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Offshore Proof accelerates the testing and validation of offshore renewable energy solutions. Offshore Proof is funded through Interreg North-West Europe.

News

What's happening at Offshore Proof

Since the project kick-off, **Offshore Proof** has been gaining momentum. We took part in two Community of Practice (CoP) meetings – at the **SWIM Workshop** hosted by Blue Cluster in Leuven and at the **Fraunhofer “Meet the Members”** event in Hamburg.

In addition, the **European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference (EWTEC)** and the **WaTERS Workshop** in Madeira helped us expand our international network and share insights across the offshore renewables community.

Meanwhile, **The Certification Game** received a **fresh new look**, ready to bring the certification process to life at workshops and events.

Curious what's next? 📌

Check out the upcoming **agenda** – we might see you at one of the next gatherings!

Offshore Proof Community of Practice hosted within **SWIM** workshop



During the **SWiM Workshop** organised by **Blue Cluster** on 20 October, **Ewout Vandenborgh (POM West-Vlaanderen)** officially announced the **Offshore Proof** project in Belgium, presenting its mission to enable testing and validation of innovative offshore renewable energy technologies according to IEC standards across offshore test facilities in North West Europe.

This first so-called **Community of Practice (CoP)** session, allowed participants to exchange needs and challenges in testing for certification of new technologies. This session was co-moderated by **Lara Bracke and Efrain Carpintero Moreno from UGent**. It brought together a diverse mix of technology developers (two from Netherlands), consenting authorities, and wind farm operators – reflecting the collaborative and transnational spirit driving offshore innovation.



Fraunhofer Hamburg “Meet the Members” A Community of Practice in Action





On September 10–11, the “Meet the Members” event at the **Fraunhofer Center for Maritime Logistics** in Hamburg brought together research and industry partners from the **OceanTechnologies@Fraunhofer** network — one of Europe’s leading initiatives in marine and underwater technology. The **Offshore Proof project**, involving **Fraunhofer IFAM**, was also introduced as part of this exchange.

The event was a **Community of Practice (CoP) gathering** — a collaborative platform for **knowledge exchange, problem-solving, and building confidence** in offshore renewable energy. Discussions focused on **collaboration, technology transfer**, and how new developments can be implemented both **quickly (time-to-market)** and **reliably (certification)**.

Campus@Sea at EWTEC 2025



In September we **joined the European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference (EWTEC)** in Madeira — a leading international forum for wave and tidal energy research and innovation. Attending EWTEC

helps us **connect, collaborate, and stay visible** within the global offshore-energy community.

Among the sessions were **certification & IECRE standards, socio-economic benefits, and European research infrastructures** – all offering insights that strengthen our collaborative work across multiple countries. Representing Campus@Sea and Offshore Proof, **Lina Laar** brought our perspective to the international stage.



Explore EWTEC highlights and what we learned

Campus@Sea to Host Next International WaTERS Workshop!



Common hurdles like licensing, regulation, and grid connection challenge every offshore test site – but through the **Offshore Proof project**, Campus@Sea and partners are working together to overcome them.

At the recent **WaTERS workshop in Madeira**, 23 delegates from 18 organisations shared insights to advance marine energy development. Representing Campus@Sea, **Lina Laar** presented the **Maritime Testing Ground** and **Offshore Test Site** off Scheveningen, showcasing efforts toward comparable, industry-recognised results across borders.

Campus@Sea is looking forward to host the **next International WaTERS Workshop** in Scheveningen, highlighting our region's leading role in offshore renewables.

The Certification Game Is Back — Ready to Play?



The **Certification Game** is back with a fresh new look! Developed by **Bluespring** and updated by **Offshore Proof**, this interactive tool helps teams navigate the **IECRE certification process** for marine energy systems — step by step.

💡 It's a hands-on way to see **not just what comes first, but why each step matters**, bringing clarity to a complex process. Perfect for **workshops, events, and training sessions**.

🌊 With its new wave-inspired design, the game helps you get into the flow of certification.

👉 **Learn more and download the game here:**

[Play the Certification Game →](#)

Dates for your agenda - 2025

28-30 October - IEC TC114 Virtual policy meetings

4-5 November - [Ocean Energy Europe](#), Brussels

4-5 November - [Rostock Ocean Convention](#)

25-26 November - [Offshore Energy Exhibition & Conference](#), Amsterdam



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