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# Minister's Foreword



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**Peter Burke TD**  
Minister for Enterprise,  
Tourism and Employment

Ireland's Climate Action Plan sets an ambitious target to deliver 20GW of offshore renewable energy by 2040, utilising our vast marine resource to decarbonise our economy and ensure a secure supply of clean energy for our country into the future - and in so doing, creating a once in a generation opportunity to create new economic development opportunities for the whole country based on home produced renewable energy. Powering Prosperity set that opportunity as its core objective - to build a strong and resilient offshore wind sector here in Ireland, and to advance the opportunity to develop new green industries based on the availability of a stable and secure supply of domestically generated renewable energy. That imperative has never been more important for our country in light of geopolitical developments over the last number of years and their impact on Europe's security of energy supply, and the cost of energy.

Launched by my Department in 2024, Powering Prosperity successfully concluded at the end of 2025 having delivered, through 40 impactful actions, initial steps towards the development of a robust offshore wind supply chain, with an eye towards opportunities both at home and abroad in the development of offshore renewable energy.

Working with Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, supply chain companies and developers, and across the Government system, my Department has driven actions focussed on advancing supply chain development, establishing a robust RD&I ecosystem in the offshore wind energy sector, harnessing balanced regional economic development opportunities, and future demand opportunities. We have also sought international collaboration opportunities – between Governments and between companies – to identify where we can work together to build a solid European supply chain and address shared challenges.

On behalf of my Department, I want to thank our industry and energy sector stakeholders, Government colleagues, and international counterparts for their collaboration, innovation and willingness to work together on the opportunities before us. This work will continue.

We are acutely aware of the challenges that remain, which, if unresolved, risk Ireland failing to meet its offshore renewable targets. That is why the Offshore Wind Clearing House, led by An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D., and the cross-Government Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce, led by my Ministerial colleague, the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien T.D., are delivery focused with a remit to address challenges such as the pace and capacity of the planning system, grid constraint, and the readiness of ports to facilitate offshore projects of scale.

While work will continue to ensure many of the actions under Powering Prosperity continue to be impactful, my Department is already working on a successor strategy, which will take a broader renewable energy system focus – something industry has called for and something we will deliver later this year.

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# 1. Introduction

Recognising the significant economic development opportunities arising from Ireland's ambitious target to deploy at least 20 gigawatts (GW) of offshore renewable energy by 2040, rising to 37GW by 2050, the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (DETE) published [Powering Prosperity – Ireland's Offshore Wind Industrial Strategy](#) in March 2024. The Strategy's overarching objective was to ensure that Ireland captures the value of the supply chain to deliver an offshore renewable energy (ORE) sector of scale while maximising the economic impact of Ireland's ambitious targets for ORE development.

In April 2025, the first [Implementation Progress Report](#) set out the considerable progress made in the Strategy's first year with a growing enterprise base in the offshore wind sector in Ireland. At that point, of the Strategy's 40 actions for implementation by the end of 2025, 35% were complete with a further 60% in progress. This report provides a final update on the status of all 40 actions and looks towards the development of a successor strategy in 2026.

The 40 actions in Powering Prosperity were anchored on four core pillars central to maximising the economic development potential associated with Ireland's offshore wind ambitions. These pillars are:

- Offshore Wind Supply Chains;
- Research, Development, & Innovation;
- Balanced Regional Economic Development Opportunities; and
- Future Demand and End Uses for Renewable Energy.

The actions across these four pillars were delivered through a collaborative approach, with actions assigned to the relevant Government Departments and Agencies, supported by industry, and overseen by DETE. Implementation progress, as well as challenges highlighted through the Department's engagement with industry, including through DETE's Offshore Wind Industry Forum, are regularly reported to the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce (OWDT), chaired by the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, and informally raised through constructive bilateral engagement with the relevant Department or Agency.

DETE is very grateful to the members of the OWDT; the offshore wind industry and its representative bodies, particularly members of the DETE Offshore Wind Industry Forum; research performing organisations, including members of the DETE Offshore Wind Centre of Excellence Steering Group; regional stakeholders, including members of the offshore wind working groups under the Regional Enterprise Plans; and other key stakeholders for actively supporting the successful implementation of Powering Prosperity.

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## 2. Progress Overview

### Delivery of Actions

Powering Prosperity included 40 actions to be delivered by the end of 2025. These were designed to be an initial set of actions for either direct impact by 2030 or exploratory actions in preparation for impact post-2030.

Of the 40 actions, 39, or 97.5%, are complete or in progress. Of these, 26 (65%) have been delivered as set out in the Strategy, with a further 10 (25%) completed by alternative means, or insofar as possible. A further 3 (7.5%) are still in progress but are expected to be delivered in the coming months. Only one action was not completed; however, this was due to external circumstances.

Notable actions completed since the publication of the first Implementation Progress Report in April last year include:

**Progress the development of an OWCE including a feasibility study and developing a detailed project plan for delivery with delivery of same subject to funding approval (Action 25)**

Following the successful conclusion of the feasibility phase in Q4 2025, led by Enterprise Ireland, a project manager was appointed to progress the development of a work plan for the centre of excellence, which will be known as *PROPEL Ireland*. Progressing at pace, *PROPEL Ireland* was launched in March 2026 and will be structured on a work plan - referred to as the Offshore Wind Linkage Programme - organised into work packages, each targeting a critical dimension of offshore wind development.

**Examine the case for the development of a regulatory sandbox for offshore wind and related technologies (Action 29)**

A consultant report was delivered to DETE in July 2025 outlining that an industry-initiated sandbox could have merit in certain circumstances and includes recommendations for next steps Government could consider in preparation for this.

**Lead fact-finding mission with key stakeholders to international locations where green energy industrial parks have been successfully established (Action 38)**

In November 2025, DETE led a delegation on a visit to Denmark to GreenLab - a leading example of a Green Energy Park that co-locates renewable energy production with industrial energy demand. The delegation also visited the nearby Aarhus University campus at Viborg where they witnessed at first hand the benefits of co-locating academia with various renewable energy pilot projects to create an effective RD&I ecosystem. This fact-finding mission further advanced Ireland's commitment to exploring potential end uses for renewable energy and developing Green Energy Parks, while also progressing a key objective under Powering Prosperity to pursue international collaboration opportunities with like-minded countries like Denmark.

In addition, actions which were noted as completed in the first Implementation Progress Report are continuing to have impact in the year since that update was published, including:

- The organisation of a **Meet the Buyer Event**, hosted by EirGrid, Enterprise Ireland, and IDA Ireland for 145 participants in January 2026 under the MoU signed in 2025 (Action 10), with further similar events being planned for later in 2026.
- The economic analysis of Green Energy Park concepts (Action 37), commissioned by DETE in 2024 provided a strong evidence base for the [Large Energy User Action Plan \(LEAP\)](#) which was published by Government in January 2026. That Action Plan identifies specific actions to **enable the establishment of Green Energy Park projects** which co-locate renewable energy supply with Large Energy Users in a strategically planned way, as recommended in the economic analysis report. Key enabling actions contained in LEAP include the preparation of a National Planning Statement for Green Energy Park and pro-active consultation by Government and energy system operators on opportunities for sustainable Green Energy Parks, including with LEU developers.
- The **second annual joint event with Scotland** - aimed at promoting inter-Governmental dialogue and engagement with industry in the area of renewable energy - was hosted by the Scottish Government in Aberdeen in October 2025, bringing together supply chain companies from both countries for the 2-day event (Action 23). Arising from engagement at that event, a pilot internship programme between Scotland and Ireland is currently under development. The internships are expected to run in summer 2026 and will see undergraduate students from Ireland being placed in Scottish offshore wind companies for a 12-week period, gaining practical experience through live industry projects.
- Implementation of the **Offshore Wind Skills Action Plan** (Action 8) is progressing, led by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS), and is supported by funding secured across Budget 2025 and Budget 2026 as part of the wider National Training Fund (NTF) Skills Package. To ensure coordination between key partners in the areas of programme design and delivery, accreditation, and infrastructure use and development, DFHERIS is working with key partners on the development of a National Skills Hub for Offshore Wind. The concept has been developed in close cooperation with DETE and Enterprise Ireland and it is anticipated that the Hub will form part of the PROPEL Ireland linkage programme.

