



4th call for free access to MaRINET2 offshore renewables testing now open

15 August 2019. The fourth call for the EU-funded MaRINET2 project opens today until 30 September. The project offers free access to a world-leading network of testing and research infrastructures. The call is open to offshore energy technology developers, including offshore wind, wave and tidal energy at system and component level.

MaRINET2 is a €10.5m Horizon 2020 funded project which supports offshore renewable energy R&D activities. It provides free-of-charge access to a network of 57 world-leading research facilities across Europe, through a series of competitive calls.

A webinar to assist candidates with their application and share updates on the process is scheduled for **28 August**.

The first three MaRINET2 calls awarded €3.5 million in free testing access to almost 100 users. The fourth call will facilitate access to testing and research facilities for a new group of offshore renewable energy technology developers. The project's objective is to accelerate the progress of the European offshore renewables sector towards full-scale industrialisation.

MaRINET2 Project Coordinator, Dr Jimmy Murphy, University College Cork said: "The success of the first three MaRINET2 calls demonstrates the need for a collaborative, transnational approach to the testing and development of offshore renewables. Nearly 100 projects have already benefitted from access to test centres so far, and we are confident that this support is a driving force in the advancement of the technology in Europe."

Christophe Maisondieu, MaRINET2 Access Coordinator, Ifremer added: "Each of the MaRINET2 facilities has something to offer technology developers looking to take their devices or components to the next level. The strength of this project is the broad range of expertise and equipment on offer, and the opportunity to learn from partners in other countries."

An open call for [virtual access](#) to data sets and a free-of-charge [training programme](#) are also available through the project.

For details on eligibility criteria, how to apply, available testing infrastructures etc. please visit the MaRINET2 website: www.marinet2.eu

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About MaRINET2

MaRINET2, the Marine Renewables Infrastructure Network, is a network of 39 partners in 13 European Countries, involving research centres and organisations who work together to progress offshore renewable energy technologies such as wave, tidal and offshore-wind. This pan-European network will provide marine energy development companies, entrepreneurs, start-ups and researchers with fully-funded access to marine energy experts and the world's leading wave, tidal and offshore-wind test facilities.



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