

October 8th 2026 - day 1 MAIN CONFERENCE

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AGENDA

02:30 PM - 03:15 PM | **OPENING REMARKS**

- **Edoardo Rixi**, Vice Minister of Infrastructure and Transport
- Antonio Decaro, President - Puglia Region*
- **Isabelle Ryckbost**, Secretary General - **European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)**
- **Giovanni Gugliotti**, President - **Port Network Authority of the Ionian Sea – Port of Taranto**

03:15 PM - 04:45 PM | **FROM NORTH TO SOUTH: CO-CREATING ECOSYSTEMS FOR EUROPEAN OFFSHORE WIND**

OSW is accelerating rapidly across the European Northern Range, from the UK to the Baltics. This momentum has been catalyzed by robust **cross-border collaboration, bringing together Governments, TSOs, regional authorities, industry clusters, and private developers**, supported by the European Commission and the EIB.

The Mediterranean basin is now charting its own tailored path, with pioneering projects – such as the first floating offshore farms in Southern France – demonstrating the region's distinct potential and rising ambition.

This session explores how collaborative strategies can be adapted across different European basins, highlighting tangible pathways and shared experiences to stimulate local action and unlock regional momentum.

MODERATOR: **Mattia Cecchinato**, Manager Offshore Wind - **WindEurope**

The Northern range

- **Aaron Smith**, Senior Advisor - **Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)**
- **Simone Di Pillo**, Manager Asset Management Coordination – Offshore wind - **Plenitude**
- **Elena Farnè**, Senior Director, Head of Global Sales Management - **Vestas**

European Funding Instruments

- **Damone Yahyaei**, Loan Officer Lending Operations in Italy and Malta Public Sector Department - **European Investment Bank (EIB)**

The Mediterranean Region

- **Jauad El Kharraz**, Coordinator - **Teramed**
- **Leonardo Manzari**, National Hub for Italy - **WestMed**
- **Ismail D'Amato**, CEO - **InterConnect Malta**

05:00 PM - 06:30 PM | **EMPOWERING REGIONS: THE LOCAL DRIVER OF THE OFFSHORE WIND ECOSYSTEM**

Regional and local authorities play a vital part in driving OSW development. From providing financial support and establishing industry clusters to creating one-stop shops for developers, facilitating stakeholder engagement, and funding workforce training, local entities have a broad array of concrete mechanisms at their disposal.

Featuring **leading international case studies**, **this session fosters an operational dialogue among Italian regional authorities** while highlighting their potential to actively champion and shape policy alongside national governments.

MODERATOR: **Francesco Corvace**, Head of Energy Transition Section, Department of Economic Development - **Puglia Region**

- **Julien Ciglar**, Marine Renewable Energy Project Director - **Occitanie Region**
- **Eugenio Di Sciascio**, Regional Minister for Economic Development - **Puglia Region**
- **Gianna Elisa Berlingiero**, Director of the Department of Economic Development - **Puglia Region**
- **Giulia Lo Bianco**, Head of Offshore Wind - Italy - **Baywa r.e.**
- **Domenico Laforgia**, President - **Enterprise Network MOS - Mediterranean Offshore Solutions**

08:30 PM | **GALA DINNER** (reserved for speakers and sponsors)

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09:30 AM - 10:45 AM | **RESHAPING THE NARRATIVE: STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION FOR OFFSHORE WIND**

Despite its low environmental and landscape impacts and the substantial economic and employment benefits it brings to ports and local communities, **OSW still struggles with a weak public narrative**. In a climate heavily impacted by fake news, misinformation, and local pushback, the sector often fails to communicate its true value effectively.

This session examines the **tools, initiatives, and strategies that industry players can deploy—both individually and collectively—to transform public perception**, counter false narratives, and build trust across media platforms and local stakeholders.