- The offshore wind enterprise base in Ireland has continued to grow throughout the life cycle of Powering Prosperity. **Enterprise Ireland has provided a total of €11.721 million in grant funding to offshore wind supply chain companies**, or companies aligned to the sector, across a number of different support mechanisms since 2024 (Action 3). These include five client companies supported for significant Business Leadership programmes, two supported to undertake very significant training programs, and a further fifteen clients supported for other training interventions.
- **Ten large scale offshore wind projects have been supported with grant and equity support of €4.8 million** covering supply chain activities such as mooring/anchoring and surveying (Action 4). Pipeline development continues with three future projects in progress with associated grant support estimated at over €1 million.
- In terms of attracting large scale investments of scale from strategic FDI (Action 14), **IDA Ireland has supported twenty proposals relating to both onshore and offshore wind during the period 2023-2025**, with five being announced to date.
- **IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland continue to partner** on trade missions, ministerial visits, and relevant international tradeshows and events across all international markets including North America, Europe, UK and Asia Pacific (Action 15).
- Additionally, as highlighted above, both agencies work together with EirGrid under the MoU (Action 10) to **support potential suppliers identify contract and sub-supply opportunities**.

## Wider Progress

There has also been notable progress across the broader offshore wind policy landscape in the last year:

### Auction Success

The State's second offshore wind auction successfully concluded in December 2025, one of the only successful offshore wind auctions in Europe in 2025, with 900MW of renewable energy capacity being awarded to Helvick Head Offshore Wind DAC, a joint venture partnership between ESB and Ørsted, for the Tonn Nua site in the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (SC-DMAP). At €98.719 per megawatt hour (MWh), this price is highly competitive compared to recent auctions internationally, including the UK's Allocation Round 7 in January 2026, thus demonstrating the appetite by industry to develop Irish offshore wind projects, and providing confidence to both the international market and domestic supply chain on the opportunity for offshore wind in Ireland.

### Plan-led Approach to Future Development

To deliver on the Programme for Government commitment to 'Fast-Track Offshore Wind Development', in September 2025, Cabinet approved the development of a National Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for offshore wind. Having a single National DMAP (N-DMAP) will provide greater certainty for marine stakeholders and the renewables industry and allow for strategic forward planning for skills, enterprise and industry wide supply chain development. Ports will be enabled to forward plan infrastructure build-outs and planning for grid development and interconnection will be supported by a long-term holistic framework.

The DMAP Proposal and Public Participation Statement published in 2025, and extensive stakeholder consultation is planned through 2026, aligned with the schedule set out in the Public Participation Statement. Extensive cross-Government engagement took place in late 2025 with Departments with maritime responsibilities, and externally, a series of workshops with the ORE

industry, the Seafood Sector and environmental NGOs were scheduled for Q1 2026. External project supports have now been put in place for project management statutory environmental assessments, fisheries and community liaison, and design and print services. Additionally, a tender for legal services is ongoing and was scheduled to conclude in March 2026. In 2027, following extensive pre-draft consultation, a draft National ORE DMAP will be published, together with supporting documentation, and will be the subject of a formal consultation.

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) has also established Governance Structures for the SC-DMAP. As set out in the DMAP, the Implementation Programme Body (IPB) is overseeing the effective and sustainable delivery of the SC-DMAP. The Marine Ecosystems and Ornithology (MEO) Working Group is progressing with the scope of the Regional Level Surveys, and a Technical Working Group is supporting enabling infrastructure for the SC-DMAP, such as grid and port developments. A Data Project Group has been established by DCEE to arrange the baseline surveys required for the SC-DMAP and to make recommendations to the IPB on the establishment of a common, shared data repository. An Ecosystems and Implementation Plan subgroup, under the MEO Working Group, has prepared an initial draft of “Implementing the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan for ORE - an Oversight and Progress Report”. This report includes input from each of the SC-DMAP working groups as well as contributions from key stakeholders involved in the implementation process. Following further engagement, the report will be finalised and presented to the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment prior to its publication in Q2 2026.

## Competitive MAC Framework

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) published its Competitive MAC Framework in January 2026. The Framework is intended to complement Ireland’s plan-led approach to offshore renewable energy (ORE) development and to support the achievement of national climate and energy targets. The objective of a Competitive MAC award process is to determine which developers will be awarded the right to occupy areas of the seabed for ORE development. Competitive processes such as this have been utilised in many jurisdictions to award leases for ORE development, including most recently

Wales and the Netherlands. The Framework includes both price-based and non-price-based criteria. The benefit of including non-price criteria in the award of MACs is that the MAC award process can be used to achieve a range of benefits for the State, in return for the right to occupy the seabed. The award of MACs for future development within DMAPs may be determined by MARA in line with timing, methodology and processes as set out under the Competitive MAC Framework. The Competitive MAC Framework can also apply to sites identified in the N-DMAP.

The development of the Framework was informed by international best practice and extensive consultation with stakeholders. Its flexible, site-specific design will allow MARA to apply appropriate criteria and weightings for individual allocation rounds, supporting efficient and transparent decision-making.

## Marine Data

The provision of high-resolution, accurate and extensive marine data is key to advancing Ireland's renewable energy goals and securing its energy future. Ireland has ambitious offshore renewable energy targets, and the meeting of these targets hinges on the availability of comprehensive data and surveys to assess site feasibility, environmental impacts, and logistical considerations. DCEE's Offshore Site Surveying Programme formed a crucial tenet of that Department's preparations for the Tonn Nua auction. In advance of the auction, the Marine Institute conducted a comprehensive geophysical survey of the Tonn Nua site on behalf of DCEE, while metocean and geotechnical datasets covering the site were procured by DCEE from private operators. All of these datasets, along with associated reports and interpretations, were made freely available to interested parties upon request, allowing potential bidders to better understand the conditions of the site and, by extension, the potential costs and obstacles in later stages of development. A total of €8 million has been allocated through the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund (ICNF) to enable DCEE to continue to carry out surveys in the South Coast DMAP area in 2026, focusing primarily on the Lí Bán site. It is anticipated that geophysical surveys will be carried out on the Department's behalf by the Marine Institute, while several other survey types, notably metocean data surveys and Digital Aerial Surveys (DAS) for biological data, will be procured through

the tendering process. This provides a welcome opportunity for involvement in the pre-planning stages of ORE development for Irish and international survey operators.

## Regional and Cross-Border Opportunities

The plan-led approach will support regionally-focussed economic development plans such as Green Energy Parks and the next iteration of the Regional Enterprise Plans, and will inform statutory spatial planning such as the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) and County Development Plans. Private sector led developments based on the supply of offshore renewable energy that are aligned with national policies and strategies should similarly be guided by the development sites identified in the N-DMAP.

