Agenda for 17th Marine Renewables Emerging Technologies Industry Forum, 2026

FREE ENTRY to all interested in the industry. *Sponsored by PwC Ireland*
MRIA reserves the right to refuse admission.

Venue: The Alex Hotel, Cumberland Street, off Merrion Square, Dublin 2
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Date: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 2026
Time: 09.00 sharp; ends at c13.30 (followed by a light lunch)
Register (free): chairman@mria.ie , *if you have not already done so*.

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

09.00: Opening of Forum

Chair: PETER COYLE, Chairman, MRIA

ROB COSTELLO, Partner, PWC

ADMIRAL MARK MELLETT, Chair of the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority

Presentation by the Minister of the *MRIA Prize for the* MAREI RESEARCH PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Session 1: 'Technology Highlights'

Chair: CHARLOTTE O'KELLY, TECHWORKS MARINE

There is record interest again in the Forum so PLEASE BE SEATED EARLY!

MINESTO, Louise Marsden

OCEAN ENERGY'S WAVE ENERGY PROGRESS, Tony Lewis

ORPC TIDAL DEVELOPMENTS, Patrick Cronin

WAVE OP, Gregoire Corre

CARNEGIE CLEAN ENERGY, Jonathan Fievez

EREBUS FLOATING OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT, Val Cummins

10.30–11.00 Coffee

Session 2: **'Policy Progress'**

Chair: JACINTA CONWAY, Arthur Cox Solicitors

NATIONAL DMAP, Rory O'Leary, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

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

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY, Kerrie Sheehan, SEAI

UK DEVELOPMENTS ON WAVE AND TIDAL, Sue Bartlett Reid, UK Marine Energy Council

INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND ORE, Helena Quilty Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment

EUROPE WIDE PROGRESS IN OCEAN ENERGY, Valentin Dupont, Ocean Energy Europe

Session 3: '5 Minute Snapshots'

Chair: PATRICIA COMISKEY, ESB

- *MRIA's Floating Offshore Wind Demonstrator proposal,* Barrie Mc Mullin, Flotation Energy + Rob Flynn, Simply Blue Group
- *National Aerospace Academy,* Frances Hardiman, South Eastern Technological University
- *MARINERG-I* Fiona Devoy McAuliffe, University College Cork
- *Seaspring technology,* Paul McEvoy, TFI
- *Outcome of Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW) wet storage study* Fiachra McCrudden, University College Cork
- *a-techSYN drones,* Adnan Cetinyka A-techSYN
- *Northern Ireland and the ORE supply chain opportunity* Kerry Muldoon, NIMO-Northern Ireland Maritime and Offshore
- *Supply Chain development,* Alan Duncan, Scotia Supply Chain
- *Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM*), Paul Rodgers, Director, PWC
- *Outcomes of PERMAGOV,* Christina Kelly, Queens University Belfast
- *ORE issues* Fergal Ruane, Byrne Wallace Shields Solicitors
- *Propel Ireland,* Georgina Foley, Enterprise Ireland
- *Infomar progress*, Koen Verbruggen
- *DNV,* Catherine Sheridan
- *National Maritime College of Ireland,* Paul Hegarty
- *International progress in energy R&D,* Brendan Cahill, SEAI

- *Belfast and Cork ports cooperation,* Colin McClements, Belfast Harbour + David Browne, Port of Cork
- *Turbine blades research findings,* Joe Mee, University of Galway
- *Update on XYZ Engineering*, Gavin Donohoe
- *Trials of Zoex device*, Cuan Boake
- *Floating Wind Challenge,* Sean O'Connor Trinity College, Dublin
- *Recent R&D,* Jamie Matthews, TechWorks Marine

Closing remarks **13.30 – 14.15 Light Lunch**