



**Grid25 strategy not related to proposals by  
private developers to export renewable energy to UK**

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- EirGrid's Grid25 strategy is not related in any way to current draft proposals by private developers to export renewable energy to Great Britain.
- Grid25 projects are internal to the Irish system. They are planned to reinforce the Irish transmission network and continue to ensure security of supply for all electricity users. Grid25 will facilitate wind powered generators connecting directly to the Irish grid to meet only Irish domestic renewable energy targets.
- Ireland is required to fulfill our legal obligation to ensure that 16% of our total energy comes from renewable energy sources by 2020. Grid25 is essential to ensure that we meet this target by ensuring 40% of our electricity generation will come from renewable energy sources by 2020.
- The development of our electricity grid is crucial to meeting these 2020 renewable electricity targets.
- The renewable energy export initiatives proposed by private developers are entirely separate to wind farms that are either already connected to, or have agreements to connect to, the Irish transmission system to meet these binding Irish renewable energy targets (set by the EU).
- The Irish and UK governments signed a Memorandum of Understanding in January 2013 to consider how Irish renewable energy resources could be developed to benefit both countries.
- In line with this, a number of private developers have announced plans for renewable energy projects that would connect directly to the British network to facilitate the export of electricity.