This regional opportunity was highlighted at the Future Offshore Wind Industry Event in Foynes in January 2026, hosted by the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in partnership with the British Embassy Dublin and supported by Shannon Foynes Port Company. The event brought together industry leaders, innovators and policymakers from Ireland and UK to explore the future of deep-water offshore wind technologies, including floating, deep-fixed and emerging hybrid solutions, discussing what Ireland needs to put in place to unlock their full potential. Discussions focussed on RD&I, supply chain development, skills and workforce requirements, and port readiness, delivering a number of take-away messages for policy makers to consider for the development of offshore wind energy in Ireland. The event location also provided a regional lens, demonstrating how port regions, such as the Shannon Estuary, can play a central role in the development of offshore wind projects.

There has also been significant progress in advancing all-Ireland collaboration. From an international perspective, Ireland is frequently viewed as a single offshore wind market with an integrated supply chain. Through regional engagement, it has become clear that the scale of the offshore wind opportunity is sufficient to deliver benefits across all regions.

In 2025, InterTradeIreland commissioned *Offshore Wind and Hydrogen Opportunities for the Island of Ireland*, a report examining the potential opportunities for SMEs in offshore wind and hydrogen across the island.

DETE contributed throughout the development of the report. Its findings highlighted that, while hydrogen remains at an early stage of development, the offshore wind sector presents substantial and more immediate potential for Ireland. The report outlined ten key recommendations, and since publication DETE and Enterprise Ireland have continued to engage with InterTradeIreland, Renewable NI and Invest NI through the consultation process on how these recommendations can be progressed. DETE is particularly keen to support recommendations that will ensure strong alignment between supply chain priorities and existing supply chain strengths.

## Future Demand Creation: Large Energy Users

Another significant recent development was the approval by Government of the Large Energy User Action Plan (LEAP) in January 2026. This medium-term plan seeks to enable Ireland to attract next generation investment in those energy intensive sectors associated with the greatest future strategic economic opportunities, such as semiconductors, very large manufacturers, pharmaceuticals and data centres. Through implementation of 17 actions, LEAP aims to address growth barriers currently impacting Large Energy User developments, including the limited availability of energy infrastructure. A key pillar of the new plan-led approach introduced under LEAP will be to provide a framework for the establishment of green energy parks, in which to co-locate the most energy-intensive LEU sectors with the supply of renewables and other enabling technologies. The implementation of LEAP will provide clarity on opportunities for future investment in energy intensive industry and renewable energy in Ireland, including with regard to offshore wind.

## Persisting Challenges

While acknowledging the good progress made by Government towards the development of an offshore wind sector in Ireland, industry continues to highlight key challenges to the development of offshore projects here. These include the constraint on Ireland's electricity grid, which is regarded by the sector as a significant strategic challenge to the decarbonisation of our industrial base and the attraction of the next wave of low carbon manufacturing investment. In recognition of that, the National Development Plan and five-year grid infrastructure investment plan will prioritise substantial short-term investment in Ireland's onshore and offshore electricity assets, underpinned by efficient and predictable regulatory processes. Significant investment in the electricity grid during the Price Review 6 in 2026-30, will see an investment package of up to **€18.9 billion** in Ireland's national electricity grid and network for the regulatory period 2026-2030, and €3.5 billion of new Government equity in EirGrid and ESB Networks.

Delays and unpredictability within the planning system is another significant challenge to offshore wind projects. Although results of the ORESS1 auction were announced in May 2023, all five projects have received detailed and extensive requests for further information which will require the project developers to prepare equally detailed and extensive responses. Once submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála, further assessment and decision will be required leading to further unpredictability on timelines for decision. To address this, the Accelerating Infrastructure Report and Action Plan includes recommendations to simplify, standardise and speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure in strategically important sectors, including electricity. Key recommendations include a series of reforms to simplify regulatory processes and approvals for critical infrastructure, and improvement of alignment across Departments, agencies, and leadership levels with respect to delivery of critical infrastructure.

In 2025, the OWE Clearing House was established by the Taoiseach to identify and address barriers to the timely delivery of a successful OWE sector, and to support and reinforce the work of the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce (OWDT). In its meetings to date, senior officials and industry representatives have engaged in an effort to resolve a number of challenges with the potential to delay or impede expedient ORE delivery, including:

- Outstanding issues on Transmission Connection Agreements, Asset Purchase Agreements and Functional Specifications;
- Engagement with key consenting bodies and decision timelines; and
- Potential impacts of ORE development on the seafood sector.

Overcoming these challenges is of paramount importance – not only is domestically-produced offshore renewable energy needed to ensure Ireland meets its Climate Action targets, but achieving security of energy supply is essential to mitigate against the impacts to both Ireland and Europe of major geopolitical conflicts such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and, more recently the Middle East conflict in 2026. Both wars have seen a direct impact on the cost of energy in Ireland and across Europe, and highlighted the volatility of fossil fuel supply into Europe.

## Offshore Wind Energy Clearing House

The Offshore Wind Energy Clearing House, established by the Taoiseach, is composed of representatives of the Offshore Wind Energy Sector and the Secretaries General of Government Departments that have a role in the successful deployment of wind energy.

Its objective is to seek to resolve identified impediments to the timely delivery of offshore renewable energy through providing attention at the centre of Government. It supports and reinforces the work of the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce, especially where issues cannot be resolved at Taskforce level and require an additional high-level intervention from the centre of Government.

As part of its deliberations, the Clearing House has invited relevant bodies to attend meetings to discuss issues of specific relevance. Issues considered included procedural matters, coordination between public bodies and their capacities to fulfill roles assigned to them. The intention is for the Clearing House to gain a full understanding of the role of each of the many organisations involved in the development of offshore wind, and to understand their perspectives. To date, the Clearing House has heard from the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities, EirGrid, An Coimisiún Pleanála and the National Parks and Wildlife Service and will meet other relevant bodies.

The establishment of the Clearing House provides a reinforcing signal of high-level Government support for the offshore wind sector, at a time when there are significant challenges and uncertainties facing the industry globally, as well as addressing the need to manage the national energy transition while protecting competitiveness. The Clearing House will not have any role in relation to decisions on individual projects.

Minutes of the meetings of the Clearing House are published on the Government of Ireland website.

**The following section provides a final progress update on all 40 Powering Prosperity actions.**

## 3. Powering Prosperity – Updated Actions

### 40 Actions



**26**

Complete



**10**

Completed by other means or insofar as possible



**3**

In progress but delivery is delayed



**1**

Will not be completed / progressed.

## Powering Prosperity – Updated Actions

Action		
<b>Action 1</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>1. Establish baseline data and set projected targets for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R&amp;D spend in the OWE supply chain</li> <li>Number of jobs in the OWE supply chain</li> <li>New Start Ups in the OWE supply chain</li> <li>Exports</li> <li>FDI potential</li> </ul>		<p>Between June and September 2024, DETE completed an initial analysis of ABSEI data on the offshore wind sector but found, after industry feedback, that it under represented the sector’s true scale and potential. A second phase launched in October led to a collaborative industry survey by Wind Energy Ireland and DETE, later expanded to include Marine Renewables Industry Association and Enterprise Ireland members, with responses from 34 companies (10 developers and 24 supply chain firms). The survey, supported by complementary data from EI and IDA, provided indicative insights showing strong growth from 2019–2024: supply chain exports totalled €96.2 million, including €47 million in 2024 alone (a 119% increase on 2023); developers increased spending with Irish suppliers tenfold to €44.3 million; and offshore wind R&amp;D expenditure reached €24.8 million, supported by €14.8 million in external funding.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
<b>Action 2</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>2. Conduct economic impact assessment on the potential of offshore wind in Ireland.</p>		Complete.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE	Complete
<b>Action 3</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>3. Increase participation in business leadership programmes amongst the offshore wind supply chain and develop specific capability supports for new entrants to the offshore wind sector.</p>		<p>For the period of operation of Powering Prosperity, a number of clients from the identified Enterprise Ireland (EI) Offshore Wind cohort were supported for Business Leadership and capability development interventions. Five companies were supported for significant Business Leadership programmes. A further two were supported to undertake very significant training programmes, while a further 15 of the identified clients were supported for other training interventions. The cohort were also supported with 22 capability supports across areas such as market development, lean &amp; operational excellence, sustainability and intellectual property. Across the cohort the companies received €1.942 million in grant support towards the 52 identified business leadership, training and capability supports. However, this does not fully reflect support as 15 of the training interventions were supported 100% through a number of mechanisms. The identified cohort received a total of €11.721 million in grant support across 85 individual supports over the period covered by Powering Prosperity.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	EI	Complete

