / agreed three key actions that need to be taken to begin to address / mitigate.





What comes next?



Successful high level diagonal slice workshop attended by over 100 key industry players from four countries delivered – legitimacy of output

Developed a lot of data, it needs properly ‘mining’ and pulling into a summary report

The report will be circulated / presented as a deliverable of IFP Energy - probably in the public domain

The IFP project itself and any other engaged organisations / projects can use the output to encourage further communication and work

Vital that we continue the dialogue initiated (at our workshop and elsewhere across the industry) to look for common solutions to common problems

So get Networking at all levels!



Thanks for listening and any questions?

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Now Network!

For vacant slots please see Holly