Offshore renewable energies (wind, wave and tidal) are a key priority for maritime regions and their socio-economic development.

The unprovoked and unjustifiable war being waged by Russia against Ukraine has speeded up the implementation of European energy transition policies and led to offshore renewable energies playing an even greater role in helping to achieve the EU’s goals of becoming climate neutral and reducing its dependency on fossil fuels.

In parallel, the proliferation of the EU’s political and legislative initiatives in recent months calls for serious reflection on the real scope of the financial support instruments and legislative measures necessary to foster cooperation between regional authorities and other stakeholders in this sector.

The seminar will examine the European Commission’s latest legislative proposals on industry and manufacturing from the perspective of the role they can play in developing the offshore renewable energies sector.

The two thematic sessions will take the form of round tables, so that the debate can be structured around key questions relating to the opportunities and challenges facing the development of this sector as well as issues related to interregional cooperation.

The seminar will also lay the foundations for enhanced cooperation between regional authorities, ports, clusters and representatives of innovative small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe and the Regional Council of Brittany invite representatives of all offshore renewable energies sector stakeholders to express their interest in participating in the seminar by contacting the CPMR General Secretariat.
# AGENDA

**Wednesday 15 November 2023**

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<td>8.30–9.00</td>
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| 9.00–9.10  | **OPENING SESSION: “CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGIES SECTOR IN THE CPMR REGIONS”**  
  - Daniel CUEFF, Vice-President in charge of maritime and coastal affairs, Brittany Region |
| 9.10–10.20 | **SESSION 1: “BUILDING A COMPETITIVE AND RESILIENT MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGIES SECTOR: THE CHALLENGES OF REINDUSTRIALISATION”**  
  Round table moderated by Giuseppe SCIACCA, CPMR Director for Maritime Affairs and Climate  
  *Setting the scene*: Introduction by Ricardo RENEDO WILLIAMS, Policy Officer, Infrastructure and Regional Cooperation, Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER), European Commission  
  - Sari NURRO, Member of the Board of Oulu Regional Council  
  - Jose RAMÓN LÓPEZ, Project Manager, Basque Energy Agency, and Coordinator of the CPMR Energy Working Group  
  - Hannelore MAELFAIT, Coordinator of the coastal regional development team, Provincie West-Vlaanderen  
  - Christophe CHABERT, Chairman of the Board, Société Portuaire Brest Bretagne  
  - Alessandro GUERRI, Director, Port of Gioia Tauro  
  Debate with CPMR regions and stakeholders  
  Wrap up by the Moderator |
| 10.20–10.35| Coffee available (self-service Rotunda Jacques Cartier)                |
| 10.35–11.50 | SESSION 2: “ENHANCING COOPERATION: SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES AND TAKING UP CHALLENGES”  
Round table moderated by Elise WATTRELOT, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Atlantic Arc Commission  
- Sergio ARJONA, Deputy Minister of Sustainability, Environment and Blue Economy, Junta de Andalusia  
- Jean-Pierre CHABRIAT, Regional Councillor, Responsible for Energy Transition, Research and Higher Education, La Réunion Region  
- Gurvan ALLIGAND, Director of the “Marine Energies” project, Brittany Region  
- Conor O’DOWD, CEO, Port of Galway  
- Elsa GARCÍA MAYORAL, Project Officer, CETMAR (FLORES/Offshore Renewable Energies Pact for Skills)  
- Xavier GUILLOU, Policy Officer, Marine Renewable Energy, DG MARE, European Commission  
Debate with CPMR regions and stakeholders  
Wrap up by the Moderator |
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| 11.50–12.00 | CONCLUSIONS  
- Daniel CUEFF, Vice-President in charge of Maritime and Coastal Affairs, Brittany Region  
- Davide STRANGIS, Deputy Secretary General of the CPMR |

| 12.30-13.30: Lunch |