

Ocean Energy Forum

16th April 2015

Crown Plaza Hotel, Brussels

Scene setter:

The Ocean Energy Forum was established in April 2014 to accelerate the development of the ocean energy. It brings together key stakeholders to work on the issues that currently hinder further progress in the sector. It is organised into three workstreams: a technology workstream, a finance workstream and an environmental and consenting workstream. These groups have permanent steering groups and chairs but anyone with a stake in the sector can join any workstream and contribute. The Forum has already met two times in large plenary sessions: for the opening in Brussels in April 2014 and in Dublin in June 2014. A high-level meeting with ministers and CEOs took place in October 2014 in Paris.

Agenda:

8.30-9.00: Registration and welcome coffee

Plenary opening session

9.00-9.05 Welcome and opening of the Forum, Bernhard Friess (Director, DG MARE)

9.05-9.20 Key note introduction by Commissioner Karmenu Vella

Political panel: developing ocean energy in the EU (moderated by Bernhard Friess)

9.20-9.50 Technology

- *Challenges for the technology working group* – Rémi Gruet (CEO, Ocean Energy Europe)
- *A view on technology from the European Parliament* – MEP Seán Kelly
- Q&A

9.50-10.20 Finance

- *Challenges for the finance working group* – Ronnie Quinn (Head of Ocean Energy, The Crown Estate)
- *A view on finance from the European Parliament* – MEP Derek Vaughan
- Q&A

10.20-10.50 Environment and consenting

- *Challenges for the environment working group* – David Pratt (Marine Renewables Planner, Marine Scotland)
- *A view on environment from the European Parliament* – MEP Giovanni La Via
- Q&A

10.50-11.00 Concluding remarks

11.00-11.30: [Coffee break](#)

Case study: tidal lagoons – ready for take-off?

11.30-12.15 Panel session on the developments and prospects for the construction of tidal lagoons as a source of clean, predictable and affordable power

- *A vision for tidal lagoons* - Mark Shorrock (CEO, Tidal Lagoon Power)
- *Local energy, local jobs and opportunities for SMEs* – Nick Revell (Managing Director, Ledwood Mechanical Engineering)

12.15-12.30: *Conclusion of the morning session* – Lowri Evans (Director-General, DG MARE)

12.30-14.00: *Lunch*

14.00-14.20 *A view on Energy Union and sustainable energy* – MEP Kathleen Van Brempt

Parallel workshops

14.20 – 16.00 Parallel workstream break-out sessions to review the papers submitted by the steering group chairs. The outcome will contribute to a draft outline of the strategic roadmap, to be presented to the high-level group in October.

- *Technology workstream*, chaired by Fiona Buckley (Product Manager Offshore and Marine Technology, GDF Suez) and Rémi Gruet (CEO, Ocean Energy Europe)
 - Opening presentation by Matthijs Soede (Policy officer, DG RTD) - *Horizon2020 planning and ocean energy*
- *Finance workstream*, chaired by Ronnie Quinn (Head of Ocean Energy, The Crown Estate) and Jacopo Moccia (Policy and Operations Director, Ocean Energy Europe)
 - Opening presentation by Dan Pearson (CEO, MeyGen) - *Reaching financial close for a tidal array*
- *Environment and consenting workstream*, chaired by Géraldine Martin (General Deputy, West Normandy Marine Energy) and David Pratt (Marine Renewables Planner, Marine Scotland)
 - Opening presentation by Angelo Caserta (Regional Director, Birdlife International) - *Engaging stakeholders in the planning process*

16.00-16.30: *Coffee break*

16.30-17.30: Parallel meetings of the workstreams *continued*

Conclusion

17.30-17.45: Brief conclusions from the chairs of the steering groups on the discussions in the workstreams