



## MaRINET2 opens 3<sup>rd</sup> call for free access to offshore renewables testing

**1 November. The EU-funded MaRINET2 project has launched its third call for applications today. Successful applicants will receive free access to a world-leading network of testing and research infrastructures. The call is open to offshore energy technology developers, including wind, wave and tidal energy at system and component level. It is open until 15 December 2018.**

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.

The first two MaRINET2 calls provided €2.3m of funding to 67 applicants. The third call will facilitate access to testing and research facilities for a new group of technology development teams, contributing further to the advancement of offshore renewable energy in Europe.

MaRINET2 Project Coordinator, Dr Jimmy Murphy, University College Cork said: "Europe is currently ahead of the pack, but it is not the only part of the world developing offshore renewables. Projects like MaRINET2 play an instrumental role in maintaining our leadership, by developing innovative technologies that can be commercialised on a global scale. The third MaRINET2 call is another important step towards achieving this and we look forward to supporting another set of projects in testing and improving their technologies."

Christophe Maisondieu, MaRINET2 Access Coordinator, Ifremer added: "Europe is a pioneer in offshore renewable energy thanks to transnational collaboration initiatives such as MaRINET2. We are delighted with the continuing success of the MaRINET2 calls, which provide new opportunities for researchers and developers to work together, encouraging the exchange of knowledge and best practice across European research facilities."

For details on eligibility criteria, how to apply, available testing infrastructures etc. please visit the Marinet2 website: [www.marinet2.eu](http://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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