## Powering Prosperity – Updated Actions

Action		
Action 4		Update
<p>4. Deliver long-term strategic funding options to support scaling Irish offshore wind supply chain companies.</p>		<p>Enterprise Ireland works with clients to build their USP, capabilities, business model, product and service offers, market access capabilities and productivity to support their growth ambition and grow through multiple services offers aligned to their stage of development. Enterprise Ireland is constantly evolving their offers and is introducing new offers (Scaling initiative, Market Economic Investor Principle scheme for co-funding support beyond seed &amp; early stage) that will be utilised appropriately to support clients focused on the sector.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland is actively engaging with offshore wind supply chain companies involved in R&amp;D and new market development to support their scaling ambitions through targeted funding interventions. Scaling in this sector requires access to substantial investment, and EI is facilitating this through funding introductions and tailored supports.</p> <p>Significant investments have been made in EI client offshore wind projects approved in 2024 and 2025. The Climate Tech &amp; Renewable energy department approved 10 large scale projects over the period with grant and equity support of €4.8 million, covering aspects such as mooring/anchoring, and surveying.</p> <p>There were also 12 cat 2 projects supported in the wider EI offshore wind cohort with grant support of €6.75 million. However, it cannot be confirmed if the impact is directly related to offshore wind as these companies also target other sectors.</p> <p>Pipeline development continues with three future projects in process with associated grant estimated at over €1 million.</p> <p>Notably, Irish SMEs such as XOCEAN and Subsea Micropiles have announced significant investment rounds in 2025 to expand their offshore wind capabilities. XOCEAN secured \$118.3 million to grow its operations in offshore wind development, asset integrity, and hydrography. Subsea Micropiles raised €11 million to scale its offshore engineering solutions. It is important to recognise that securing and closing large funding rounds takes time and sustained effort. EI continues to work closely with companies to navigate this process and unlock growth opportunities.</p> <p>SBCI was successful in applying for Implementing Partner Status under InvestEU. This status enables SBCI to apply for guarantee capacity directly from the European Commission for specific target areas of national importance. SBCI, in collaboration with the Department of Transport and the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) are exploring the possibility to support the offshore wind industry. The support is primarily focused on port infrastructure development that would be required to enable the assembly and deployment of wind turbines offshore. Negotiations are at a very early stage in terms of possible guarantee cover and suitable projects.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the ISIF and Port of Cork funded project at Ringaskiddy will be completed in H1 2026, with the balance of the project to be completed on time to host the first Irish offshore wind project installations later this decade. ISIF continues to engage extensively and actively with the sector not only to support potential further port infrastructure investments but also to make further enabling investments across the harbour region economies to support the local value capture and potential green energy park projects</p> <p>SAFE: The Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment is currently developing a coordinated set of actions under the Finance for Scaling Implementation Strategy, aimed at responding to the identified financing gap for scaling firms. The Strategy presents immediate actions to provide capital to the market including a new SME Scaling Fund administered by Enterprise Ireland. The Strategy also outlines next steps to progress policy actions to make pension fund and institutional investor participation in scaling equity funds a reality in Ireland, further enhancing the Irish scaling ecosystem. These wider, sector-agnostic scaling finance policies will ensure patient capital is available to support the growth and expansion of Irish offshore wind supply chain companies.</p>
Deadline	Owners*	Final Status
Ongoing	EI, DETE, SBCI, ISIF	Complete

## Powering Prosperity – Updated Actions

Action		
<b>Action 5</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>5. Drive increased start-up and high potential start-up generation in offshore wind, through enhanced entrepreneur development programmes and targeted funding supports.</p>		<p>Programme development in this area will be a key focus of PROPEL Ireland in 2026 (see Action 25). Visibility on the timeline for Ireland’s offshore wind commencement will be important to identify and support emerging opportunities for start-ups. Existing support programmes such as New Frontiers and the Pre-Seed Fund continue to attract renewable energy start-ups.</p> <p>EI has had a small number of high potential start-up (HPSU) approvals in the offshore wind sector over the period covered by the strategy. Three HPSUs were approved 2024/25 plus two significant follow-on investments in two companies in business of surveying, OEM. There has also been four Pre-Seed Start Fund/€100,000 investments in offshore wind clients, who are potential HPSUs in 2026/7 – focused on component recycling, software, AI, data analysis.</p> <p>The main activity associated with this action is to be driven by PROPEL Ireland, which initiated activities in October 2025 and is progressing through start-up phases. The Offshore Wind Linkage Programme will provide a structured focus on increasing start-up and HPSU activity not only through the support programmes listed above but also through the Commercialisation Fund.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	EI, DETE	Complete
<b>Action 6</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>6. Engage with other relevant agencies, such as SEAI, SFI, Marine Institute (MI), Irish Maritime Development Office (IMDO), to leverage support programmes and funding opportunities to maximise local supply chain content levels in the domestic Irish market.</p>		<p>DETE has engaged extensively with the named action owners over 2024/2025, including securing their attendance at various events to inform relevant supply chain companies of the full range of RD&amp;I funding opportunities for the offshore wind sector. In April 2025, DETE published a new ‘RD&amp;I funding opportunities for the offshore wind sector’ webpage on the ‘Offshore Wind Energy’ homepage of its website. This is a comprehensive list of all relevant programmes available to industry, and (as per Action 31, offshore wind communications campaign, already completed), a link to this resource has been included in most 2025 DETE social media posts about offshore wind.</p> <p>Since publication, the RD&amp;I Funding Opportunities webpage has received over 300 visits, while the Innovation in the Offshore Wind Sector case study page has attracted more than 170 visits. These engagement levels indicate that the campaign has been effective in raising the profile of the RD&amp;I supports available to the offshore wind sector and improving awareness of the funding pathways accessible to industry.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DETE, SEAI, Research Ireland, MI, IMDO	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 7</b>		<b>Update</b>
7. Explore extending the €500 million Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme (GSLs) and any need for alternative funding scheme or initiative to support the growth of the offshore wind supply chain.		DETE is currently engaged in advanced discussions on the expansion of the €500 million Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme (GSLs). The intention is to strengthen and broaden the scheme so it can continue to support growing demand from SMEs and Midcaps, enabling further investment, innovation and longterm growth across the sector.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DETE, SBCI	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
<b>Action 8</b>		<b>Update</b>
8. Consider recommendations of the Greentech Skillnet/WEI Skills Assessment Report and, using targeted funding from the National Training Fund (NTF), subject to agreement in the estimates process, agree actions to deliver on skills priorities for achieving offshore wind energy targets.		<p>In response to the recommendations of the skills assessment report for offshore wind development, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS) published the Offshore Wind Skills Action Plan in October 2024.</p> <p>Designed to guide Ireland’s Further and Higher Education sectors through 2030, the plan is supported by funding secured across Budget 2025 and Budget 2026 as part of the wider National Training Fund (NTF) Skills Package. Implementation of the Action Plan remains under the continuous oversight of Workstream 8: Skills and Workforce within the broader Offshore Wind Energy Programme.</p> <p>To progress deliverables from the Action Plan, the Skillnet Offshore Wind Academy, which launched in November 2024 to provide mid-career professionals upskilling opportunities, will continue to develop the micro-credentials necessary to transition into the wind industry.</p> <p>To ensure co-ordination between key partners in the areas of programme design and delivery, accreditation, and infrastructure use and development, DFHERIS is working with key partners on the development of a National Skills Hub for Offshore Wind.</p> <p>The concept has been developed through ongoing input from the OWDT Expert Advisory Group on Skills as well as close co-operation with DETE and Enterprise Ireland, who are developing PROPEL Ireland (see Action 25). There is a need to closely align the two projects, with DETE and EI seeing the skills hub as a key component of the overall support landscape for this sector. Development of the skills hub is taking place in stages. The first phase—an online platform scheduled for delivery by Q4 2026—will serve as a central access point for skills, training and workforce development. Later iterations of the skills hub are envisaged as a physical facility that draws on existing provision.</p> <p>These initiatives complement established training course offering providing offshore wind-related skills training supported by initiatives such as Springboard+, or in Further Education and Training (FET) sector, provision underpinned by the recently launched Green Skills 2030 Strategy and its accompanying Implementation Plan. The strategy identifies key skills shortages and the upskilling measures required across a range of sectors, including ORE.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
2024 onwards	DFHERIS	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 9</b>		<b>Update</b>
9. Delivery of public procurement training workshops to companies across the Irish supply chain.		<p>A list of public procurements planned by OWDT members in 2025 shared with EI to assist with assessing and planning company training requirements re public procurement processes. EirGrid are liaising with Enterprise Ireland and IDA to organise the initial workshop where information will be provided on their public procurement processes we anticipate in the coming period.</p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between EirGrid, the operator and developer of Ireland's electricity grid, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland on the future of offshore wind in Ireland at the Wind Europe annual conference in Copenhagen, in April 2025 (Action 10). This MoU recognises the potential benefits to Ireland from co-operation between the parties. It will underpin existing support for Irish companies with expertise in areas including civil and marine engineering, geotechnical/geophysical capability, materials handling, environmental surveys and data collection, along with an innovative expertise in digital for offshore and associated cybersecurity. The expertise within Irish companies will be key to delivering Ireland's offshore wind and sustainability ambitions</p> <p>The first stage in progressing this agenda was an EirGrid/EI/IDA Procurement Webinar, which took place on 29 January with circa 145 attendees. A follow on in person procurement capability event to be run by EI is planned for Q2/3 2026.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	EI, EirGrid	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
<b>Action 10</b>		<b>Update</b>
10. Establish and implement MoU between EirGrid and relevant enterprise agencies.		Complete.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q2 2024	EirGrid, EI, IDA	Complete

