

# Artificial islands for connecting offshore wind farms

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53 years of  
experience

Revenue in 2017  
200 M EUR

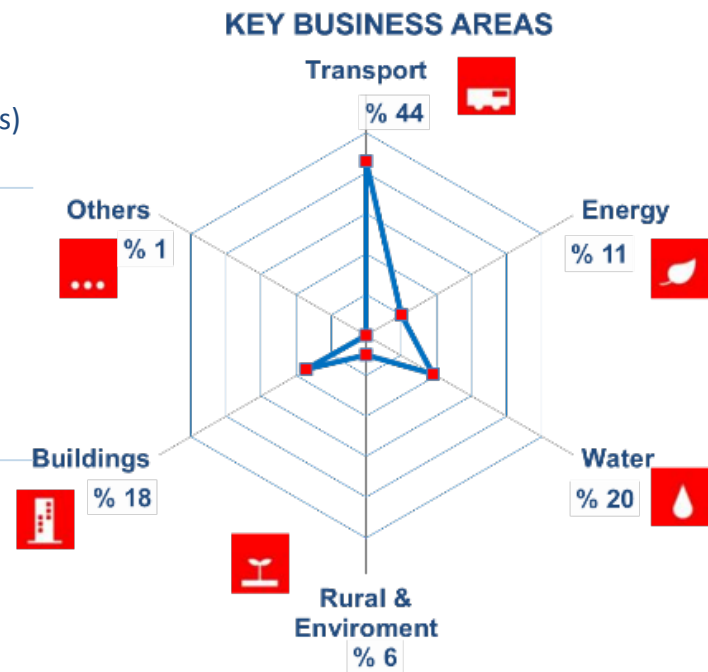
2,400 professionals  
(Yearly average number of employees)

Completely independent  
100% employee-owned  
Equity: 100 M EUR

Consultancy services for large  
infrastructure

Multidisciplinary  
approach

Commitment to **quality** and  
**sustainability**



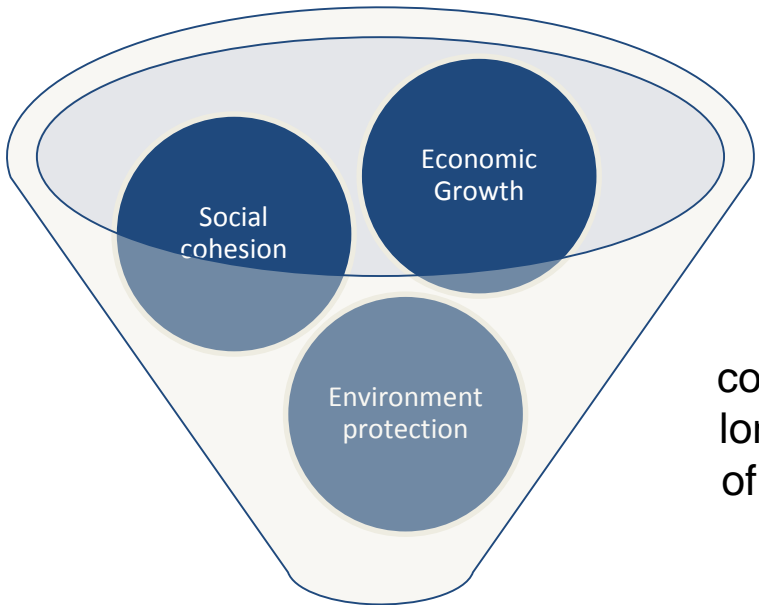
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**Wind Energy: #6**

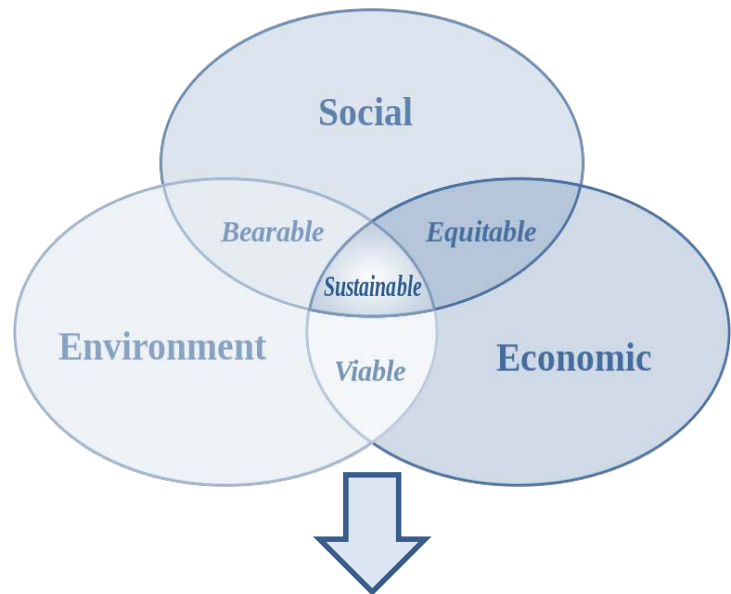


This work is the consequence of  
the combination of skills and  
capacities of both divisions

## 2. Substations: Blue energy



Should the three concepts converge, the long-term sustainability of a project is reached.



