

Our Topics

Sustainable Planning

When planning activities at sea, including wind and grid infrastructure, we must avoid impacts on marine ecosystems as much as possible and leave space for nature to thrive.

We make recommendations on Maritime Spatial Planning, cross-border collaboration, the co-existence of offshore wind with nature and other activities, and the application of ecological non-price criteria in offshore wind auctions.

Nature-friendly offshore wind and grid infrastructure

Impacts from offshore wind and grids should be minimised, and infrastructure buildout should be used to provide opportunities to protect, restore and integrate biodiversity – on and off-site.

We investigate and promote Nature-Inclusive Design approaches, mitigation and restoration measures, biodiversity data sharing, and multi-use of infrastructure.

Reaching climate and biodiversity targets in the Mediterranean basin

Med OCEaN provides recommendations on integrating nature into Maritime Spatial Planning and is investigating, among other topics, auctioning, offshore wind auction design, and the impacts of floating technology on biodiversity.

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Renewables Grid Initiative

The Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI) is a founding Member, convener, and moderator of OCEaN.

The European Climate Foundation (ECF), The VELUX Foundations, and the US-based National Philanthropic Trust (NPT) provide funding to enable selected NGOs to actively engage in the work of OCEaN. This is done via RGI-led consortiums and specific projects.



Accelerating offshore wind
and grids while ensuring
healthy marine ecosystems



Who We Are

The ongoing biodiversity and climate crises have prompted various non-governmental organisations (NGOs), wind industry actors and transmission system operators (TSOs) from across Europe to join forces and work together **to accelerate the deployment of offshore wind energy and grid infrastructure while ensuring alignment with nature protection and healthy marine ecosystems.**

OCEaN's two distinct coalitions – one covering the North and Baltic Seas and another in the Mediterranean and adjacent Atlantic waters – represent over 40 organisations working towards this common goal.

What We Do

We facilitate open forums for discussion between our diverse Members, collect and share innovative practices that combine offshore wind and grid infrastructure deployment and nature protection, and advocate for solutions that address the biodiversity and climate crises in parallel.



11 Grid Operators
19 Wind Energy Companies
20 Civil Society Organisations
One Common Mission:

Collaborating for a green Europe

Our Members



North & Baltic Seas

Offshore wind has been present in northern Europe for over twenty years and there are ambitious plans to increase deployment in both the North and Baltic Seas to meet Europe's decarbonisation targets. Since its launch in 2020, OCEaN – North and Baltic Seas has grown to 30+ Members and is increasingly recognised for its unique multi-stakeholder perspective.

Mediterranean Sea

OCEaN – Mediterranean Sea brings together organisations from France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal to advocate for nature-friendly offshore wind and grid development in the Mediterranean and adjacent Atlantic waters. Launched in 2023, the initiative aims to address the region's specific challenges related to infrastructure deployment, while taking into account its rich ecological diversity.

