

Scotland welcomes Europe's ocean energy industry to Edinburgh for OEE2018

Team Scotland – comprised of Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Wave Energy Scotland, and the Scottish Crown Estate – sign up as Platinum Sponsor

Scotland will host the Ocean Energy Europe 2018 Conference & Exhibition (OEE2018) in Edinburgh on 30-31 October. Scotland has led the charge on ocean energy technologies by building some of the industry's key flagship projects, and is a key hub for developments globally. Scottish Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, Paul Wheelhouse will be present to welcome the ocean energy sector to Edinburgh. The event will be sponsored by Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Wave Energy Scotland, and the Scottish Crown Estate.

The first Ocean Energy Europe Conference & Exhibition was held in Edinburgh in 2013. Since then it has grown to be the leading European event on ocean energy. Each year, it features the industry's leading CEOs, alongside key ministers and decision-makers. With a lively commercial exhibition, the latest business intelligence, and several networking and side events, OEE2018 will be the place to do ocean energy business this year.

Scottish Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy Paul Wheelhouse, said:

"I am very pleased that Edinburgh is hosting the sixth Ocean Energy Europe conference.

Not only does Scotland have some of the world's best and most exploitable marine energy resources and leading test facilities, but we have two fully operational tidal arrays and a unique research and development initiative -- Wave Energy Scotland.

With our supportive policy environment, skilled supply chain and expertise in energy innovation, I am sure visitors in October will agree that Scotland is the natural home for ocean energy projects."

Rémi Gruet, CEO of Ocean Energy Europe said:

"After launching the 1st OEE Conference & Exhibition there in 2013, we are delighted to be welcomed back to Edinburgh with the support of Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Wave Energy Scotland and the Scottish Crown Estate.

Since 2013, ocean energy has continued to mature and move towards industrialisation. This is in no small part due to the thousands of hours invested in technology development by innovative companies in Scotland.

Thanks to strong political support, these hours are now translating into megawatt-hours at the world-leading projects of Atlantis Resources, Nova Innovation and Scotrenewables Tidal Power – all headquartered in Scotland.

We look forward to two days of intensive debate, networking and deal-making this October."

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