Sustainable Development Strategy



## 2. Substations: conventional solutions



Greater size  
of wind  
turbines

Greater  
wind farms

Need of  
bigger  
substations

Need of  
new  
solutions to  
optimise  
CAPEX



## 2. Substations with artificial islands

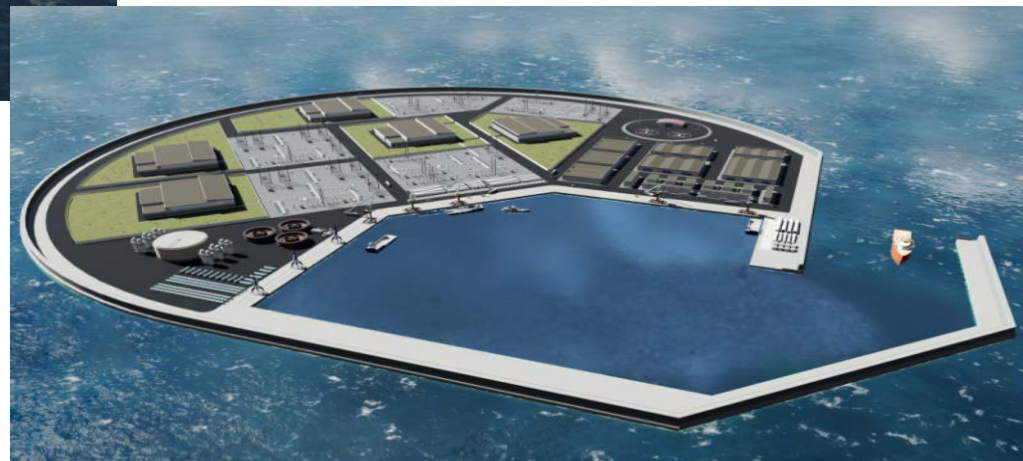


### Key advantages of artificial islands

- Power link islands
- Improve connection between countries
- Create logistic hubs
- Facilitate O&M activities
- Large capacity of power conversion
- Adapt to demands of new gen of WTGs

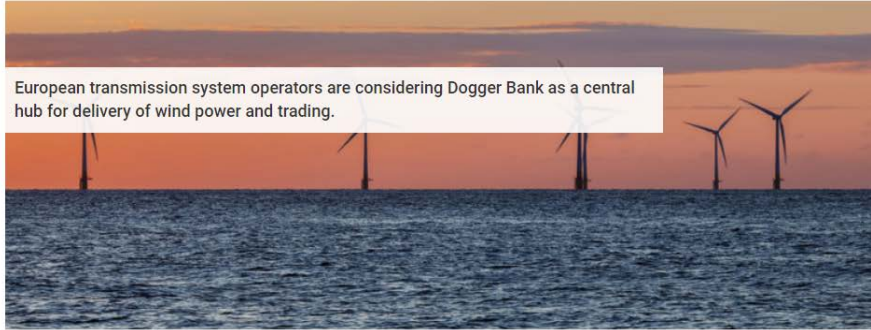
### Main challenges

- Distance to the coast
- AC / DC
- Design
- CAPEX reduction



### 3. Artificial islands

#### North Sea Wind Power Hub to be built on artificial island



European transmission system operators are considering Dogger Bank as a central hub for delivery of wind power and trading.

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The North Sea's Dogger Bank zone has long attracted special interest as a site for offshore wind power generation.



### Key figures:

- 80 Nautical Miles from the coast
- 600 Ha
- Capacity for 30 GW
- UK, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway

### 3. Artificial islands

## TenneT Consulting Market on Artificial Island Solution for IJmuiden Ver Area

February 27, 2017

TenneT is holding market consultation for grid connection concepts for the IJmuiden Ver wind energy area, which is farther from the coast than currently developed areas. The company is consulting on HVDC platforms and an artificial island as potential solutions.

### Key figures:

- 50 Nautical Miles from the coast (Netherlands)
- + 60 Ha
- Capacity for 10 GW
- UK & Netherlands
- Water depth: 23 m





## ENGINEERING CHALLENGES?

### Differences between land reclamation and artificial islands

#### Land reclamation projects:

- Purpose of gaining space
- Near to the population
- Low water depths
- Mild wave climate
- Hydraulic filling and rubble mound breakwater



## ENGINEERING CHALLENGES?

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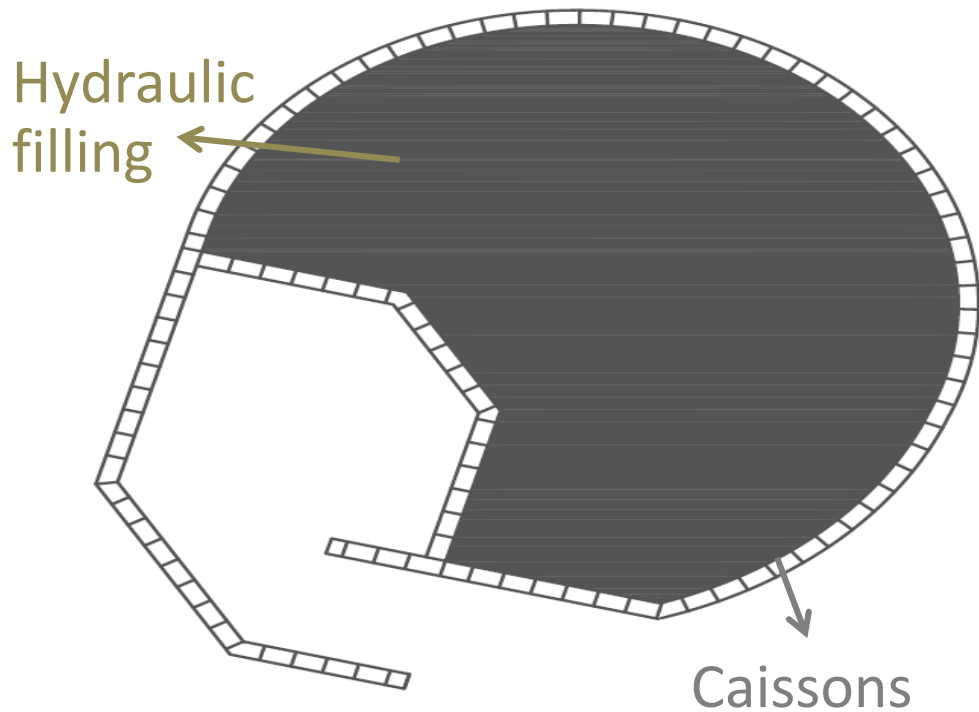
#### Artificial Islands

