

OCEAN ENERGY ERA-NET

Dear Ocean Energy Stakeholder,

On behalf of the Ocean Energy European Research Area Network (OCEANERA-NET), we hereby cordially invite you to participate in an online survey for mapping ocean energy science and technology in the global landscape. The mapping is a key element of the OCEANERA-NET strategy and you have been selected to be part of this survey since you are considered a relevant stakeholder. Your input is truly important for our mission.

OCEANERA-NET is an initiative funded by the European Union through FP7, bringing together 16 European research funding organisations from 9 countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Spain and Sweden). OCEANERA-NET aims to coordinate and support research, innovation and knowledge exchange in the Ocean Energy sector (wave, tidal, salinity gradient and ocean thermal energy conversion), by pooling national and regional resources to launch transnational competitive joint calls, add value to activities, and drive technologies towards maturity.

*The purpose of this science and technology mapping is to compile and analyse relevant information on the stage of development and maturity of different technologies and infrastructures, the nature of stakeholders along the whole value chain, and key research priorities, regarding ocean energy. We would greatly appreciate your organisation's inputs to get a thorough understanding of these issues, as **your responses will enable OCEANERA-NET to improve the design, implementation and impact of future funding opportunities**. Thereby, the result will be a unique inventory and analysis of ocean energy in the global landscape, providing in-depth knowledge that will contribute to overcome gaps and foster the development of ocean energy technologies.*

The survey will be undertaken by way of a web-based questionnaire consisting of 3 three sections or forms. You are kindly requested to fill in those forms that best suit the profile of your organisation. If information is not available or not relevant for a given question, please skip that field or state "not applicable". Please feel free to insert your comments wherever needed.

*The first section (form A) aims to gain information regarding priority research thematic lines within ocean energy, and it is addressed to **all kinds of ocean energy stakeholders and organisations***

(Form A) <https://survs.com/survey/yewwk1gesz>

*The second section (form B), is focused on ocean energy infrastructures and as such, it is addressed only to those **stakeholders/organisations playing a role in the development, management or operation of research or operational infrastructures**. This form comprises two sub-forms: B1 dedicated to **research infrastructures** (including test and demonstration sites), and B2 dedicated to **operational deployments (farms and plants)***

(Form B1) <https://survs.com/survey/qsu6vd4ira>

(Form B2) <https://survs.com/survey/x50foa4243>

*The third section (form C) is dedicated to the compilation of information on the state-of-the-art of technologies and projects, RTDI capacities, collaboration agreements and other strategic aspects regarding ocean energy. This form comprises three sections, each one is addressed to a specific group of stakeholders: **science and research community (C1), industrial organisations (C2), and stakeholders playing a relevant role in strategic issues (C3)***

(Form C) <https://survs.com/survey/i9kv8urbhd>

*We would be grateful if you could fill in the survey by **31st December 2014** at the latest. It should not take you more than about half an hour to complete these surveys. Should you think you are not the best person to complete the survey, we would sincerely appreciate your help in forwarding this letter to colleagues who may be able to participate. **The information you provide will help catalyse the sustainable growth of the ocean energy community, and society in general.** NB. **Please do not include any confidential information in the questionnaire responses and please only include information relating to current programmes or to those scheduled to commence in the very near future.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your National Contact (mentioned in the cover e-mail).*

Thanking you in advance for your time and attention to this important initiative.

Yours sincerely,
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