Action		
Action 11		Update
<p>11. Through engagement with industry partners, raise awareness of and encourage participation in national competitive call for clusters under the National Clustering Programme once announced.</p>		<p>Since the publication of the Implementation Progress Report in April 2025, the Marine Ireland Industry Network (MIIN) Feasibility Study has been completed and published, outlining recommendations and a roadmap for MIIN’s transition to a formal, industry-led cluster. Key transition needs include establishing a Transitional Steering Group and Industry Working Group, progressing toward a DAC/CLG structure, with an aim of submitting an application to Enterprise Ireland’s Smart Regions Priming Scheme. During this phase, MIIN will maintain core communications and coordination while advancing cluster formalisation.</p> <p>A successful Cross Border Marine Industry networking event took place in October 2025. The event was jointly organised and managed by MIIN in the South and the Northern Ireland Maritime and Offshore (NIMO) network in Northern Ireland. The group visited a number of offshore wind relevant sites on both sides of the border (Kilkeel, Greenore, XOCEAN, etc.) and was the first event in a growing relationship between the two organisations.</p> <p>Discussions continue to take place in relation to the establishment of a cluster including the possibility for further all-island activities in collaboration NIMO.</p>
Deadline	Owners*	Final Status
Throughout 2024	DETE, EI, IDA, SEAI, MI, IMDO	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
Action 12		Update
<p>12. IDA Ireland strategy 2021 – 2024: Continue to target and support FDI ‘Sustainability and Green Economy’ investment commitments.</p>		Complete.
Deadline	Owners*	Final Status
Q4 2024	DETE, IDA	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 13</b>		<b>Update</b>
13. IDA Ireland strategy 2025 – 2029: Ensure clear goals and objectives are set to win and support FDI investment in the offshore wind sector.		Complete and included in IDA Strategy.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE, IDA	Complete
<b>Action 14</b>		<b>Update</b>
14. Compete internationally to win large investments of scale from strategic FDI, that complements both the development of Ireland's offshore wind capability and the growth of new 'high value' investment types.		During the period 2023-2025, IDA supported 20 proposals that were related to both onshore and offshore wind. Five were announced. The majority of approvals were for Engineering Services and developers. Many approved had potential for offshore wind but also other sectors.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DETE, IDA	Complete

Action		
Action 15	Update	
<p>15. Collaborate closely to ensure partnership opportunities with international companies in the offshore wind sector can be maximised.</p>	<p>IDA and Enterprise Ireland partner on trade missions, ministerial visits, and relevant international tradeshows and events across all international markets including North America, Europe, UK and Asia-Pacific. Additionally, preliminary discussions are underway to support agencies and potential suppliers identify contract and sub-supply opportunities.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and the IDA collaborated on a number of initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WindEurope Copenhagen 2025, where the Agencies also collaborated deliver an event at the Irish embassy in Denmark.</li> <li>• The two Agencies collaborated with EirGrid to sign an MoU in April 2025 on the future of offshore wind in Ireland (Action 10). An action as a result of this MoU was the EirGrid/EI/IDA Procurement Webinar, which took place on 29 January with circa 145 attendees (Action 9).</li> <li>• Global Offshore Wind, London June 2025 where both agencies were on the same stand.</li> <li>• In conjunction with DETE, both agencies attended a number of stakeholder engagements, e.g. meetings. with both Vestas and Ørsted, in their respective HQs in Copenhagen.</li> <li>• Both EI and IDA attended and participated in the annual event with Scotland (Action 23).</li> <li>• Korea OW Innovation Evening Feb 2025 at the Ambassador's residence. Korea organised inward buyer visits to Ireland in 2024 and 2025 with major Korean conglomerates interested in collaborating with Irish green and cleantech companies. One to one engagement with Irish OW companies &amp; facilitating intro meetings etc. with relevant Korean OW stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>Planning for the visiting Minister on the St Patrick's Day mission to Japan to visit two Irish offshore wind exhibitors at Smart Energy Week in March 2026, accompanied by promotional activity through press releases and media engagement. Engaged with key Japanese industry associations, including the Japan Wind Power Association (JWPA) and the Floating Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Association (FLOWRA), to build awareness of Ireland's offshore wind capabilities.</p>	
Deadline	Owners*	Final Status
Ongoing	DETE, IDA, EI	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 16</b>		<b>Update</b>
16. Work closely with DETE and other Departments to ensure the appropriate support mechanisms and funding schemes are in place to support the development of international offshore wind FDI.		IDA continues to market its existing products to offshore wind investors and will work with DETE and engage with the European Commission on potential new supports of interest to offshore wind investors such as the EU Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework and the new General Block Exemption Regulation.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DETE, IDA	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
<b>Action 17</b>		<b>Update</b>
17. Utilise Ireland’s membership of Cooperation Alliances such as NSEC, and existing bilateral agreements with European partners to advance the development of international OWE supply chain opportunities.		<p>DETE and DCEE will continue to engage on potential to leverage NSEC for supply chain development, in addition to ongoing engagement with the UK under the MoU on Energy transition, offshore renewables and electricity interconnection cooperation, as well as under the UK-Ireland 2030 Joint Statement. DETE is also engaged on initiatives under the Joint Declaration of Intent on cooperation in the field of green hydrogen between Ireland and Germany.</p> <p>Engagement with the United Kingdom continues under the MoU on Renewable Energy, which was extended on 14 July 2025. Additionally, the UK-Ireland 2030 Joint Statement contains several commitments to ensure “a strategic and efficient approach to our shared maritime space to mobilise investment, support a healthy marine environment and provide clean energy for our islands”. These include collaboration in relation to the Celtic and Irish Sea, MoUs between the TSOs, data collection and information sharing on marine planning as well as a specific commitment, which DETE contributed directly to, that looks at developing and supporting an all-island supply chain.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DETE, IDA, EI	Complete
<b>Action 18</b>		<b>Update</b>
18. Identify potential new actions for inclusion in the third Germany – Ireland JPoA focused on cooperation in the area of OWE supply chains.		Since the publication of the JPoA, DETE officials have engaged with counterparts from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy in order to look at opportunities for industry-driven cooperation in the development of offshore renewable energy supply chains as well as continuing to exchange on best practices and other knowledge sharing between policy makers.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE	Complete