- Improving grid connection
- Creating a hub area for logistics
- Far from the population
- Water depths +25 m
- More severe wave climate
- Need of large volumes of filling



## 4. The case study: Ijmuiden Ver

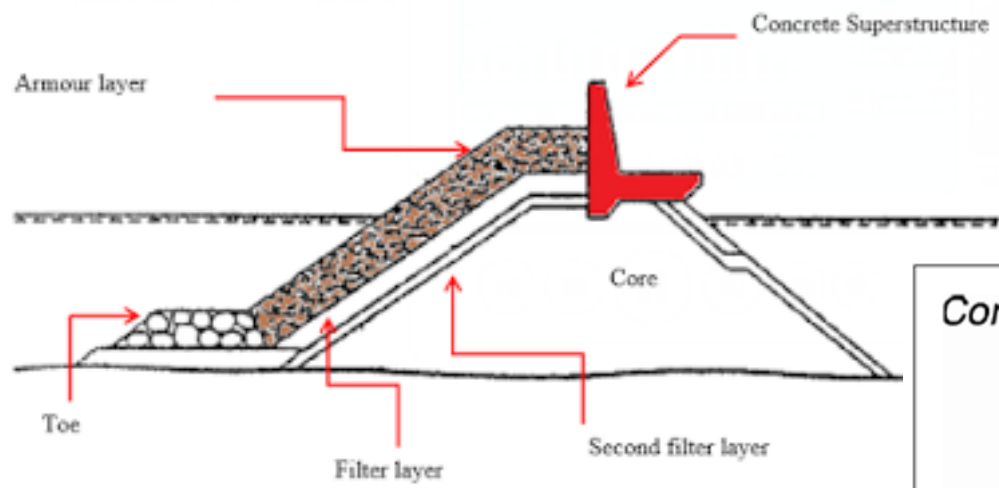
### CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CONDUCTED BY TYPESA for TENNET in Ijmuiden Ver



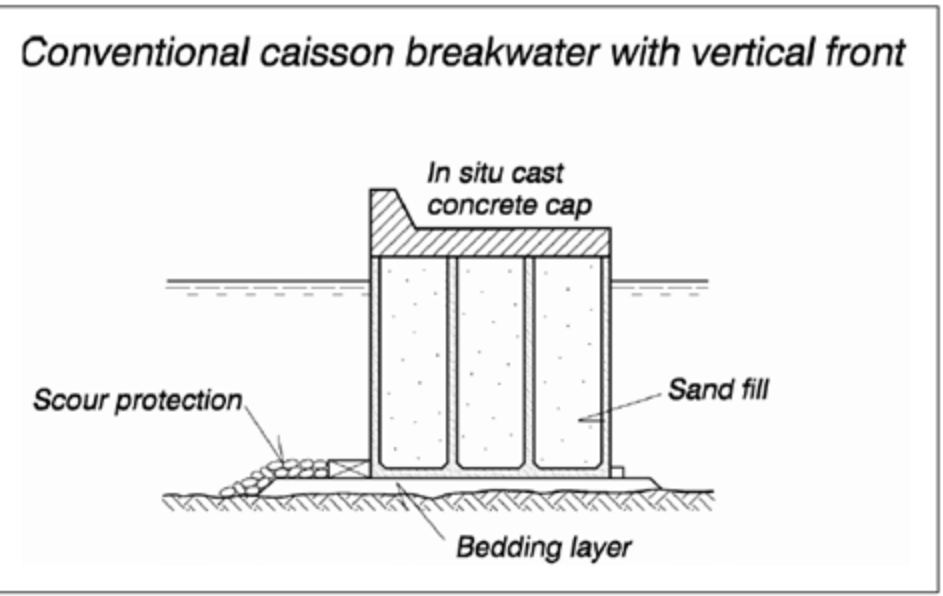
KEY advantage: Employ of vertical caissons for reducing costs and environmental impact

### 4. The case study: Ijmuiden Ver

### Rubblemound breakwaters



## Two main type of solutions for breakwaters and docks



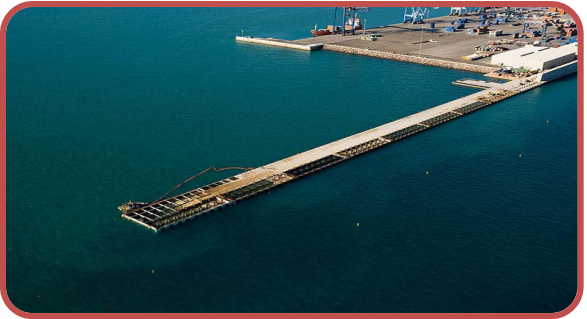
## Advantages of caisson-type solutions

- ✓ More competitive for water depths larger than 20 m
- ✓ Less volume of hydraulic filling needed
- ✓ High density of wind farms in the area of North Sea (not many borrow areas)
- ✓ Speed up construction method
  - ✓ Limit the damage during winter periods → material washed

