
Territorial and regional contribution to the development of Offshore Renewables and Marine Energies

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Considering the current geopolitical situation, which demonstrates the need to achieve a greater energy autonomy in Europe and accelerate the energy transition, phasing out unsustainable sources, it is relevant to address questions and remove obstacles to the development of renewable energies. In particular, as evidenced in the EU's Blue Growth Strategy, the Offshore Renewable Energy Strategy, the Blue Economy Report 2022, and the REPowerEU Communication published in May 2022, Offshore Renewable Energies (ORE) have an important role to play.

More research and investments are necessary to foster the development of offshore wind energy and to exploit the full potential of emerging sectors, such as ocean energy, while ensuring a sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of the marine environment.

With this event, the SEArICA Intergroup aims at showcasing the contribution of the ORE sector to energy transition and discussing together with representatives from the EU institutions, regional authorities and relevant stakeholders about how to boost its development at EU level, overcoming current challenges and barriers.

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Online event

9:30 – 9:40 Opening by MEP Tonino Picula, SEARICA Chair

Session I: Boosting the access to financing and investments for the Offshore Renewable Energy sector

9:40 - 9:50 Keynote speech by Mr Christos Economou, Deputy Director MARE A and Head of Unit for Sea Basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, **DG MARE**, European Commission

Stakeholders panel

- **Mr Donagh Cagney**, Policy Director, Ocean Energy Europe, *Perspective from the sector*
- **Ms Maria Belarmina Diaz Aguado**, Director General in charge of Energy, Minerals and Reactivation, Asturias Region, CPMR-AAC member region, *State of play in Asturias, added value of interregional cooperation on ORE (AAC declaration and SAW cluster)*
- **Mr Øyvind Vessia**, Head of Energy Policy, Ørsted (tbc)

Q&A

10:30 – 11:50 Session II: Improving the connection to the grid infrastructure and developing energy transition in ports

10:30 - 10:40 Keynote speech by Mr Raphael Sauter, Team Leader, Unit C.4 “Infrastructure & Regional Cooperation”, **DG ENER**, European Commission on the contribution of ORE to the energy transition and the use of schemes to foster their development at the EU level

Stakeholders panel

- **Mr Julien Ciglar**, Responsible for Renewables Marine Energies in the regional economic development agency Ad’Occ, Occitanie, CPMR-IMC member region, *French Mediterranean floating wind projects from Occitanie and PACA Region and energy transition in the port of Port-La Nouvelle*
- **Mr Mattia Cecchinato**, Senior Advisor on Offshore Wind, Wind Europe

11:50 – 12:00 Concluding remarks

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