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European Countries Unite to Invest \$40 Billion in Huge Off-Shore Renewable Energy Super-Grid



Nine European countries will draw up formal plans this month to link up a super-grid of powerful **clean energy projects** strung out all around the North Sea in order to ship renewable power to the mainland. The huge new undersea transmission cable will connect up **Scotland's off-shore wind turbines**, solar from Germany, **hydro power from Norway** and wave power off the coast of Belgium and Denmark. The North Sea nations – Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and the UK will ultimately connect this planned North Sea super-grid with the equally huge scale Desertec grid bringing continent-scale solar from Africa to supply not only Africa but Europe; bringing it in to Spain and Portugal. This network of undersea transmission cables would cost about \$43 billion US. This will be pretty impressive if it is successful, and will definitely serve as a model for the U.S. and the rest of the world.