## Advantages of caisson-type solutions

- ✓ Reduced environmental impact
- ✓ Rubble mound breakwater can induce wave breaking
- ✓ New caisson solutions (anti-reflection) can avoid high reflection coefficients
- ✓ Optimize the port space the employ of caissons
- ✓ Cable landing

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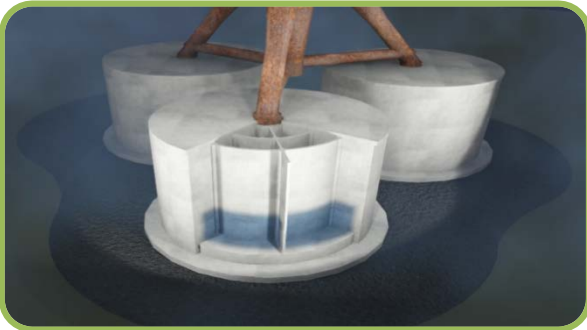
Employ of well developed technology in port engineering



Cellular structures – so they are self-buoyant



Easy to transport by means of tugs



Easy to install by means of water/sand



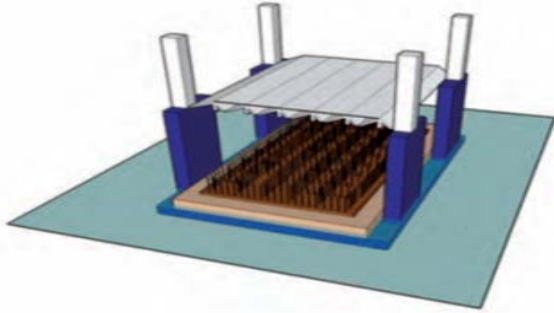
Provide sufficient weight to withstand wave forces



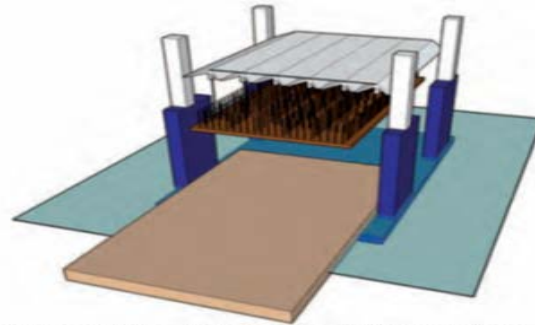
Reduced construction time using floating docks

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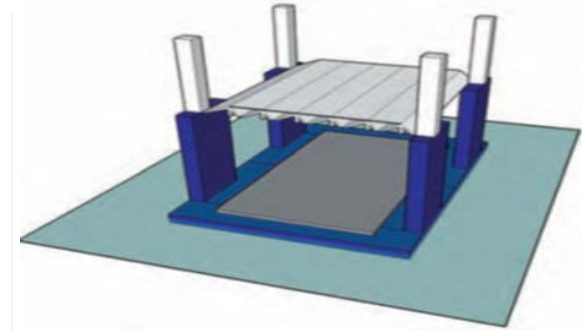
# CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY



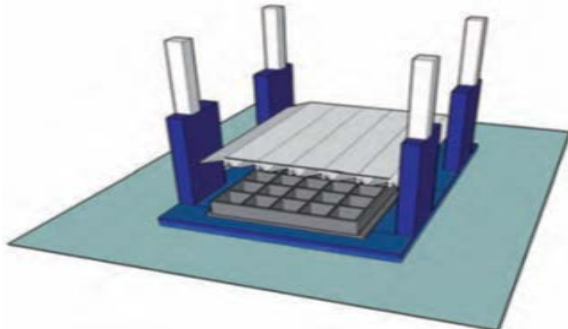
**Step 1:** The steel cage of the bottom slab of the caisson is provided by means of a pontoon. The floating dock is submerged to allow the entrance of the pontoon.



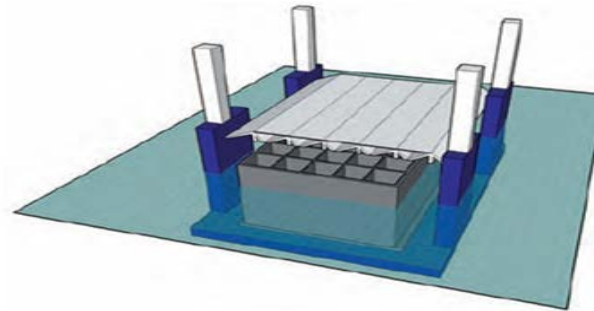
**Step 2:** The steel cage of the bottom slab is hanged by the floating dock, while the pontoon is removed



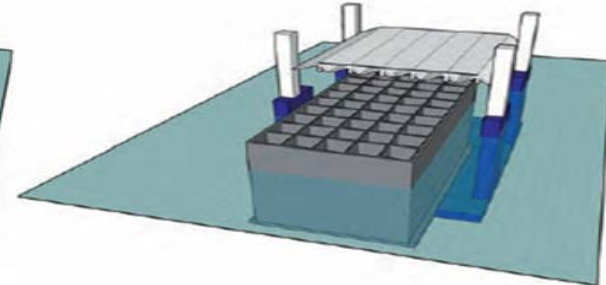
**Step 3:** The bottom slab of the pontoon is emerged and the steel cage is placed over it



