

# Country Insights and Actions

## Portugal lab



### Policy

#### Main Insights

Infrastructure bottlenecks: ports and grid needing upgrades.

Complex permitting process.

#### Potential Actions

Strategic port and grid upgrades.

Simplify and digitalize the permitting process through clear guidelines and structured consultation.



### Social Acceptance

#### Main Insights

Potential friction with fisheries and shipping.

Need to strengthen community trust and reduce opposition.

#### Potential Actions

Early stakeholder dialogue and adaptive spatial planning.

Offer fair compensations to fisherman and livelihood transitions schemes.

Integrate non-price social criteria into offshore wind auctions.



### Environmental Impact

#### Main Insights

Need robust environmental impact assessments and baseline data.

#### Potential Actions

Strengthen the Environmental impact assessment (EIA) regime: rigorous, transparent, inclusive.

Integrate non-price sustainability criteria into offshore wind auctions.

Integrate best practices from existing offshore wind projects.



### Technology

#### Main Insights

Insufficient port capacity and supply chain.

Workforce not ready.

#### Potential Actions

Build resilient, locally skilled supply chains.

Incentivize industrial investments and public-private partnerships.

Workforce upskilling and training programmes.



### Finance

#### Main Insights

Delays and uncertainty in the offshore wind auction schedule.

Uncertainty in auction rules.

Lack of financial incentives for private sector investment.

#### Potential Actions

Establish clear, stable, and transparent auction rules to ensure market confidence and predictability.

Provide financial support mechanisms (grants, subsidies, tax incentives, Feed-in Tariffs (FITs), Contract for differences (CfDs)).