

European ocean energy continues its march towards industrialisation

25 October 2017. Nantes, France. Europe's world leading ocean energy industry will assemble in Nantes, France today at the Ocean Energy Europe 2017 Conference & Exhibition to assess its progress towards commercialisation. Despite political uncertainties, the sector has demonstrated its resilience over the past 12 months by generating record-breaking performance data, beginning the scale-up to commercial production, and opening export markets. In 2017, European technologies continue to dominate globally.

The Ocean Energy Europe 2017 Conference & Exhibition is the largest ocean energy industry event in Europe. Over 2 days, over 400 senior industry and public representatives, as well as more than 60 exhibiting companies will gather. In recognition of France's emergence as a global leader in ocean energy development, this year's event takes place at the heart of the French maritime industry in Nantes.

Opening the conference, Ocean Energy Europe CEO, Rémi Gruet, said: "Over the past 12 months, ocean energy has continued its steady march towards industrialisation, despite the challenging political climate".

"We are seeing the emergence of a new industry" continued Gruet, "Pilot farms, which hit the water in 2016, have delivered valuable performance data and learnings in 2017. Building on this, the industry is constructing the world's first ocean energy factories in Europe, clearing the way to volume scale-up and cost reductions.

French and European companies are already leading the way globally. The industry is opening global export markets, and the first ocean energy orders are now being placed from Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, and Canada," concluded Gruet.

Ocean Energy Europe takes place on 25-26 October in La Cité in Nantes, France.

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About Ocean Energy Europe 2017 Conference & Exhibition

Ocean Energy Europe Conference and Exhibition is the leading European event dedicated to ocean energy. Taking place on 25-26 October, the 2017 edition is coming to Nantes, France – in the heart of a region with a proud maritime tradition and a well-established ocean energy presence.

Over two days, it will be attended by 400 of the most senior industry and public sector representatives active in the ocean energy sector.

About Ocean Energy Europe

Ocean Energy Europe is the largest network of ocean energy professionals in the world. 120 organisations, including Europe's leading utilities, industrialists and research institutes, trust Ocean Energy Europe to represent the interests of Europe's ocean energy sector.

Ocean Energy Europe's objective is to create a strong environment for the development of ocean energy, improve access to funding and enhance business opportunities for its members. To achieve this, it engages with the European Commission, Council, Parliament, European Investment Bank, and national ministries on all dossiers affecting the sector, such energy, climate, finance, grid and consenting.

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