**Step 4:** The concrete is poured using a formwork and the bottom slab of the floating dock starts to submerge as the caissons starts to rise



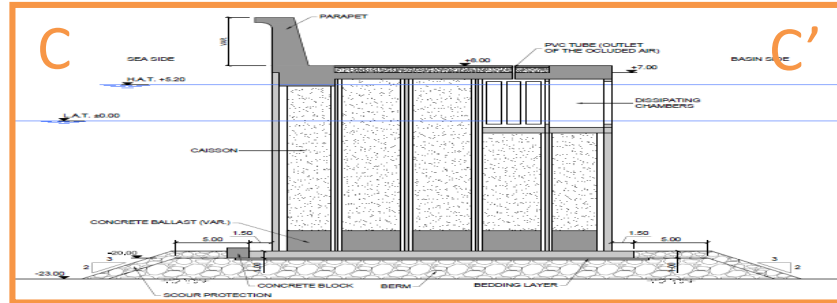
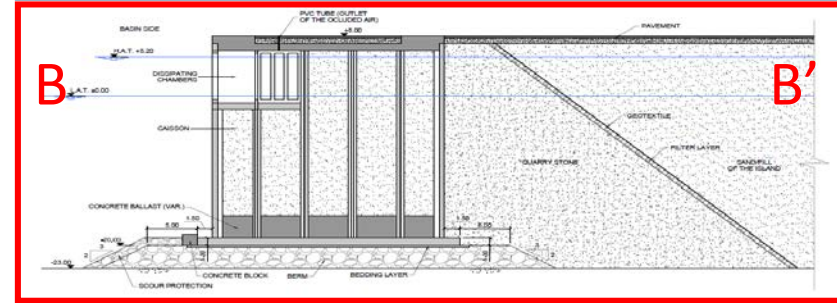
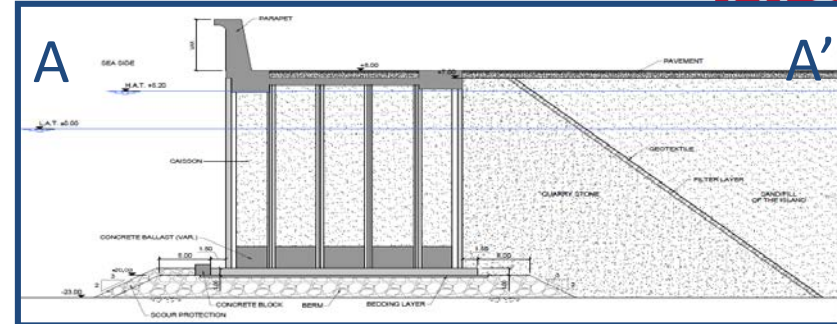
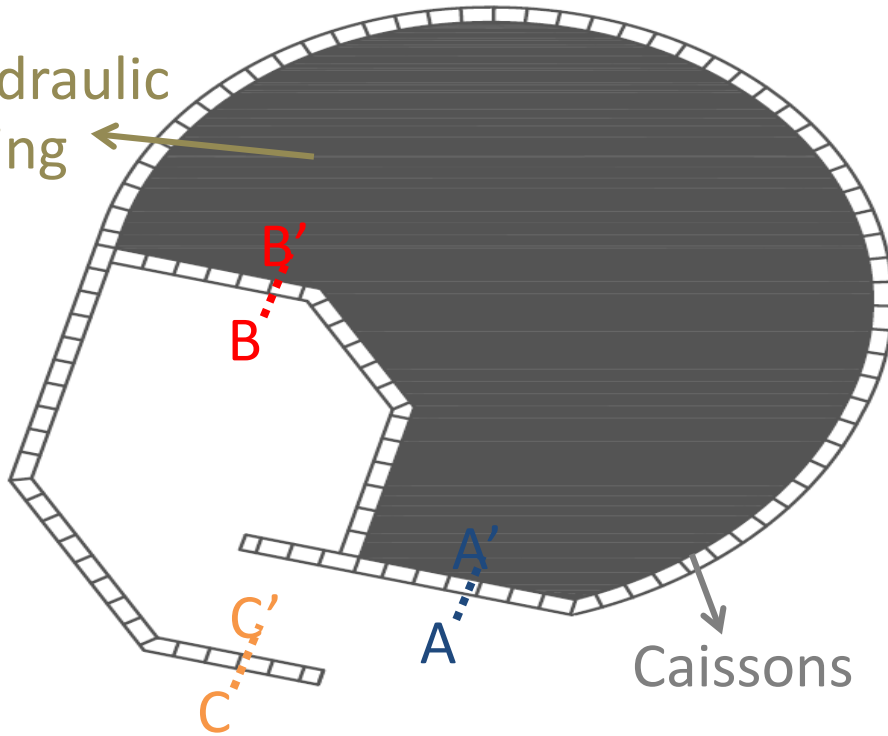
**Step 5:** The pouring process until the total height of the caisson is reached. The top slab of the caisson is installed once finished










