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1. Consultation feedback

The topic of "Protection" has been discussed with stakeholders for the first time during the Expert Meeting of 15-16.04.2015. In addition, market feedback on the topic has been collected through the stakeholder engagement website of TenneT. The feedback on the topic can be summarised as follows:

- **Consensus.** There is a general consensus that TenneT can take responsibility of the protection equipment on the platform, The OWF will take care of the protection equipment in the string. Settings of both protection equipment should be tuned to each other.
 - Mitigation/Follow-up: N/A.
- **Concern.** There is a general concern of a risk that standardisation of the protection system by TenneT does not leave enough flexibility for the wind farm owners to use their own protection philosophy for an important asset. If this cannot be realised on the platform, it has to be done at the turbine side, which would drive up total cost.
 - Mitigation/Follow-up: Define a functional scope of the expected protection system scheme (including space and other requirements on the platform), take care that these protection schemes can be fitted in the standard design and a process to decide on actual protection systems installed with the winning party.
- **Concern.** Who is the responsible party in case failure of the protection system?
 - Mitigation/Follow-up: Responsibility issues are organised in the connection and realisation agreements.

2. Feedback follow-up and next steps

Based on the internal evaluation, external reports and collected feedback during the stakeholder engagement process the follow next steps have been defined:

- The topic **T.6 Protection** is on the agenda for the next Expert Meeting (12-13.05.2015) for a final consultation discussion.
- TenneT has undertaken all mitigation/follow-up actions as defined above. TenneT seeks active feedback from the sector on:
 - Desired functional specifications of protection.
 - Spatial and other requirements of these protection specifications
- An updated TenneT position paper based, including all follow-up actions will be presented in the next Expert Meeting.