

Nova Innovation chief joins Ocean Energy Europe Board of Directors

3 August. Brussels. Simon Forrest, CEO of Nova Innovation, has joined the Ocean Energy Europe Board of Directors. Nova Innovation has become an increasingly prominent player in the tidal energy sector in recent years, and today's announcement further reflects this. Nova will now bring their experience to bear at EU level and help guide the ocean energy sector towards industrialisation.

Since its inception in 2010, Nova has been at the forefront of tidal energy technology development. In 2016, it announced the successful deployment of the world's first offshore tidal array in Shetland. Nova Innovation recently received the backing of the European Commission to further develop technology in the Shetlands, and also announced plans to develop a tidal energy project in North Wales, UK.

Rémi Gruet, CEO of Ocean Energy Europe, underlined the value that Dr Forrest will bring to the Ocean Energy Europe Board of Directors:

"With the deployment of the Shetland Tidal Array, Nova has earned a reputation for getting things done and they are now part of the vanguard of tidal energy developers pushing the sector towards commercial readiness. Tapping that experience at board level will be extremely beneficial to both OEE and the European ocean energy sector. We look forward to working more closely with Simon Forrest and his team to help create a new European industrial sector capable of delivering 10% of Europe's electricity supply by 2050."

Simon Forrest, CEO of Nova Innovation, said: "I am delighted that Nova Innovation will be joining the board of Ocean Energy Europe. The organisation is the voice of our sector and plays a pivotal role in the development of tidal energy on a global scale. Nova has been extremely successful in delivering the world's first tidal array and bringing commercial reality to the tidal energy space. We are very much looking forward to playing our role in working with OEE to make tidal energy a successful global source of energy."

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About Ocean Energy Europe

Ocean Energy Europe is the largest network of ocean energy professionals in the world. 113 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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About the Ocean Energy Europe Board of Directors

The Ocean Energy Europe Board of Directors is made up of the most prominent figures and organisations in Europe's ocean energy industry.

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About Nova Innovation

Nova Innovation designs, builds and operates tidal energy turbines, and develops sites for arrays of these device.

The technology needed to generate clean, predictable and affordable electricity using the ebb and flow of tides is developing rapidly, and there is growing worldwide interest in this emerging renewable energy sector. The EU is at the forefront of developments in tidal energy, and Nova Innovation is a leading industry player headquartered in Edinburgh.

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