**Step 6:** The caisson is launched by means of auxiliary maritime resources

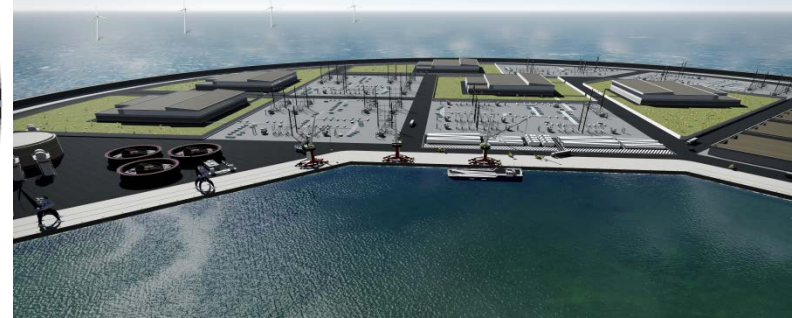
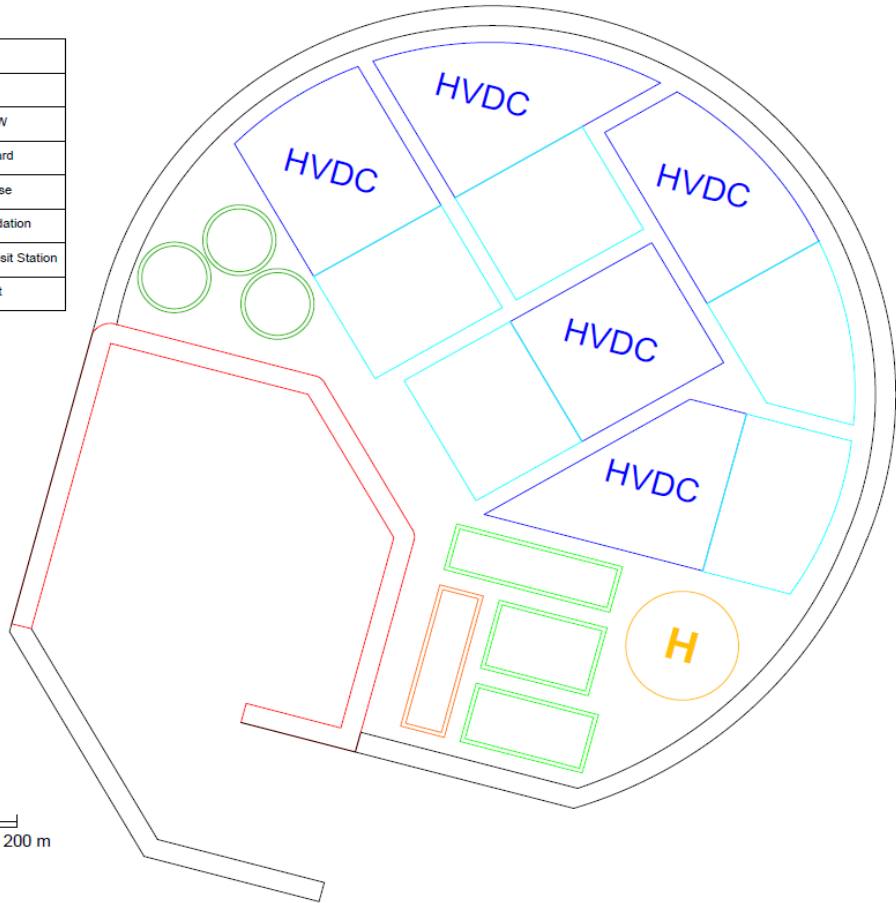


Hydraulic  
filling



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LEGEND	
	Quay
	HVDC_GW
	HVDC_Yard
	Warehouse
	Accommodation
	Bunker, Deposit Station
	Heliport



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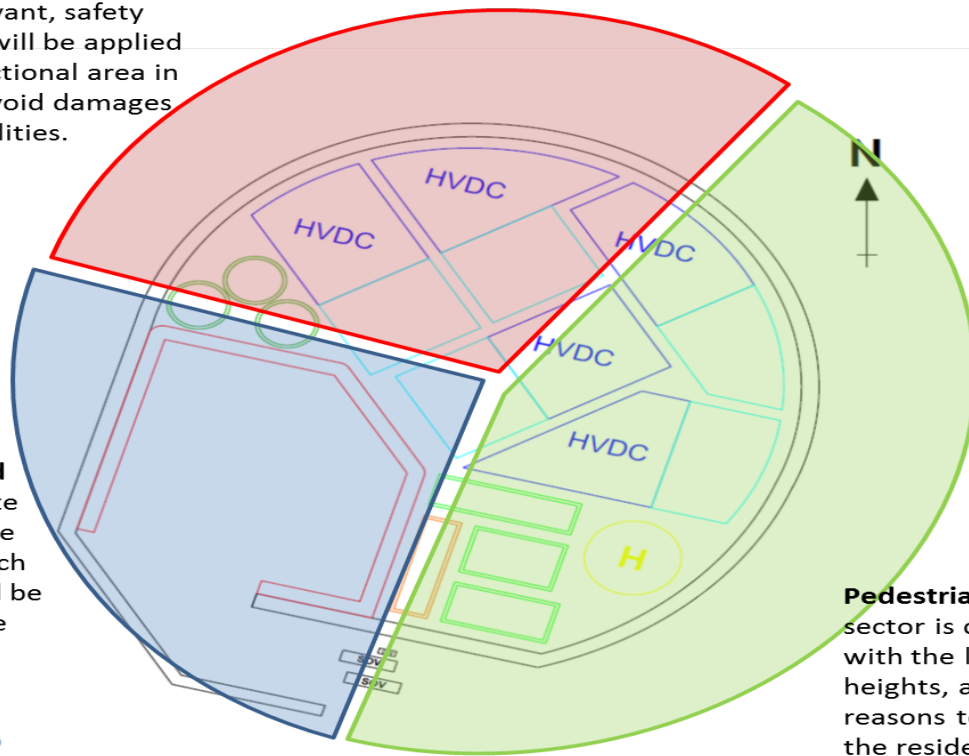
### Highest wave conditions.

