

## REAL EXPERIENCES TO-DATE IN WAVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

1<sup>st</sup> workshop of the SOWFIA Project

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(In conjunction with the Annual Conference and Exhibition of RenewableUK,  
Manchester, UK)

### ***Why should you attend?***

Barriers to the development of the wave energy industry have been identified in previous projects (e.g. WAVEPLAM) and recommendations have been made to deal with these. So what more is there to discuss?

Wave energy projects continue to proliferate worldwide. Meanwhile, research and industry have been dedicated to addressing myriad key issues such as environmental effects, device technology, marine spatial planning conflicts and socio-economic impacts.

So where are we now?

### **Come and find out, and have your say!**

The workshop aims to examine the findings to-date on the challenges faced by the wave energy industry, and ways to tackle these issues. Has the situation changed? In what areas is more information needed?

Speakers from some of the projects at the forefront of wave energy development will summarise their recent experiences. This will be followed by an interactive discussion session in which participants will have an opportunity to share their experiences and discuss novel ideas for overcoming the hurdles faced by all!

### ***The bigger picture***

This event is part of a linked series of workshops from the perspectives of developers, policy makers, financiers, the conservation sector and other sea-users, culminating in a final workshop which will formulate European-level recommendations for policy, to support the development of wave energy throughout Europe whilst ensuring the health and protection of marine ecosystems.

### ***Sign me up!***

Further details and registration will be available shortly on the SOWFIA webpages: [www.sowfia.eu](http://www.sowfia.eu) . We look forward to seeing you there!