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Projects

ESFRI roadmap

Permanent legal entity







A Distributed Research Infrastructure (DRI) of testing infrastructures to accelerate the delivery of Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE).

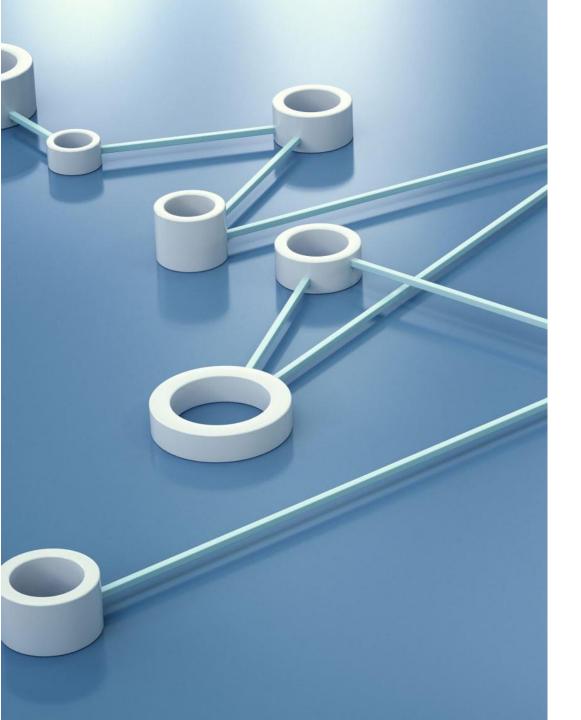
Mission

Drive the development of innovative, investable ORE technologies by...

Streamlining research, testing, training & user access

Adopting common codes of practice for uniformity in testing, performance metrics, validation and certification

Implementing a federated e-infrastructure platform to facilitate knowledge exchange and access to services.



Mission

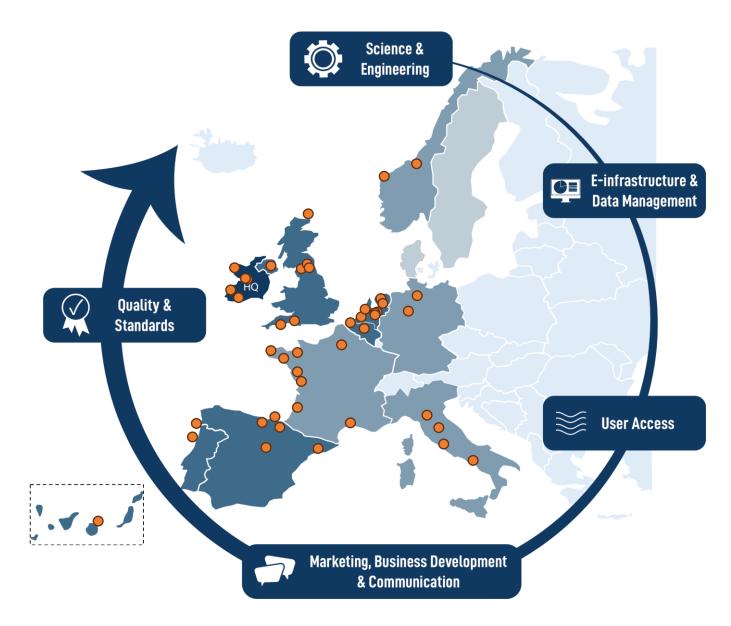
Accelerate novel solutions through cross-sector collaborations and integration of distributed testing infrastructures.

Inform national and EU policy and infrastructure investment strategies, sustaining global leadership and recognition in the ORE sector.

Membership

UK Ireland Belgium \rightarrow Netherlands Portugal Spain Italy France Norway \rightarrow Germany Sweden

60 Facilities



What will we cover?







