

Conference Programme

Conference/Webinar	<i>Our Offshore Renewable Energy Opportunity - Is Ireland Ready? - (Maritime Qualifications and Certification)</i>
Date and Time	04 March 2022
Location / Format	NMCI – In Person and Online
Attendees	Ireland’s Maritime Community
Event Hosts	NMCI
Event Sponsor	Western Star & Emerald Projects

04 March 2022	
0830 - 0900	Registration
0900 - 0910	MC: Fergal Keane (RTE) Welcome Address: MTU.
0910 - 0925	Opening Address – Mr Charlie McConalogue T.D. Minister for the Marine
1st Panel 0925 - 1045	Ireland’s accelerating Offshore Renewable Energy sector <i>What’s happening now, what’s coming?</i> Chair: Capt. Brian FitzGerald Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noel Cunniffe, CEO Wind Energy Ireland. Dr Alan Power, Assistant Principal, Labour Market and Skills Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Dr Val Cummins, Simply Blue Group. John Lynch – CEO Irish South & East Fish Producers Organisation (IS&EFPO)
0925 - 0930	Panel Introduction
0930 - 0935	Wind Energy Ireland – The Policy Regime for Renewable Energy Noel Cunniffe CEO WEI
0935 - 0945	The Expert Group on Future Skills Needs Report on <i>Skills for Zero Carbon</i> Dr Alan Power, Assistant Principal, Labour Market and Skills Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
0945 - 0950	A Developer Case Study – Floating Offshore Wind off Ireland’s Coasts Dr Val Cummins, Simply Blue Group
0950 - 1000	Co-existence of Offshore Renewable Energy with the Fishing Industry John Lynch – CEO IS&EFPO
1000 – 1045	Panel Discussion - Chair Brian FitzGerald & Fergal Keane

1045 - 1130	Tea/Coffee – Networking
2nd Panel 1130 – 1245	<p>Offshore Renewables and Ireland’s Fishing Industry and Coastal Communities <i>What might the future hold?</i></p> <p>Chair: Tom MacSweeney</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geraldine Carroll (UL) Chair Mid-West Renewable Energy Education and Training Cluster. • Stephanie Hyde-McIntyre (Recent graduate Nautical Science NMCI and daughter of fishing family) - The Future for the Fishing Industry. • Caitlín Uí hAodha - The Wider Fishing/Coastal Industry. • Capt Shane Heverin – Aigean Marine • <u>Panelist:</u> Garvan Meehan Principal BIM NFI Greencastle – BIM Future Direction.
1130 – 1135	Panel Introduction
1135 - 1145	<p>Skills Development Mid-West Region Geraldine Carroll</p>
1145 – 1150	<p>The Future Opportunities for Ireland’s Fishing Industry Stephanie Hyde-McIntyre</p>
1150 – 1155	<p>The Wider Fishing/Coastal Industry Caitlín Uí hAodha</p>
1155 – 1200	<p>Ireland’s Future Maritime Workforce Capt Shane Heverin – Aigean Marine</p>
1200 – 1245	Panel Discussion Chaired by Tom MacSweeney
1245 – 1400	Lunch
3rd Session 1400 – 1500	<p>Seafarer Qualifications and Vessel Certification in Ireland <i>The situation today and mapping out future directions</i></p> <p>Chair: Cdr Caoimhín Mac Unfraidh A/HoC NMCI</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

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1400 - 1405	Panel Introduction
1405-1410	Seafarer Qualifications and Vessel Certification in Ireland <i>The situation today and the Regulator’s Perspective on feasible future directions.</i> Brian Hogan – MSO.
1410 - 1415	The Irish Offshore Renewable Energy Opportunity – how might it shape the future of Seafarer Education, Training & Qualifications? Cormac Gebruers, Head of College, NMCI.
1415 - 1420	Fishing qualifications and fishing vessel certification in Ireland. <i>The situation today and directions of travel to a sustainable future</i> Capt Michael McCarthy
1420 - 1430	International Developments Lizet Ramirez – Wind Europe – Analyst Offshore Wind
1430 – 1500	Panel Discussion - Chair Cdr Caoimhin Mac Unfraidh and Fergal Keane
1515-1545	Tea/Coffee
1545 – 1550	Panel Introduction
Panel Discussion 1545 - 1645	Is Ireland Ready? What does success look like in 2030? Chair: Vice Admiral Mark Mellett Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Hogan – MSO. • Liam Lacey - IMDO. • Attracta Uí Bhroin – Irish Environmental Network. • Peter Coyle - Chairman, Marine Renewable Industry Association. • Mark de Faoite – Údarás na Gaeltachta – Páirc na Mara.
1645 – 1655	Summary and Closing Remarks - MTU - NMCI HoC
1655 -1700	Farewell & Thank You

