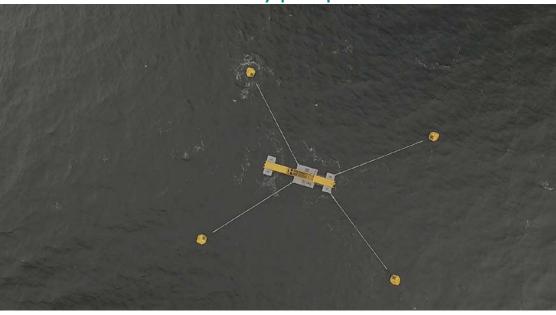




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Wave Energy in Ireland: Considering the future – an industry perspective



MARINA Project

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Marine Renewable Energy

The development of wave energy technology is one of the most technologically challenging industries that is currently being developed but the potential reward from an environmental, economic and social perspective from harnessing this resource is huge. There are significant technological challenges to harness this resource and for any R&D activity significant funding and regulatory support is required.

23 participants from different stakeholder groups expressed their opinion in this participative workshop.



Responsible Research and Innovation

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) engages and brings together all stakeholders, creates dialogue and facilitates knowledge-sharing. It ensures the sustainable use of natural resources and makes sure that the needs of citizens and society are integrated into research and innovation. Participants put forth proposals of collective solutions based on the six RRI dimensions:



Workshop Outcomes

The development of the initial roadmap as part of the Marina Project Workshop using the project methodology has proven to be a useful exercise in determining both the current issues facing the MRE and specifically the wave power industry.

The initial roadmap developed as part of this workshop provides some definite approaches and a way forward to meet these challenges:



- o Develop a pilot demonstration site
- o Call on Government and the Private Sector to invest in the process
- o Provide independent verifiable results of device performance and market potential
- Use of a coordinated approach led by Government with support from relevant stakeholders.
- o Develop a inclusive national implementation plan which considers all aspects including all societal actors
- o Update legislation to meet the current industry needs

 Raise awareness of the potential benefits of an indigenous marine

renewable industry

- o Upskill the workforce to meet the demand of industry
- o Increase and improve public engagement
- o Communicate on Marine Renewable Energy in layman's terms

The MARINA Project is funded by the EU Programme Horizon 2020. 14 partners across Europe are joining forces for a period of 36 months to bring together stakeholders around marine issues and societal challenges and propose RRI driven roadmaps of actions to respond to them.

45 workshops on marine issues in the European Union



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