

## New OEE Policy Director targets industrialisation of ocean energy

**Brussels. 25 January 2018. Ocean Energy Europe – the industry body for ocean renewable energy in Europe - has appointed Donagh Cagney as its new Policy Director. Cagney will focus on promoting the right policy and finance framework to take ocean energy to industrial readiness.**

Mr Cagney said: “Following in the path of wind and solar, Europe’s ocean energy sector has made real progress in recent years, and the stage is set for a transition to industrial readiness. To get over this line, visibility on volumes and revenue support is going to be crucial.”

“As Policy Director at Ocean Energy Europe, I look forward to working with our members and decision makers to help create a domestic market for ocean energy with significant export opportunities around the world”, concluded Cagney.

Donagh Cagney joins Ocean Energy Europe following a stint at UK energy regulator OFGEM, where he led work on the EU’s Clean Energy Package. Before that he was responsible for economic policy at the European airport industry body, and prior to this at the Dublin Airport Authority. He holds an MSc in Economics from Trinity College Dublin.

Ocean Energy Europe CEO, Rémi Gruet, commented: “Donagh is a great addition to the OEE team. His policy experience, sectoral understanding and level-headed enthusiasm will be vital assets to promote our new industry at a crucial time. I also want to thank Jacopo Moccia for his extraordinary contribution to the sector and wish him the best in his new culinary endeavours.”

### *About Ocean Energy Europe*

Ocean Energy Europe is the largest network of ocean energy professionals in the world. Over 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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