

**2nd edition of the FWP Atlantic Forum,
 An immersive experience into the floating wind power**

October 2nd & 3rd, 2017 in Saint-Nazaire / October 4th, 2017 in Lorient

Saint-Nazaire, August 31th 2017 – The International FWP (Floating Wind Power) Atlantic Forum will take place from **October 2nd to 4th 2017. Organized by two regions in Western France known for their MRE capabilities – Pays de la Loire and Bretagne – this industry-led event is designed to be a focal point for floating wind power, engaging directly with stakeholders across the sector.**

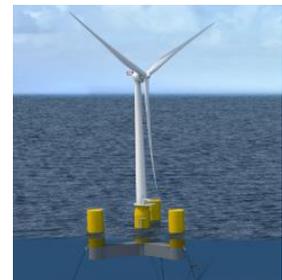
This second edition of the FWP Atlantic Forum will offer **an immersive experience into the world of floating wind power**, delivering concrete feedback and real-world insights. It comes at a time when the SEM-REV test site is installing the first Floatgen floating turbine off the coast at Le Croisic.

Building on the success of its first edition, the FWP Atlantic Forum will be held at two compelling venues: Saint-Nazaire where a number of industrial and port developments are underway, and Lorient which lies opposite the future pilot array at Groix-Belle-Ile. This year's agenda will feature:

- ▶ **Monday, October 2nd, on-site interactive technical workshops** for stakeholders to engage with industry experts about how to unlock innovation and address the technical challenges ahead. (Limited places, registration mandatory)
 - **Workshop 1** : GE Renewable Energy: “*Operations and Maintenance*”
 - **Workshop 2** : STX Europe Offshore Energy: “*Sub-stations and grid connections*”
 - **Workshop 3** : SEM-REV Floatgen (Idéol, Bouygues TP, Centrale Nantes): “*SEM-REV test site and Floatgen demonstrator*”

- ▶ **Tuesday, October 3rd, innovative and complementary sessions about the floating wind power in France and the world.**
 - Plenary sessions:
 - “*Project financing: what conditions need to be fulfilled?*”
 - “*Port facilities, supporting every stage of floating wind development*”
 - “*LCOE: 5 levers for cost reduction*”
 - Flash pitches by the companies of the 4 French test-sites : EDF En, Engie, Eolfi, Quadran,
 - Project reviews on international Scottish and American projects animated by Wind Europe
 - Matchmaking organized by Enterprise Europe Network.

- ▶ **Wednesday, October 4th in Lorient, a round table about the Eolfi's pilot floating array planned for 2020, and 2 technical visits** to choose from (Limited places, registration mandatory):
 - **Tour 1: *Designing the best sea-proof infrastructure: from yacht racing to marine renewables***
 - Visit of the CompositIC platform specializing in innovative composites,
 - Visit of CDK Technologies, a benchmark in the construction of prototype parts and large race boats made from high performance composites.
 - **Tour 2: *How can shipbuilding experience be geared to dealing with maintenance in MRE projects?***
 - Visit of the diving and hyperbaric school “Scaphandriers travaux publics” (AFPA) which is one of its kind in France,
 - Visit of the Piriou shipyard.



On day 3, the discovery, by the sea, of the realities of an MRE service port (The Port of Lorient) will also be organized.

**Professionals only – Payment of registration fee required
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About the [FWP Atlantic Forum](#): *This international event is organized by the Pays de la Loire and Bretagne regions in Western France and is dedicated to the development of the floating wind power sector. Over 3 days, it gathers stakeholders and industry experts to exchange about and support this emerging industry in France and the world. The first edition of the FWP Atlantic Forum took place in October 2016 attracting 300 delegates including 15% from abroad, and 50 international speakers from 11 countries.*