

OCEaN Side Event at WindEurope’s Annual Event in Copenhagen
[Beyond turbines: Powering the Future and boosting marine nature](#)

When: 9 April 2025 from 12:00 to 15:30 (Europe/Berlin)

Where: Copenhagen, Denmark - [Bella Center](#) room 20, level 1 - Lunch at [the Treehouse](#) restaurant.

AGENDA – all speakers confirmed	
<p>Policy sessions</p> <p>12:00 – 13:10 70 minutes</p>	<p><i>Welcoming words from Giles Dickson (CEO, WindEurope)</i></p> <p>1. From project-based to strategic planning at sea: addressing benefits and complexities for offshore wind, grid and nature</p> <p>Moderator: Cristina Simioli, Director – Offshore Energy and Nature, Renewables Grid Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ariel Brunner, Regional Director, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia - Jan Hensmans, Advisor External Relations, FPS Economy, Directorate-general Energy Belgium - Olivier Feix, Head of Strategy Elia Group / Corporate Development, 50Hertz - Xavier Guillou, Policy Officer, Marine Renewable Energy, DG MARE, European Commission <p>2. Environmental and social requirements: challenges and opportunities for offshore wind and grids projects</p> <p>Moderator: Mattia Cecchinato, Manager – Offshore Wind, WindEurope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tinne Van der Straeten, Member of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium - Antonella Battaglini, CEO, Renewables Grid Initiative - Dr. Eva Julius-Philipp, Director Environment & Sustainability Unit BA Wind, Vattenfall - Lori Anna Conzo, Global Biodiversity Lead, International Finance Corporation <p>- Input from Med OCEaN: Davide Astiaso Garcia, Secretary General, ANEV – Italian wind association</p> <p><i>Closing remarks from Antonella Battaglini (CEO, Renewables Grid Initiative)</i></p>

13:10 – 14:10	Lunch at the Treehouse
<p>Project sessions</p> <p>14:10 – 14:45 35 min</p> <p>14:45 – 15:20 35 min</p>	<p>1. BioReef restoration project: by Ørsted, WWF DK and DTU Aqua</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pernille Nielsen, Senior Researcher, DTU Aqua- Henrike Semmler Lé, Senior Specialist, Oceans And Fisheries Conservation Department, WWF Denmark- Tommy Kristoffersen, Biodiversity Lead Specialist, Ørsted <p>2. Eco-crossings and Fish Hotels by TenneT and Ecocean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Saskia Jaarsma, Head of Offshore Development, Large Projects Offshore, TenneT- Gilles Lecaillon, Founder and CEO, Ecocean <p>Moderators: Dení Aguilar Bellamy and Ana Miljanović Rusan</p>
<p>15:20 – 15:30 10 min</p>	<p>Announcement of NiD4OCEAN Innovation Challenge by Dení Aguilar Bellamy.</p> <p>Closing remarks from Cristina Simioli and Mattia Cecchinato</p>