Action		
Action 19		Update
<p>19. Seek opportunities to develop strategic partnership with other countries or organisations, including in the form of MoUs or Dols, to enable knowledge sharing and growth of the supply chain in Ireland.</p>		<p>DETE engaged with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the development of the <a href="#">Ireland-Wales Shared Statement 2030</a>.</p> <p>The Shared Statement contains an action to “Use our networks to foster connections, and support organisations exploring opportunities for collaboration in the Irish and Celtic Seas, on renewable energy, research and development, and supply chain growth.” DETE will continue to engage with colleagues from Wales based in Ireland and overseas on supply chain opportunities.</p> <p>DETE have also engaged with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the development of the <a href="#">Ireland-Scotland Bilateral Cooperation Framework</a>.</p> <p>The Framework includes an action to “Bring together Irish and Scottish government officials, with key stakeholders, as appropriate, to explore energy cooperation, in particular offshore and onshore wind, and hydrogen.” It also highlights the annual event established with Scotland, held in Dublin and Cork in 2024, which was Action 23 in Powering Prosperity. A second annual event was held in Aberdeen in October 2025 (see Action 23 for further details).</p> <p>In June 2024, DETE participated in a site visit to Port La Nouvelle in France alongside other members of the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce and key stakeholders from industry. The visit focused on the development of Floating Offshore Wind and included a dockside tour of the Eoliennes Flottantes du Golfe du Lion Floating pilot project being deployed through the port and a roundtable discussion focusing on port infrastructure development and funding, planning and consenting, and the logistics of facilitating offshore wind projects the port.</p>
Deadline	Owners*	Final Status
Ongoing	DETE	Complete

Action		
Action 20	Update	
<p>20. Promote Ireland as a high potential OWE market through ministerial trade missions and active participation in international conferences, trade shows and other major OWE sectoral events, including through engagement with industry representative bodies.</p>	<p>Ministers, DETE officials and the wider OWDT have been represented at major Irish and international OWE sector events since 1 April 2025, these include:</p> <p>Members of the OWDT, including DETE, participated in WindEurope between 8-10 April 2025. Several members spoke at the event, engaged with industry, and Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with special responsibility for Fisheries and the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment with special responsibility for the Marine, Timmy Dooley T.D., also participated in a panel discussion and met with companies at the Ireland Pavilion. Aligned to the conference, the Irish Ambassador to Denmark hosted a networking event for members of the Irish delegation and a number of companies.</p> <p>In May, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with special responsibility for Trade Promotion, Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation, Niamh Smyth T.D., participated in an EI-led Trade Mission to Scotland on 1 May 2025. The trade mission visiting Edinburgh and Glasgow focused on strengthening trade ties between Scotland and Ireland and supporting Enterprise Ireland client companies to secure opportunities for growth, particularly in sectors including offshore wind. Minister Smyth also attended a sector roundtable discussion on offshore wind with Irish and Scottish industry representatives, focused on identifying potential partnerships.</p> <p><a href="https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/news/enterprise-ireland-leads-trade-mission-to-scotland">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/news/enterprise-ireland-leads-trade-mission-to-scotland</a>.</p> <p>On 27 and 28 May, senior officials from DETE and the wider OWDT spoke on panel sessions at Wind Energy Ireland’s Offshore Wind Annual Conference again promoting Powering Prosperity in front of an audience of over 500 people across the 2 days.</p> <p>Officials from DETE and members of the OWDT participated in Global Offshore Wind between 17-18 June, where there was both a Government of Ireland and Gael Offshore Network stand, which featured a number of companies from across the Irish supply chain as well as our enterprise agencies.</p> <p>Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke T.D., opened the WEI Expo in October, with Minister Dooley providing a closing address. Officials from a number of Departments and agencies also participated in panel sessions.</p> <p>DETE officials also attended Floating Offshore Wind in Aberdeen meeting with Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise and Irish firms.</p>	
Deadline	Owners*	Final Status
Ongoing	DETE, EI, IDA, DCEE	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 21</b>		<b>Update</b>
21. Lead a fact-finding mission with key stakeholders to Esbjerg port to see how it has developed to support the offshore wind supply chain.		Complete.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE, EI	Complete
<b>Action 22</b>		<b>Update</b>
22. Engage with Northern Ireland's Department for the Economy (DfE) and ITI on potential all-island OWE supply chain opportunities.		Following publication, in May 2025, of the ITI report 'Offshore Wind and Hydrogen Opportunities for the Island of Ireland', which was launched by Minister Burke and Dr Caoimhe Archibald, Minister for the Economy (NI), DETE continue to engage again with ITI and other stakeholders to examine the feasibility of progressing key recommendations from the report, e.g. an All-Island Supply Chain Cluster.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DETE, EI, IDA, ITI	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 23</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>23. Establish an annual joint event with Scotland aimed at promoting inter-Governmental dialogue and engagement with industry in the area of renewable energy.</p>		<p>Following Advancing the Offshore Wind Opportunity: Bridging Irish and Scottish Perspectives, the first joint event held between Ireland and Scotland focused on deepening links in the offshore renewable energy sector, collaboration between the two jurisdictions has continued to grow throughout 2025. This has included the development and monitoring of a joint work plan, with actions focusing on cooperation in supply chain and port infrastructure; RD&amp;I and skills; and planning, regulation and grid, as well a trade mission and cross border discussion led by Minister Smyth focused on enhancing cooperation between Ireland and Scotland in the offshore renewable energy (ORE) sector in May 2025.</p> <p>Building on the success of last year's inaugural joint event, the Scottish Government hosted the event's second iteration, Capturing the Offshore Wind Opportunity: Expanding Scottish-Irish Collaboration, in Aberdeen in October 2025.</p> <p>This two-day event featured in-depth discussions on floating offshore wind, innovation, and skills development, with the conversations highlighting, among other things, strong potential for collaboration in workforce development, including the possibility of joint training programmes. The event also featured bilateral discussions between Minister Dooley and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy Gillian Martin, as well as site visits to the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult's Floating Offshore Wind Innovation Centre, Sumitomo Electric's new sub-sea cable factory at the Port of Nigg, and Ardesier Port.</p> <p>This event has inspired a number of additional follow-up actions aiming to enhance cooperation between Ireland and Scotland in this space throughout 2026, including a supply chain-focused event scheduled to take place in Dublin in January 2026, the planned development a joint-internship programme to facilitate cross-border ORE skills development, as well the commencement of planning for the 2026 iteration of the Ireland-Scotland joint offshore renewable energy event.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q2 2024	DETE	Complete
<b>Action 24</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>24. Engaging with existing structures, identify RD&amp;I focus areas/major challenges facing industry in relation to OWE.</p>		Complete.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE (DETE RD&I Subgroup)	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 25</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>25. Progress the development of an OWCE including a feasibility study and developing a detailed project plan for delivery with delivery of same subject to funding approval</p>		<p>Feasibility study successfully conducted by Everoze forming the basis for Phase 1 development of the OWCE to be known as PROPEL Ireland. The Project Manager for PROPEL Ireland was appointed in October 2025 with the remit to set up the centre, develop the programme design and to interface with stakeholders. Progressing at pace, PROPEL Ireland was officially launched on 3 March 2026.</p> <p>Critical to the success of PROPEL Ireland is the Steering Group as they will lead as well as collaborate on elements to ensure successful delivery of the workplan, referred to as the Offshore Wind Linkage Programme. The Offshore Wind Linkage Programme structure is organised into work packages, each targeting a critical dimension of offshore wind development.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q2 2025	DETE	Complete
<b>Action 26</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>26. Investigate the feasibility of a floating offshore wind demonstrator site.</p>		<p>The Offshore Wind Technical Resource Assessment was published on 24 May 2025. Part of this work sought determine suitable sites for a floating demonstrator project around Ireland’s maritime area. The assessment recommended that Ireland pursue a floating demonstrator project, with prioritisation of the Celtic Sea for floating offshore wind, with progression westward as technology and infrastructure mature. The report inter alia outlined the technical capacity of offshore wind that could be developed off the coast of Ireland. It also provided broad a high level overview of how much fixed bottom and floating wind could be installed in broad areas set out by the report. DCEE will continue to consider suitable sites for a floating demonstrator in the development of the National DMAP which is expected to be complete by the end of 2027, and this report will support the decision-making process for the plan.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q3 2024	DCEE, DETE	Complete
<b>Action 27</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>27. Develop a plan to promote engagement with and use of existing marine test sites.</p>		<p>We continue to ensure the Lir National Ocean Test Facility in Cork is promoted to industry insofar as possible. As a result of challenges in relation to SmartBay and AMETS test sites, it is not possible to progress the development of an overarching plan at this time.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q3 2024	DETE (DETE RD&I Subgroup)	Will not be completed / progressed