Wave



Floating solar







Electrical: power quality, performance & grid integration





Drivetrains, Generators & Electrical components



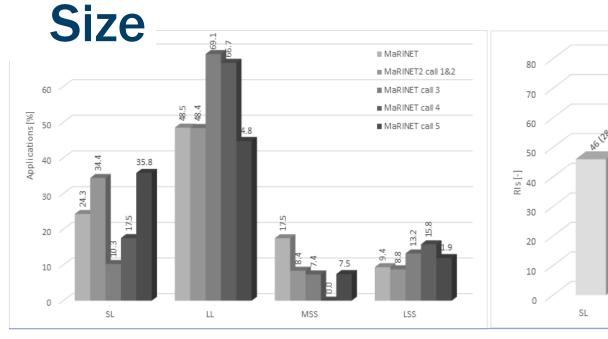
Device Components

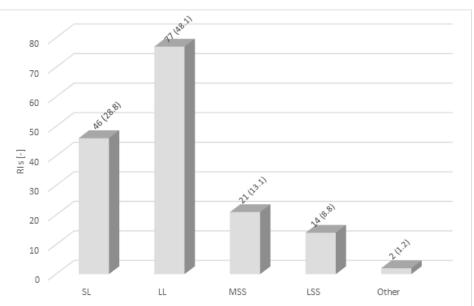


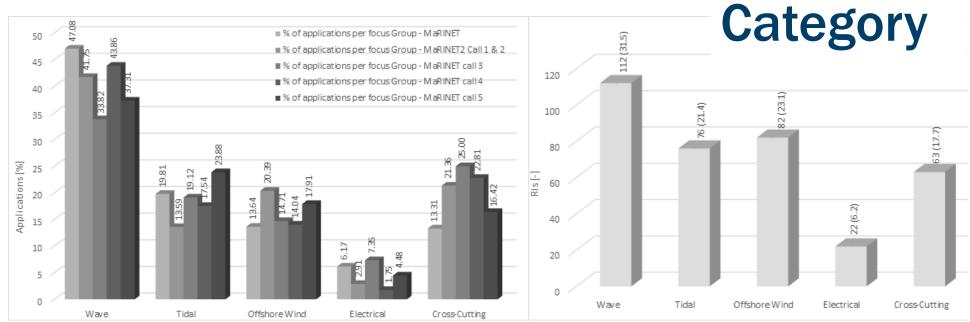
Structures, Materials, Geotech & Manufacturing

Facility Scale	Focus Group					
	Wave	Tidal	Offshore wind	Solar (PV)	Electrical and Grid connection	Cross-Cutting
Small Lab	Wave flume	Current flume	Wind tunnel	Wave flume	Turbine emulator	Material testing bench
					Wave flume	
					PTO testing bench	
Large Lab	Wave basin	Current flume	Wind tunnel	Wave basin	Turbine emulator	Material testing bench,
			Wave basin		Wave basin	corrosion tanks
Medium Scale open sea test site	Sheltered bay Low-energetic test site	Sheltered strait or channel	Sheltered bay	Sheltered bay Low-energetic test site	PTO testing rig	Coastal corrosion testing facility
					Sheltered bay	Sheltered bay
Large Scale Open Sea test site	Offshore open area	Offshore open area Strait or channel	Offshore open area	Offshore open area	Offshore open area	Offshore open area

Need based on experience









Kelvin Hydrodynamics Wave and Tow Tank



Ghent University Wave Flume



Lir NOTF Wave and Current Flume; Wavewatch flume; Electrical Test Rigs & Microgrid



UNIFI-LABIMA flume tanks



Sintef Ocean Circulating water Tunnel



IHCantabria Wave-Current Flume (COC); Directional Wave Tank



LIM/UPC CIEMito - Small scale wave flume and LaBassa Wave Basin



Deltares Pacific Basin; Delta Basin; Delta Flume

Small-scale laboratory



Marin Concept Basin; Shallow Water Basin; Depressurised Wave Basin; Simulators



NIOZ Test facility for component- and supporting technology testing





TNO; Structural Dynamics Laboratory; hydrogen and materials lab; Small scale air/water flow lab



