



# OCEAN ENERGY PRIORITIES FOR 2013

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# INTRODUCTION

Ocean energy a key priority under our Renewable Energy Strategy  
2012-2020

Ocean energy is also a priority for research (research prioritisation exercise), for enterprise (employment and supply chain opportunities), for the environment (foreshore reform) and for marine (development of marine opportunities)

Priority 1 – enhanced coordination and integration on a cross agency and inter-departmental level to deliver cohesive policy



# FUNDING OPTIONS

Acknowledged funding challenges for the ocean energy sector

Work on an integrated basis to try to address funding for the sector and to come up with coherent workable solutions on a cross-departmental basis

Seek to ensure key pieces of infrastructure (e.g. test site) are delivered

Priority 2 – Address funding for the sector on a cross departmental basis



# OREDP

Clarify and articulate the policy position on key issues relating to the ocean energy sector, taking into account feedback received on the public consultation on the draft OREDP

Finalise the Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan and SEA Statement

Take forward the actions in the OREDP together with relevant stakeholders

Priority 3: Publication of the finalised OREDP by June 2013, followed by implementation of actions

# FORESHORE REFORM

Work with DECLG to ensure a consistent and appropriate foreshore consenting system is put in place

Seek to have one planning body responsible for both onshore and offshore aspects of projects

Seek to have the same consenting regime apply to offshore marine developments whether within the foreshore or in the Exclusive Economic Zone

Seek to provide in legislation for the designation of marine areas where renewable developments can take place

Priority 4: Work with DECLG to ensure a fit-for-purpose consenting regime for marine renewable energy

# GRID & INTERNATIONAL

Participate in the next phase of the ISLES study

Continue to work with EU and international partners in the NSCOGI to take forward market, regulatory, grid and consenting aspects of offshore grid development

Participate in joint steering group with UK with a view to progressing MoU to full inter-governmental agreement on renewable trade, providing it is mutually beneficial

Priority 5: Progress offshore grid and renewable trade matters