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<b>Action 28</b>		<b>Update</b>
28. Maintain State support for our existing or planned test sites and explore the feasibility of supporting additional test sites.		SEAI is due to publish Ireland's ORE Research and Innovation Roadmap by Q3 2026 (CAP 2021, 2023), that will include test site provision needs reflecting national R&I status and opportunities.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing	DCEE, SEAI, MI	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
<b>Action 29</b>		<b>Update</b>
29. Examine the case for the development of a regulatory sandbox for offshore wind and related technologies.		Consultant report delivered to DETE outlining that an industry-initiated sandbox could have merit in certain circumstances, and recommendations made for next steps Government could consider in preparation for this. Report currently under consideration by DETE.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q2 2025	DETE	Complete
<b>Action 30</b>		<b>Update</b>
30. Hold Offshore RD&I Showcase and Access to Finance Event in addition to online workshops highlighting supports available to organisations along the OWE supply chain.		Completed in 2024.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE	Completed by other means or insofar as possible

Action		
<b>Action 31</b>		<b>Update</b>
31. Develop communications campaign to promote RD&I opportunities		<p>In Q2 2025 DETE launched a campaign to highlight relevant Government-supported funding opportunities and raise the profile of offshore wind in Ireland.</p> <p>DETE worked closely with members of DETE's Offshore Wind RD&amp;I Working Group to develop a comprehensive overview of funding streams available across multiple agencies. This information was published on a dedicated subpage of the DETE website, which has been regularly updated to reflect changes to funding deadlines throughout the year. In addition, DETE collaborated with industry stakeholders to create a second subpage featuring case studies from organisations that have successfully accessed these funding supports.</p> <p>Since the campaign's launch in Q2 2025, more than 25 posts have been published across the Department's social channels, generating strong positive engagement. The posts have been diverse, seeking to raise awareness of available funding supports, raise awareness of the opportunities that the offshore wind industry presents. The posts have also highlighted the work undertaken by DETE and progress made/ actions achieved under Powering Prosperity.</p> <p>All of the posts included links to the Department's offshore wind-related webpages. Since the campaign launched, the Offshore Wind Energy page has received over 3,070 visits, while Powering Prosperity – Ireland's Offshore Wind Industrial Strategy has attracted 2,570 visits and its Implementation Progress Report has generated more than 1,360 visits. The two RD&amp;I-focused offshore wind pages, RD&amp;I Funding Opportunities and Innovation in the Offshore Wind Sector, have also performed well, receiving 300+ and 170+ views respectively.</p> <p>These engagement levels clearly demonstrate the success of the campaign in driving users to the Department's offshore wind information pages and increasing overall visibility of the supports available.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Throughout 2024	DETE	Complete
<b>Action 32</b>		<b>Update</b>
32. EI call for in-company research for offshore wind with up to €5 million in funding available for approval.		EI providing a range of funding supports.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	EI	Completed by other means or insofar as possible

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Action		
<b>Action 33</b>		<b>Update</b>
33. Promote participation in DTIF for organisations engaged in RD&I for offshore wind and associated sectors.		DETE promoted DTIF Call 7 to relevant supply chain companies in advance of its close in April 2025, including on the relevant new page of the DETE website (see update under Action 6 above). In line with the commitment under the Programme for Government 2025, a further DTIF Call is expected, and DETE’s Green Tech Unit will liaise regularly with DETE colleagues to be aware of the relevant timelines. Future calls will be promoted by DETE among its stakeholders, as before, and where possible using social media and other channels.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Ongoing from 2024	DETE, EI, IDA, Research Ireland	Complete
<b>Action 34</b>		<b>Update</b>
34. Promote participation in the SFI Strategic Partnership Programme and SFI Spoke Award Programme.		Research Ireland continuing to promote supports available.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Rolling Call	Research Ireland	Completed by other means or insofar as possible

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Action		
<b>Action 35</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>35. Assess the potential for accelerating the development of a West Coast DMAP and examine the cost and viability of initiating floating offshore wind projects in this DMAP as Ireland seeks to support the development of this sector.</p>		<p>To deliver on the Programme for Government commitment to ‘Fast-Track Offshore Wind Development’, in September 2025, Cabinet approved a National Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) for offshore wind. Having a single National DMAP will provide greater certainty for marine stakeholders and the renewables industry and allow for strategic forward planning for skills, enterprise and industry wide supply chain development. Ports will be enabled to forward plan infrastructure build-outs and planning for grid development and interconnection will be supported by a long-term holistic framework.</p> <p>Work is currently underway on the preparation of the National DMAP for Offshore Renewable Energy to cover the entire Irish maritime area and help deliver Ireland’s target of 20GW offshore renewables by 2040.</p> <p>The development of the National DMAP is currently on track with the DMAP Proposal and Public Participation Statement published in 2025, and extensive stakeholder consultation is planned through 2026, aligned with the schedule set out in the Public Participation Statement.</p> <p>Extensive cross Government engagement took place in late 2025 with Departments with maritime responsibilities, and externally, a series of workshops with the ORE industry, the Seafood Sector and environmental NGOs were scheduled for Q1 2026.</p> <p>External project supports have now been put in place for project management statutory environmental assessments, fisheries and community liaison, and design and print services. Additionally, a tender for legal services is ongoing and was scheduled to conclude in March 2026.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DCEE	Completed by other means or insofar as possible
<b>Action 36</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>36. Undertake further work to assess the role that integrated energy parks could play in our future energy system, including their potential benefits and the possible barriers (market, legal or other) that may exist.</p>		<p>In line with Action 6 of the National Hydrogen Strategy, DCEE has conducted initial engagement to support the scoping of this action, including identifying interdependent studies and action plans such as the DETE LEAP, hydrogen demand study and green energy park assessment, which will provide data and evidence. DCEE will await the outcome of the integrated system planning objectives in LEAP and the Department of Transport sustainable aviation fuel production assessment. This work will build on Action 37 and will be progressed via the Infrastructure and Systems Working Group of the National Hydrogen Taskforce.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2025	DCEE	In progress but delivery is delayed

