



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	Invited Public Representatives; Departmental Officials, MSO, DoT; NMCI, BIM; Industry Developers; Fishing Community Representatives; Ireland’s Maritime Community (Marine Inst. (IMDO).)
Event Hosts	NMCI & Virtual
Event Sponsor	Simply Blue Group
Event Organiser	AVC Ltd.

Agenda

04 March 2022	
0830 - 0900	Registration and Rolling Video.
0900 - 0910	MC: Fergal Keane (RTE) Welcome Address: Professor Maggie Cusack President MTU.
0910 - 0925	Opening Address – Mr Charlie McConalogue T.D. Minister for the Marine (TBC)
<u>1st Panel</u> 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. • Damien Turner (IS&WFPO).
0925 - 0930	Panel Introduction

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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 Damien Turner IS&WFPO.
1000 – 1045	Panel Discussion - Chair Brian FitzGerald & Fergal Keane
1045 - 1130	Tea/Coffee – Networking
<u>2nd Panel</u> 1130 – 12.45	Offshore Renewables and Ireland’s Fishing Industry and Coastal Communities <i>What might the future hold?</i> Chair: Tom McSweeney Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garvan Meehan Principal BIM NFCI Greencastle – BIM Future Direction. • Dr. John Barry MTU (Tralee) & Mid-West Regional Enterprise Plan - Skills Development. • 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.
1130 – 1135	Panel Introduction
1135 - 1145	The Future Direction of Ireland’s Fishing Industry from BIM’s Perspective Garvan Meehan Principal BIM NFCI Greencastle.
1145 – 1150	Skills Development John Barry MTU (Tralee) - Chair Mid-West Regional Development Plan Education and Training Working Group.
1150 – 1155	The Future Opportunities for Ireland’s Fishing Industry Stephanie Hyde-McIntyre
1155 – 1200	The Wider Fishing/Coastal Industry Caitlín Uí hAodha
1200 – 1245	Panel Discussion Chaired by Tom McSweeney

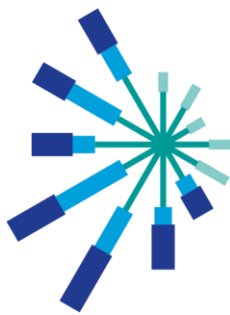
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1245 – 1400	Lunch
3rd Panel 1400 – 1500	<p>Seafarer Qualifications and Vessel Certification in Ireland <i>The situation today and mapping out future directions</i></p> <p>Chair: Cdr Caoimhin Mac Unfraidh A/HoC NMCI</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cormac Gebruers, Head of College, NMCI. • TBC • Captain Michael McCarthy. • Wind Europe (TBC).
1400 - 1405	Panel Introduction
1405-1410	<p>The Irish Offshore Renewable Energy Opportunity – how might it shape the future of Seafarer Education, Training & Qualifications? Cormac Gebruers, Head of College, NMCI.</p>
1410 - 1415	<p>Seafarer Qualifications and Vessel Certification in Ireland <i>The situation today and the Regulator’s Perspective on feasible future directions.</i> TBC</p>
1415 - 1420	<p>Fishing qualifications and fishing vessel certification in Ireland. <i>The situation today and directions of travel to a sustainable future</i> Captain Michael McCarthy.</p>
1420 - 1430	<p>International Developments Wind Europe Speaker (TBC).</p>
1430 – 1500	Panel Discussion - Chair Caoimhin Mac Unfraidh and Fergal Keane
1515-1545	Tea/Coffee
1545 – 1550	Panel Introduction
Final Panel Discussion 1545 - 1645	<p>Is Ireland Ready? What does success look like in 2030?</p> <p>Chair: Vice Admiral Mark Mellett</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam Lacey IMDO. • Attracta Ui Bhroin – Irish Environmental Network. • Peter Coyle, Chairman, Marine Renewable Industry Association. • Mark de Faoite – Údarás na Gaeltachta – Páirc na Mara.

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1645 – 1655	Summary and Closing Remarks by NMCI Head of College, Cormac Gebruers
1655 -1700	Farewell & Thank You

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