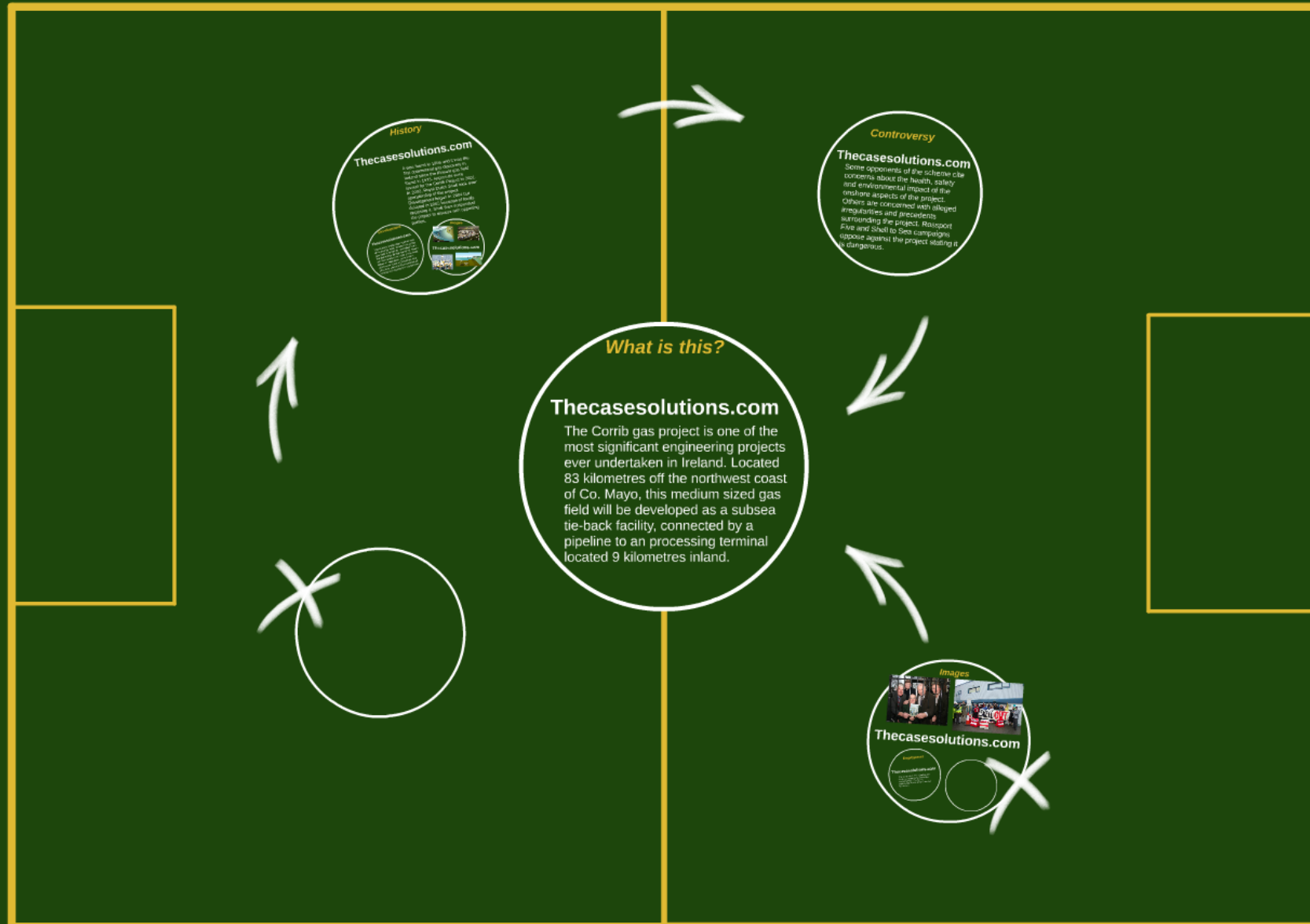


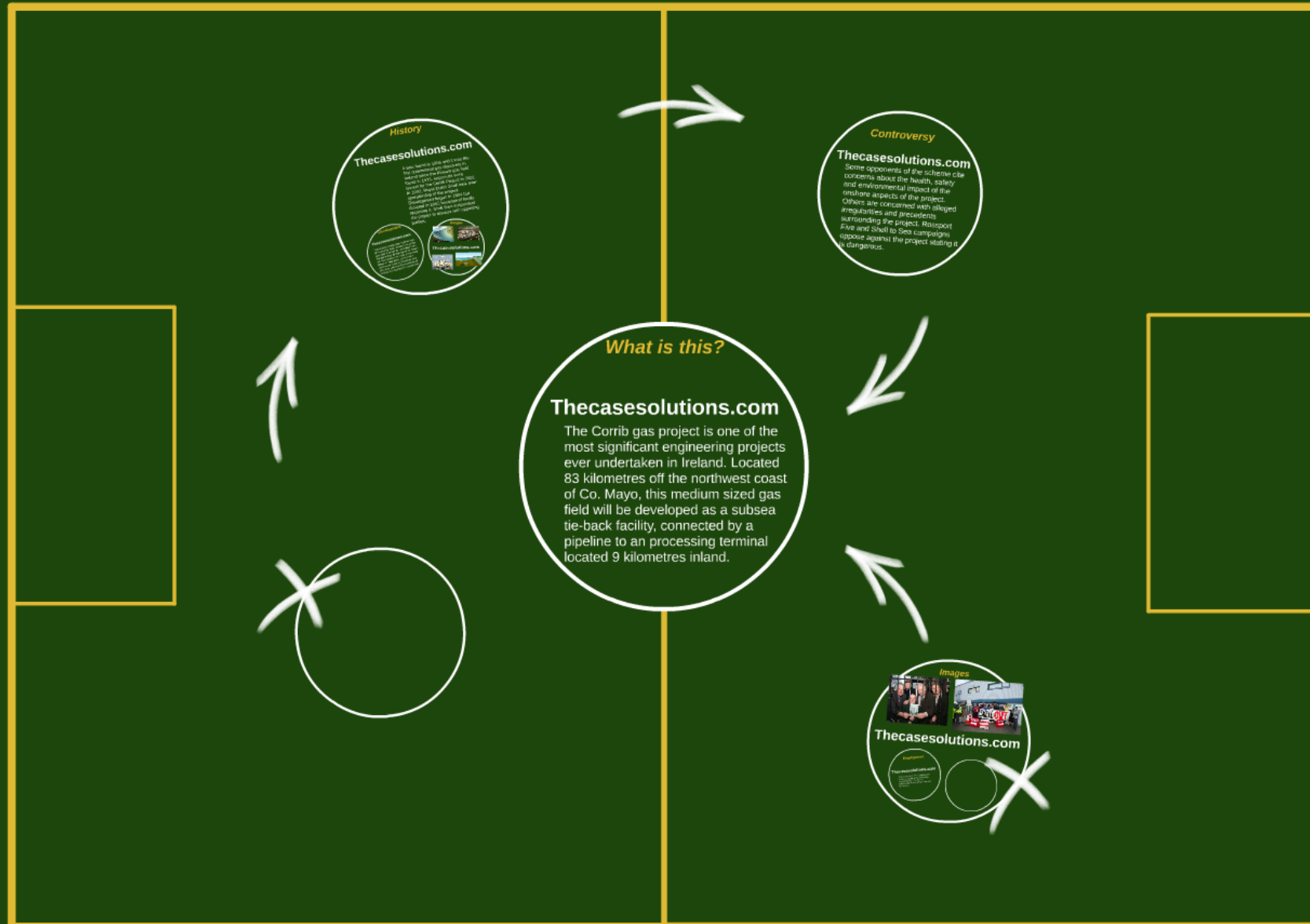
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What is this?

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The Corrib gas project is one of the most significant engineering projects ever undertaken in Ireland. Located 83 kilometres off the northwest coast of Co. Mayo, this medium sized gas field will be developed as a subsea tie-back facility, connected by a pipeline to an processing terminal located 9 kilometres inland.

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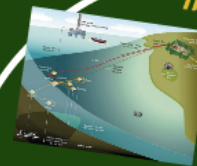
It was found in 1996 and it was the first commercial gas discovery in Ireland since the Kinsale gas field found in 1973. Approvals were issued for the Corrib Project in 2001. In 2002, Royal Dutch Shell took over operatorship of the project. Development began in 2004 but delayed in 2005 because of locals opposing it. Shell then suspended the project to discuss with opposing parties.