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Action		
<b>Action 37</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>37. Commission a sectoral assessment of energy park concepts to include an analysis of the economics of the capital investment required.</p>		<p>The publication of the Implementation Progress Report in April 2025, 'An Economic Assessment of Green Energy Park Concepts' was published by DETE alongside the Government's Large Energy User Action Plan (LEAP).</p> <p>Through 17 actions, LEAP prepares for a plan-led approach to the co-location of the most energy-intensive large energy user (LEU) sectors with renewable energy supply within green energy park locations across our regions. This aligns industrial policy with other strategic government priorities and will accelerate opportunities for regional development in strategic energy intensive sectors.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q3 2024	DETE	Complete
<b>Action 38</b>		<b>Update</b>
<p>38. Lead fact-finding mission with key stakeholders to international locations where green energy industrial parks have been successfully established.</p>		<p>In November 2025, the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (DETE) led a delegation on a visit to Denmark to GreenLab - a leading example of a Green Energy Park that co-locates renewable energy production with industrial energy demand. GreenLab was identified as a particularly well-developed application of the green energy park concept in the economic assessment of the potential for green energy parks carried out by Gavin and Doherty Geosolutions on behalf of the DETE (Action 37).</p> <p>GreenLab, located in Skive in central Denmark, directly connects a range of companies based in its industrial park to an 84MW solar and wind farm, and facilitates industrial symbiosis by allowing companies to share surplus energy, heat and other resources. Site partners at GreenLab include companies producing animal proteins, biofuels, green fuels and other sustainable products, and GreenLab plans to welcome new industries to the site in the future.</p> <p>DETE was joined in Denmark by members of the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce, including representatives from Enterprise Ireland (EI), the Marine Institute, the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, and the National Maritime College of Ireland.</p> <p>The delegation also visited the nearby Aarhus University campus at Viborg where they witnessed at first hand the benefits of co-locating academia with various renewable energy pilot projects to create an effective RD&amp;I ecosystem.</p> <p>This fact-finding mission further advanced Ireland's commitment to exploring potential end uses for renewable energy and developing Green Energy Parks. DETE hosted a webinar in 2026 to share learnings from GreenLab's experience in planning, developing and operating a green energy park with a wider audience from across Ireland's energy, policy and planning systems.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2024	DETE	Complete

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Action		
<b>Action 39</b>		<b>Update</b>
39. Establish a pilot framework to enable aligned delivery of offshore generation, grid and routes to market to include consideration of large energy users.		<p>The South Coast DMAP Technical Working Group is progressing actions to assess grid connection options for areas B, C and D within the South Coast DMAP. This analysis will inform the decision on further routes to market for these sites.</p> <p>A decision on route to market for Lí Ban is expected in early 2026 with decisions on the remaining South Coast DMAP sites expected later in the year.</p>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2025	DCEE, CRU, EirGrid, DETE, EI, IDA	In progress but delivery is delayed
<b>Action 40</b>		<b>Update</b>
40. Assess the enabling supports and/or frameworks that may be required to maximise capacity from alternative routes to market.		In 2025, MARA carried out a public consultation for a competitive MAC framework which has now been published. 2026 will see a consultation on Corporate Power Purchase Agreements, followed by publication of a Policy Statement on the same.
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Owners*</b>	<b>Final Status</b>
Q4 2025	DCEE	In progress but delivery is delayed

\* Where Science Foundation Ireland were previously noted as the owner, this has now been updated to Research Ireland. Action text has, however, remained as per the original action.

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## 4. Appendix A - Glossary of Terms



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<b>ABSEI</b>	Annual Business Survey of Economic Impact
<b>AMETS</b>	Atlantic Marine Energy Test Site
<b>CAP</b>	Climate Action Plan
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CLG</b>	Company Limited by Guarantee
<b>CRU</b>	Commission for the Regulation of Utilities
<b>DAC</b>	Designated Activity Company
<b>DCEE</b>	Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
<b>DETE</b>	Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment
<b>DfE</b>	Department for the Economy
<b>DFHERIS</b>	Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
<b>DMAPs</b>	Designated Maritime Area Plans
<b>DoI</b>	Declarations of Intent
<b>DTIF</b>	Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund
<b>EI</b>	Enterprise Ireland
<b>ESA</b>	European Space Agency
<b>ESB</b>	Electricity Supply Board
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FDI</b>	Foreign Direct Investment
<b>FET</b>	Further Education and Training
<b>FLOWRA</b>	Floating Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Association
<b>GDG</b>	Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions
<b>GVA</b>	Gross Value Added
<b>GSLS</b>	Growth and Sustainability Loan Scheme
<b>GW</b>	Gigawatt
<b>HPSU</b>	High Potential Start Ups

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<b>IE</b>	Ireland
<b>ICNF</b>	Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund
<b>IMDO</b>	Irish Maritime Development Office
<b>IPB</b>	Implementation Programme Body
<b>ISIF</b>	Ireland Strategic Investment Fund
<b>ITI</b>	InterTradeIreland
<b>JPoA</b>	Joint Plan of Action
<b>JWPA</b>	Japan Wind Power Association
<b>LEU</b>	Large Energy Users
<b>LEAP</b>	Large Energy User Action Plan
<b>MAC</b>	Maritime Area Consent
<b>MARA</b>	Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
<b>MaREI</b>	Marine and Renewable Energy Ireland
<b>MEO</b>	Marine Ecosystems and Ornithology
<b>MI</b>	Marine Institute
<b>MIIN</b>	Marine Ireland Industry Network
<b>MoU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MRIA</b>	Marine Renewables Industry Association
<b>MSP</b>	Member of Scottish Parliament
<b>MW</b>	Megawatt
<b>N-DMAP</b>	National Designated Maritime Area Plan
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organisation
<b>NIMO</b>	Northern Ireland Maritime & Offshore Network
<b>NMCI</b>	National Maritime College of Ireland
<b>NSEC</b>	North Seas Energy Cooperation
<b>NTF</b>	National Training Fund
<b>OEM</b>	Original Equipment Manufacturer

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<b>ORE</b>	Offshore Renewable Energy
<b>ORESS</b>	Offshore Renewable Electricity Support Scheme
<b>OW</b>	Offshore Wind
<b>OWCE</b>	Offshore Wind Centre of Excellence
<b>OWDT</b>	Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce
<b>OWE</b>	Offshore Wind Energy
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>RD&amp;I</b>	Research, Development and Innovation
<b>RfQ</b>	Request for Quotations
<b>RI</b>	Research Ireland
<b>RPO</b>	Research Performing Organisation
<b>RSES</b>	Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies
<b>SBCI</b>	Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland
<b>SEAI</b>	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
<b>SFI</b>	Science Foundation Ireland
<b>TD</b>	Teachta Dála
<b>TSO</b>	Transmission System Operator
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>USP</b>	Unique Selling Proposition
<b>WEI</b>	Wind Energy Ireland



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