Although the landward use is relevant, safety distances will be applied to the functional area in order to avoid damages on the facilities.

### Distribution of spaces according to the wave conditions in order to mitigate



LEGEND	
	Quay
	HVDC_GW
	HVDC_Yard
	Warehouse
	Aaccommodation
	Bunker, Deposit Station
	Heliport



**No relevant landward use.** The discharge rate will not impact any use (unless the west stretch of the quay which will be closed during extreme events)

**Pedestrian area.** This sector is characterized with the lowest wave heights, and that is the reasons to allocate on it the residential area. Therefore, this area will have the more limiting discharges.

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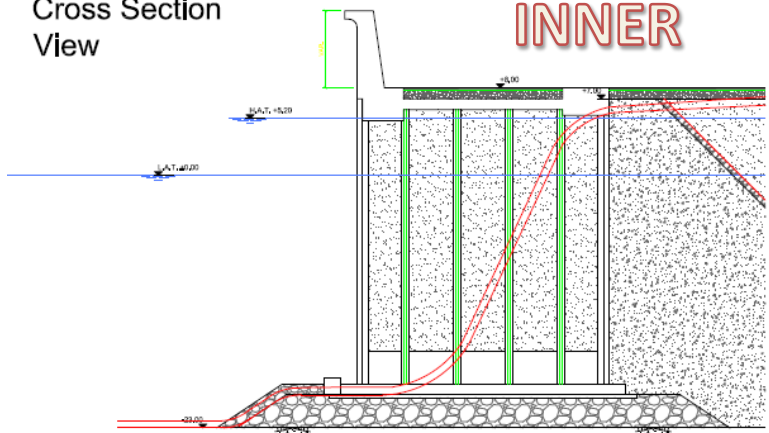
## CABLE LANDING

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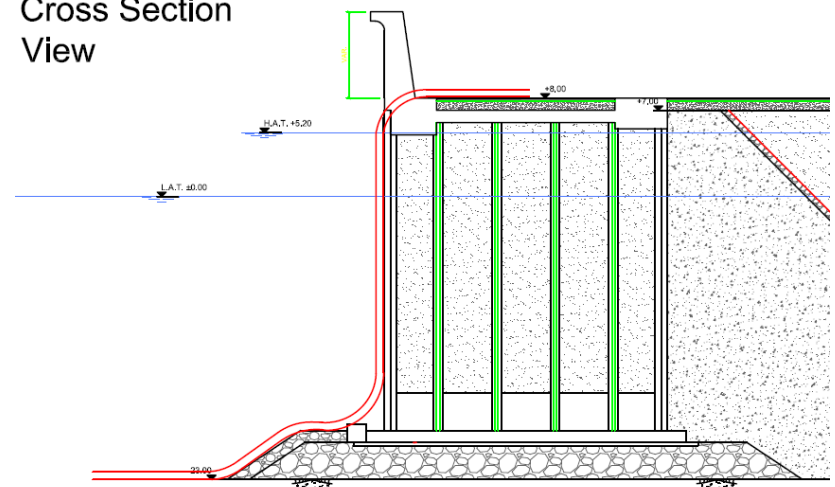
INNER