WUR Flume tank facilities; Acoustic and telemetric monitoring techniques



TU Delft Several small wind tunnels; Structures and Material lab



FASTBLADE Structural Composites Research Facility



DNW Low-speed wind tunnel LST



SWEET Lab Structural component test rig and Drivetrain test rig



COB wave basin and towing tank



ECN hydrodynamic and ocean engineering tank and towing tank



IFREMER Deep wave Basin; Wave-Current Flume; Material testing facility



UGE's geotechnical centrifuge, cable fatigue test bench and mechanical test bench



Leibniz Universitaet Hannover Large Wave Flume



NUIG Structural Research Laboratory



LIR Deep Ocean Basin & Ocean Basin



CNR-INM Towing & Waves Tanks (TWT) and Circulating water channel (CWC)

Large-scale laboratory



Federico II University Wave/Towing tank



Sintef Ocean Marine Structures Laboratory; Smartgrids; Ocean Basin and Towing Tanks





CEHIPAR Seakeeping Tank



CENER Wind Turbine Test Laboratory



IHCantabria Coastal and Ocean Basin and Wave-Current-Tsunami Flume



CIEM - Large scale wave and currents flume



Deltares IOS basins incl. header for pump (sump) research and Ship Lock facility incl. fresh and saltwater facilities



DNW Large Low Speed Wind Tunnel Facility

Large-scale laboratory



MARIN Marine Offshore Basin; Seakeeping and Maneouvring Basin



TU Delft Wave Flume; Stream Flume; Stream Tank; SAM | XL



ORE Catapult Marine Test Site; Blade Test; Powertrain facilities; CPTC Energy Link Lab; HV Lab



FloWave



COAST lab



University of Exeter DMaC



Seeneoh
Sainte-Anne Test Site



UL Marine Robotics Laboratory



Runde Environmental Test Centre



Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) research vessel fleet



TNO facilities - Offshore LiDAR; Radar; RE Ecology field lab; Floating solar energy lab etc.



EMEC wave and tidal scale test sites (Scapa flow and Shapinsay sound)



Queen's University Belfast tidal and wave test sites: Strangford Lough, Portaferry and Marfield



University of Exeter FabTest

Medium-scale test sites



Aguçadora



Mistral; SEMREV; Paimpol-Brehat



Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site (AMETS)



SmartBay





Biscay Marine Energy Platform (BIMEP)



PLOCAN Test Site



TNO wind turbine test sites



EMEC Tidal (Fall of Warness) and Wave (Bilia Croo) Full Scale test sites

Services



ACCESS



FACILITY SELECTION



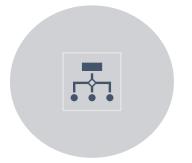
TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT GUIDANCE



TRAINING
(INTERNAL
AND
EXTERNAL)



DATA
PROCESSING,
CURATION &
ACCESS



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Science & innovation



Participant portal

Member &

 Internal communications system

Document store & archive

Task assignment/tracking

Internal training/staff exchange programmes

- Facility details
- Common Vocabularies
- Document extracts e.g. best practices & standards
- Network & community

 Access application and management

E-infrastructure

- Training
- Other services TBC

- Datasets available per facility
- Data tools e.g. APIs to access datasets & dedicated vocabulary server
- Virtual Research Environment

Community **Portal**



Services Portal



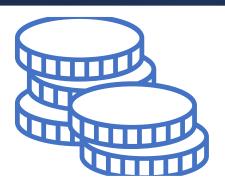
Data Portal



Added-value







Funding



Standards & Quality



Reducing risks



Collaboration & Networking



Planning & Efficiency



Informing policy

Key objectives





Become established as a legal entity 2026/2027

Pilot of access programme 2028

Feedback so far...

- 71% of respondents were SMEs
- Test facilities needed over next 5-10 years:

34% require wave/current basin or flume;

25% require open-sea test sites;

15% require full-scale testing

• 65% - funding is the main decision-driver to use facilities

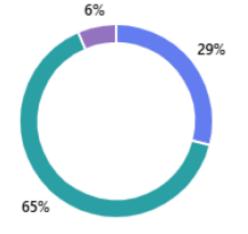


Q. How do you plan to fund your future access to facilities?

29% public funding 65% mixture of public and private funding 6% other



Other



User input needed



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