

EU SURVEY on Interregional Partnerships on Marine Renewable Energies

Context

The EU is global leader in both mature technologies of offshore wind and emerging technologies of floating wind and ocean energy. Marine Renewable Energy (MRE) will be an essential pillar of the EU blue economy, its energy security and sustainable energy transition.

As part of the European Green Deal, the Commission adopted two strategic Communications related to marine renewable energy:

- The [EU strategy on offshore renewable energy](#) in November 2020 and
- [A new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU - Transforming the EU's Blue Economy for a Sustainable Future](#) in May 2021.

Smart specialisation strategies (S3) are a key tool to implement identified actions, not only to prioritise regional research and innovation investments in blue economy sectors, but also to promote interregional partnerships and blue economy value chains across borders.

Accordingly, DG MARE in cooperation with DG REGIO, is setting up the S3 thematic platform for sustainable blue economy to support interregional partnerships and value chains thus facilitating the cooperation among blue economy 4 helix stakeholders.

S3 are a useful tool to support transition towards a sustainable blue economy by creating the necessary innovation ecosystems in Member States and Regions while promoting investments that boost the competitiveness of blue economy sectors.

Smart Specialization for Sustainable Blue Economy - Brokerage Event on Marine Renewable Energies (MRE)

[DG MARE](#), in cooperation with the [Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy](#) and its [Assistance Mechanism](#), is organizing a dedicated brokerage session to inform stakeholders and promote the potentialities of S3 interregional partnerships, in particular in the framework of the [I3 instrument](#) and the currently open calls, specifically focusing offshore renewable energy (offshore wind and ocean energy).

Brokerage Event Info

- Location: This hybrid event (in-person + online) will take place on the **10th of May 2022** in the Main Auditorium of the [IH Cantabria](#) premises in **Santander, Spain**.
- Address: Parque Científico y Tecnológico de Cantabria, C. Isabel Torres, 15, 39011 Santander, Cantabria
- Time: 9.00 – 12.30 CET

Specific objectives of the event

In addition to the information about the opportunities offered by the I3 instrument and the importance to develop blue economy interregional value chains, the event will support matchmaking activities in order to:

- facilitate stakeholders networking and exchange on offshore renewable energy
- promote the definition of stakeholders' complementarities and synergies in terms of interregional value chains/partnerships
- support exchange of potential partnership ideas and manifestation of interest
- share best practices and lesson learned on S3 interregional partnerships set up and implementation

Structure of the Event

The Brokerage event will be structured in two sessions:

- 1st) Informative Session (open to all registered participants)
- 2nd) Brainstorming, Exchange and Networking Session (open **ONLY** to those registered participants that have **replied to this survey**)

EU Survey Objectives

This survey is intended so as an EOI (Expression of Interest) from you and your organization for being part of potential interregional partnerships that may evolve within the topics of S3 and MREs.

By replying to this survey you will have the chance for letting us know:

- If you and your organization would be interested in being part of a potential interregional partnership
- Around which topics you and your organization would be interested in cooperating for such partnerships
- What could you and your organization bring to the table to such partnerships
- What expected role you and your organization could have in such partnerships

Survey and Event Target participants

The brokerage session welcomes the participation of EU actors that are part of the smart specialisation 4 helix stakeholders' matrix: regional and national authorities, SMEs/start-ups/industry, clusters/business hubs, universities and research institutes, innovation and technological transfer entities, experts on technological transfer/ internationalization and scale-up.

Deadline for replying to the SURVEY

1st May 2022

SURVEY

Full Name (open answer)

Email Address (open answer)

Company / Organization (open answer)

Position at the Company/ Organization (open answer)

What does better describe your role? (Multiple choice)

- Regional and/or national authority
- SMEs
- Start-up
- Industry
- Cluster
- Business hub
- University
- Research institute
- Innovation and technological transfer entity
- Expert on technological transfer
- Expert on Internationalization and scale-up.

What marine sector is your Company/Organization related to? (open answer)

How will you attend the Brokerage Event? (Single choice)

- In-person
- Virtual
- Not attending it but interested in being part of a potential partnership when built

Does your Company / Organization have a S3 strategy?

If replied yes to the above question, can you please provide us a link or url where we could access it? (open answer)

Are you or your Company / Organization part of any Interregional Partnership related to MREs? Single choice

- Yes
- No

If replied yes to the above question, which partnership? (open answer)

Will you or your Company / Organization be willing to be part of a potential Interregional Partnership(s) on S3 applied to MREs?

- Yes
- No
- Other (allow for them to state the other)

If replied yes to the above question, what topic(s) or challenge(s) would you be interested in tackling through such partnership(s)? (multiple answer)

- manufacturing and handling of large components
- power transfer and conversion
- corrosion in water
- sensing, remote monitoring and instrumentation
- O&M optimisation
- testing and demonstration in real environments (for reducing operational and maintenance costs)
- digital twins' options
- environmental issues
- skilling and up-skilling
- MREs and Ports
- Others

What can you and your Company / Organization bring to the table to those potential partnership(s)? Please do clearly specify what will you bring to each and one of the topic(s) selected above (open answer)

What do you envision your role could be within those topic(s) or challenges(s)? (e.g., leaders of the partnership, partners of the partnership, associates of the partnership, etc.) Please do clearly specify what role would you envision to each and one of the topic(s) selected above (open answer)

Will you be willing to take the floor and explain your interest and involvements at the Brokerage Event? (Single choice)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Will you allow us to share your contact details with other Companies / Organizations willing also to be part of a potential partnership within the same topic(s) or challenge(s) so as to help networking amongst you?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please clarify)

Once submitted they shall receive the following message:

**“Thanks for your response. We will gather all responses and get back to you on the 4th of May letting you know if your participation at the 2nd part of the Brokerage Event (Brainstorming, exchange of ideas and networking) has been accepted or not. Meanwhile if you have any questions please do not hesitate contacting us through the following email address: m.pascual@atlanticstrategy.eu.
Regards”**