

DEVELOPING OFFSHORE WIND INFRASTRUCTURE 2025

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Ahead of [Developing Offshore Wind Infrastructure](#), taking place on 25 March, **Catriona Munro, Offshore Consents Manager at Buchan Offshore Wind** shares some insight on supporting faster delivery of offshore wind project.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACED BY OFFSHORE WIND SCHEMES DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS? HOW CAN THESE BE SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME?

As a relatively new and growing industry, guidance and policies for offshore wind are continually being produced and updated which can be challenging to projects seeking to submit consent within a given timeframe. Developers, stakeholders and regulators continue to work closely together with a view to streamline processes and reduce bottlenecks and delays to the consenting timeline.

WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE TO ENSURE FASTER DELIVERY OF OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS TO MEET ENERGY TARGETS?

Anything that can reduce the determination period will help speed up the overall consenting process. Consultation can also be a lengthy process, and

efficiencies which can be made here would speed up overall delivery. More prescriptive pathways to consent for some aspects of the projects (eg with regards to wet storage/safe anchorage) would reduce risk and nervousness from insurers and regulators.

WHAT ARE THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS CREATED BY CO-LOCATING OFFSHORE WIND INFRASTRUCTURE WITH OTHER TECHNOLOGIES?

There is the potential to better spatially plan projects using the marine environment through collaborative efforts in co-location. This could help ease the pressure on other sea-users, such as commercial fisheries, and present a more joined-up way to manage our seas.

Hear more from Catriona at the event on the 25th March.

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