MODERATOR: Laura Cimaglia, Director of General Affairs and International Relations - **Port Network Authority of the Ionian Sea – Port of Taranto**

- **Ubaldo Stecconi**, Policy & Communication Expert - **European Commission DG COMP**
- **Simona Re**, Vice President - **CMC-Climate Media Center**
- **Ksenia Balanda**, General Manager, Offshore Wind Italy - **Nadara**
- **Lucio Casolaro**, Project Director Offshore Wind - **Copenhagen Offshore Partners**

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM | **DELIVERING ITALIAN OFFSHORE WIND: FROM REGULATORY FINE-TUNING TO DEPLOYMENT**

OSW in Italy is undergoing a comprehensive fine-tuning of its regulatory framework and market conditions to firmly transition into its operational phase. **The upcoming update to the FER 2 Decree will establish auction rules aligned with current market realities**. Meanwhile, an all-encompassing debate involving government institutions, industry associations, and project developers is shaping new legislative and policy proposals to drive sector growth. This session brings together all **key ecosystem players for an open exchange on the current landscape and future action plans**.

MODERATOR: Michele Schiavone, CEO - **Divento**

- **Giovanni Arcoleo**, Country Manager Italy - **Acciona**
- **Fulvio Mamone Capria**, President - **AERO**

- **Luigi Severini**, President - **Nicetechnology** / **iLStudio Engineering**
- **Vinicio Mosè Vigilante**, CEO - **GSE***
- **Confindustria Representative***

12:30 PM | NETWORKING LUNCH (reserved for speakers and sponsors)

02:15 PM - 03:30 PM | DE-RISKING FLOATING OSW: INNOVATION, PERMITTING, AND LCOE OPTIMIZATION

The Mediterranean offers a unique opportunity to spearhead the deployment of floating OSW—a technology rapidly emerging as a game-changer for the coming years, as demonstrated by pioneering projects in the Northern Range and Southern France. Now is the critical **time to align R&D, engineering design, and permitting processes toward mitigating technology risks and optimizing the LCOE.**

Featuring international experts, this session brings together research institutions, engineering firms, and project developers to share diverse perspectives on scaling floating OSW.

MODERATOR: Alessandro Corsini, President - **Owemes**

- **Enrico Degiorgis**, Policy Officer - Wind energy and hydrogen - **European Commission DG RTD**
- **Georges Safi**, Head of the “Ecosystem & Society” **Research Department** and Head of Mediterranean Antenna - **France Energies Marines**
- **Massimo Petrini**, Head of Technology Coordination Unit - **Terna**
- **Carla Marcis**, Project Manager - **Montana**
- **Francesco Gennaro**, Head of Wind Projects - **Fichtner**

03:30 PM - 04:45 PM | THE PORT FACTOR: DRIVING OSW INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND VALUE CREATION

Ports are the strategic bedrock of Offshore Wind development, serving not merely as logistical hubs, but as vibrant industrial centers. They are the physical sites where OSW takes shape and where the primary economic and employment benefits materialize. Across Europe, **port authorities are redefining their strategies, attracting new industries, building strategic alliances, and securing investments** to serve the OSW sector.

As a core element of the OWR project, this session presents concrete international case studies, contrasting global best practices with the emerging opportunities in Italy and the Mediterranean.

MODERATOR: **Enrico Carloni**, Senior Local Expert (Energy) - **Royal Danish Embassy**

- **Erik Bertholet**, Business Manager Offshore Wind - **Groningen Seaports** | Chairman of OWPP - **Wind Europe**
- **Thomas Debize**, Floating Offshore Wind Project Engineer, **Port-La Nouvelle**
- **Patrick Walison**, Senior Consultant Maritime Strategy & Economics - **Haskoning**
- **Dario Soria**, General Director - **Assocostieri**
- **Sergio Prete**, General Director - **ServPort**
- **Pietro Coniglio**, CEO - **ISLA**

4:45 PM | **CONCLUSIONS**

*invited, waiting for confirmation

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