

Ocean renewables under analysis by national and international experts

The Oceanic Renewables Summit 2024 will take place on 17th April at the Champalimaud Foundation in Lisbon, with the participation of official entities, energy promoters and other relevant players in the sector.



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About forty national and international experts will meet to discuss the challenges of implementing electricity generation projects based on renewable energy from ocean sources. The [Oceanic Renewables Summit 2024](#) (#ORS2024), The largest event on ocean renewables in Portugal is scheduled for April 17 and will take place at the Champalimaud Foundation in Lisbon. The organisation is from [APREN – Portuguese Renewable Energy](#), which leaves for a second edition of the conference after a successful start in 2023.

Around the same table, in the 2024 edition, will be promoters, but also members of municipalities, heads of Central Government bodies and researchers to discuss the key points of a decisive area to accelerate decarbonisation, independence and energy security across Europe.

The event will also feature the participation of the following speakers, among others:

- Eduardo Feio (Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Port of Aveiro and Port of Figueira da Foz);
- Gisela Santos (Director of the Management and Industrial Engineering Unit at INEGI);
- Jerónimo Meira da Cunha (General Director of DGEG – Directorate General for Energy and Geology);
- João Conceição (COO at REN);
- João Peças Lopes (Full Professor at FEUP);
- José Ângelo Guerreiro Silva (President of IPMA – Portuguese Institute of the Sea and Atmosphere);
- José Carlos Simão (General Diretor from DGRM – Directorate-General for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services);
- Juan Virgilio Márquez (CEO da AEE – Wind Business Association);
- Manuel Marques (President of AAPN – Northern Fishing Shipowners Association);
- Mattia Cecchinato (Senior Advisor Offshore Wind at WindEurope);



- Pedro Amaral Jorge (CEO from APREN);
- Pedro Brinca (Associate Professor at Nova SBE);
- Pedro Ponte (Director of Engineering and Environment of the Port of Setúbal and Port of Sesimbra);
- Ricardo Pedrosa Gomes (Vice-President at AICCOPN - Association of Industrialists of Civil Construction and Public Works);
- Stefania Charisiadou (Nature Conservation Policy Officer at the European Commission).

The conference will also feature the participation of national and international experts from companies such as Smartenergy, Copenhagen Offshore Partners, BlueFloat Energy, Equinor, Ocean Winds, Reventus Power, RWE, among others.

"The creation of a national industrial sector focused on ocean renewable energies is an opportunity, as evidenced by the interest shown by several complementary sectors of economic activity, at national and international levels. The conference aims to underline the unavoidable strategic potential of this emerging cluster in Portugal, which already has installation goals defined by 2030", underlines the CEO of APREN, Pedro Amaral Jorge.

It should be recalled that in 2022 the Portuguese government announced the goal of allocating 10 GW of offshore wind power by 2030, in line with the European goal of reaching a combined offshore wind capacity of 111 GW by the end of the decade.

APREN has been following this commitment by the sector closely. It participated in the working group created for the planning and operationalization of power plants and in the three subgroups responsible for producing recommendations regarding the established objectives.

In November, the first phase of the offshore wind tender was launched. Fifty companies from ten countries showed interest in moving forward with offshore wind energy projects in Portugal.

The event will be concentrated on a single day. Registration is available [here](#). Smartenergy is the "Host Sponsor" of the Oceanic Renewables Summit 2024. CIP/COP, Greenvolt/BlueFloat Energy, Equinor, Ocean Winds, Reventus Power and RWE are "VIP sponsors". The organization of the event also has the support of Abreu Advogados, Anywind, Finerge, IberBlue Wind, Iberdrola, Morais Leitão, Oxan Energy and Strix.

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The [Portuguese Renewable Energy \(APREN\)](#) is a non-profit association founded in October 1988. Its mission is to coordinate and represent the common interests of its members, promoting renewables energies in the electricity field.

APREN works together with official bodies and other similar entities, at national and international level, constituting an instrument of participation in energy and environmental policies through the use and valorization of natural resources for electricity production, namely in the fields of hydro, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, biogas and urban solid waste