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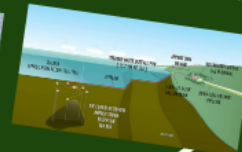
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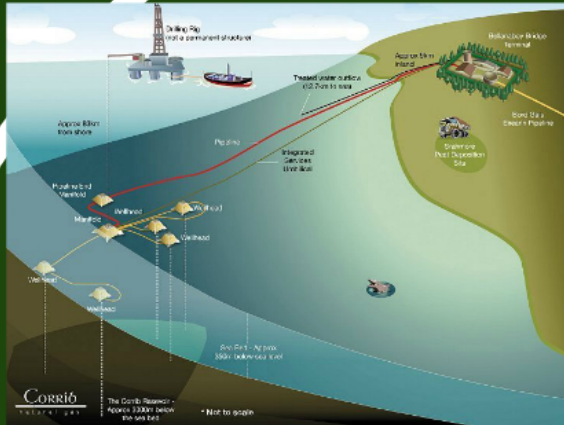
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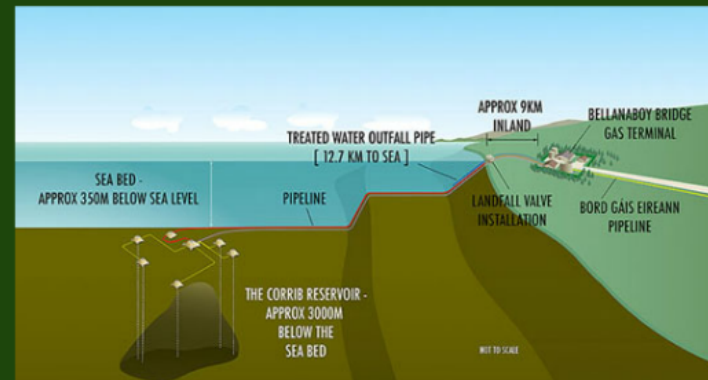


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Controversy

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Some opponents of the scheme cite concerns about the health, safety and environmental impact of the onshore aspects of the project. Others are concerned with alleged irregularities and precedents surrounding the project. Rosspart Five and Shell to Sea campaigns oppose against the project stating it is dangerous.

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