

Agenda

**Conference: Speeding up Nature Positive Offshore
Energy Infrastructure Deployment**

19 October 2022 (in person)

KVS – Arduinkaai 7 Quai aux Pierres de Taille, Brussels

9:30 to 17:00 (networking cocktails will follow)

Register [here](#)

9:30 Check-in & coffee

10:00 Welcome

Cristina Simioli, Renewables Grid Initiative

**Keynotes and high-level panel discussion: Nature Positivity and the
Need for Offshore RES and Grid Infrastructure**

*Simonas Šatūnas, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius
Environment, Oceans and Fisheries*

- *Giles Dickson, WindEurope, CEO*
- *Ester Asin, WWF, Director of the European Policy Office*
- *Gerald Kaendler, ENTSO-E, Chairman of System Development Committee*

Moderator: Antonella Battaglini, Renewables Grid Initiative, CEO

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 **Panel Discussion: Walking the Talk – Implementing Nature Positivity
in Offshore Wind and Grid Projects**

- *Ulrik Stridbaek, Ørsted, Vice President, Head of Regulatory Affairs*
- *Olivier Feix, Elia Group, Head of Strategy / 50Hertz, Head of Corporate Development*
- *Heleen Vollers, North Sea Foundation, Senior Project Lead Nature-Friendly Offshore Energy*

Moderator: Cristina Simioli, Renewables Grid Initiative

- 12:15 **Perspectives: Enablers for a joint energy and nature planning**
- **Intergovernmental Perspective** – Rachel Asante, IUCN, Programme Manager Climate Change
 - **Regional Cooperation Perspective** – Aylin Erkman, North Seas Energy Cooperation, Senior Adviser Ecology
 - **Infrastructure Planner Perspective** – Katherine Wood, Vattenfall, Head of Consenting and Stakeholder Engagement
- Moderator: Mattia Cecchinato, WindEurope*
- 13:15 Lunch break
- 14:15 **Guided Tour of the Community of Practices Fair on Nature Conservation and Restoration**
- Organisations will showcase their practices related to offshore wind and grid infrastructure in the form of a fair in a dedicated area within the event*
- 15:15 **Parallel break-out sessions:**
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| <p>How do we set up a restoration fund to finance restoration activities at sea basin level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Input and moderation:</u> David Pratt, Scottish Government, Head of Marine Planning, Development & Crown Estate Strategy | <p>How can stakeholders best cooperate to reach a nature positive infrastructure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Input and moderation:</u> Ariel Brunner, BirdLife Europe & Central Asia, Deputy Director and Head of Policy |
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- 16:15 **Reporting back from break-outs**
- 16:30 **Wrap-up & Outlook**
- Giles Dickson (WindEurope), Martin Harper (BirdLife International) and Antonella Battaglini (RGI)*
- 17:00 Networking cocktails