



Agenda for 16thth Marine Renewables Emerging Technologies Industry Forum, 2025

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Venue: The Alex Hotel, Cumberland Street, off Merrion Square, Dublin 2
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Date: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2025

Time: 09.00 sharp; ends at c1.30 (followed by a light lunch)

Register (free): chairman@ie , if you have not already done so.

09.00: **Opening of Forum**

Chair: PETER COYLE, Chairman, MRIA

Opening remarks by PwC and other distinguished guest(s)

Presentation of the *MRIA Prize for Best R&D Project of the Year, 2024*

Session 1: 'Technology Highlights'

Chair: MARINA DONOHOE, Enterprise Ireland

AW ENERGY Chris Ridgewell

CATHX OCEAN Adrian Boyle

GKINETIC Vincent/Roisin McCormack

ORPC Brendan Cahill

FLOATING OFFSHORE WIND: LESSONS FROM KINCARDINE Allan MacAskill

OCEAN ENERGY IN HAWAII... AND OUR NEXT PROJECT Tony Lewis

SAOIRSE Thomas Bastable

10.30–11.00 **Coffee**

We have an
unprecedented
number of
speakers this year
...so WE
REALLY WILL
START AT 09.00



Session 2: 'Policy Progress'

Chair: Danielle Conaghan, Arthur Cox Solicitors

ETIP AND WAVE AND TIDAL R&D Lotta Pirttimaa, Ocean Energy Europe

MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING Rory O'Leary, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

FISHING INDUSTRY VIEW OF OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY Caroline Bocquel, BIM Irish Sea Fisheries Board

MARITIME SECURITY Bernie Maguire/Margaret Stanley, Department of Defence

PROGRESS IN ORE CONSENTING Laura Brien, MARA Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY Kerrie Sheehan, SEAI

EU POLICIES SUPPORTING OCEAN ENERGY Matthijs Soede, European Commission

Session 3: '5 Minute Snapshots'

Chair: VAL CUMMINS, Simply Blue Group

- *Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW) wet storage* Ross O'Connell, University College Cork
- *Northern Ireland ORE supply chain* Kerry Muldoon, NIMO- Northern Ireland Maritime and Offshore
- *UAVES- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Environmental Surveys Project* Morganne Pommier, Atlantic Technological University
- *PERMAGOV: FLOW in the Celtic Sea* Christina Kelly, Queens University Belfast
- *Seaurrent progress* Julia Bell, Seaurrent
- *PWC speaker*
- *SeaPotential projects in Ireland and US* Phillip Irwin, Sea Potential
- *Surveys - practical experience of navigating the regulatory requirements* Jamie Ritchie, Byrne Wallace Shields Solicitors
- *Ocean energy development* Carrie Anne Barry, University of Maynooth
- *Looking forward* Alan Berry, Marine Institute
- *EIA and OES metrics + Update on MaREI* Michael O'Shea/ Jimmy Murphy, University College Cork
- *ONDEP project* Pal Schmitt, Queens University Belfast
- *UK policy and progress on Wave and Tidal* Sue Barr, UK Marine Energy Council

Closing remarks

13.30-14.15: Light lunch

RSVP to attend the Forum to chairman@mria.ie