VS

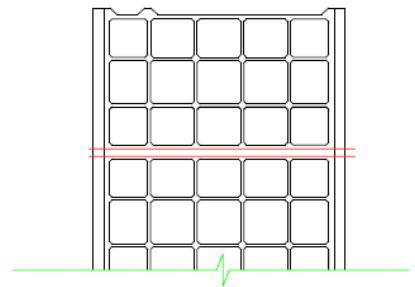
EXTERIOR



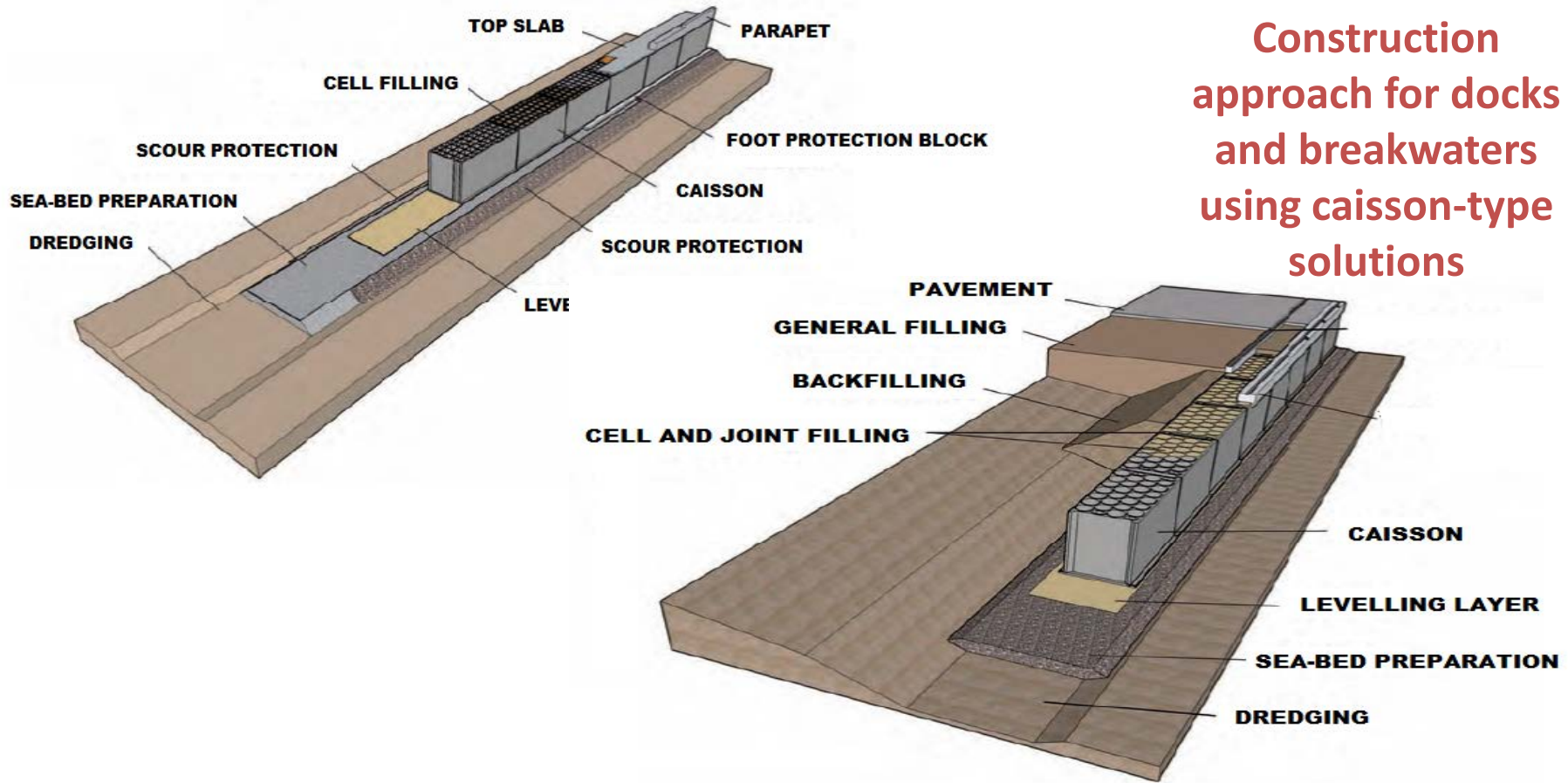
Cross Section View



Plant View

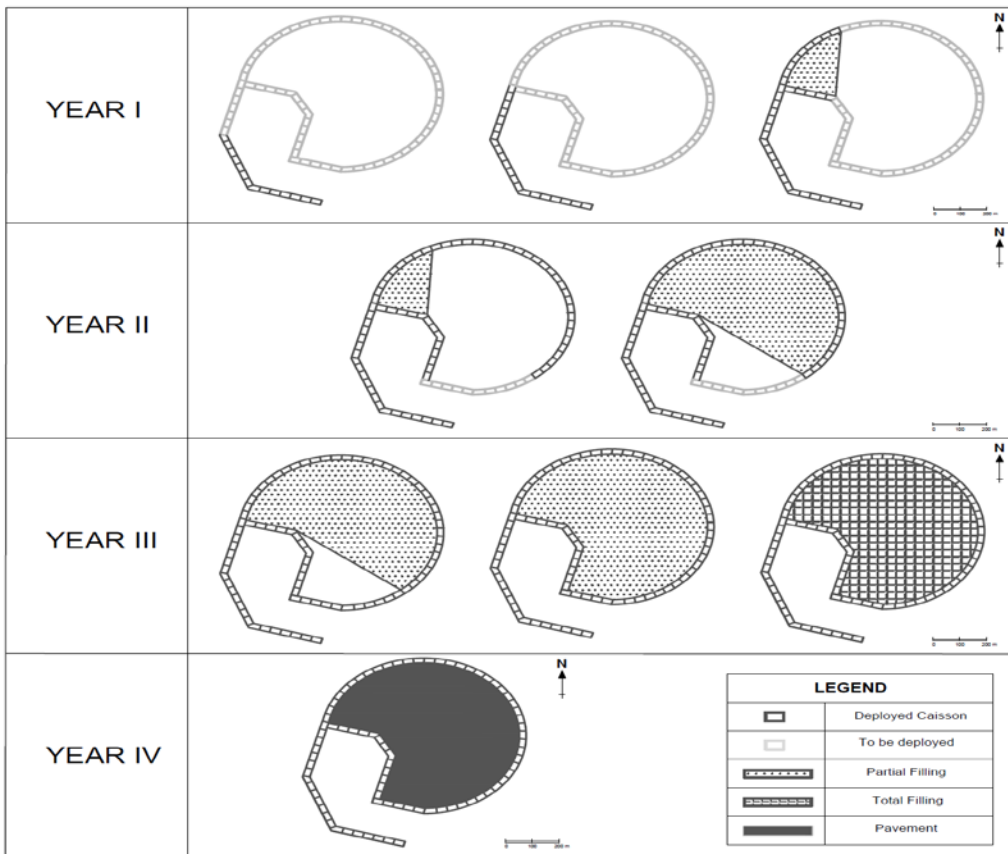


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**Construction approach for docks and breakwaters using caisson-type solutions**

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## 5. Conclusions

- ❖ Need to overcome the arising shortcomings of the market in order to continue with the current growth ratio
- ❖ Artificial islands is a need to overcome these issues
- ❖ Improvement of electrical grid with a transnational network
- ❖ Employ of caissons to optimize costs, time and reduce environmental impacts