



## Public Consultation Survey – Draft Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDP II)

Welcome to the survey for our second Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (OREDP II) – Ireland’s new national spatial strategy for our offshore renewable energy future. Please use this survey to take part in our public consultation and share your views on the draft OREDP II between 24 February 2023 and 20 April 2023.

The aim of this consultation is to gather feedback on the draft OREDP II and its associated environmental assessment reports. The results of this public consultation will also provide an insight into attitudes towards ORE at a national and local level.

We particularly welcome views from local tourism, fishing, leisure and sports organisations or anyone with an interest in Ireland’s maritime resources.

The closing date for submissions is **11.59pm 20 April 2023**.

Submissions should be sent by email to [OffshoreEnergyConsultation@decc.gov.ie](mailto:OffshoreEnergyConsultation@decc.gov.ie) or by post to: Offshore Environment and Consenting Division, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, 29 – 31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, D02 X285

A copy of the Draft OREDP II and the SEA Environmental Report is available to view by appointment at the offices of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (at the above address). Alternatively, the documents may be viewed by appointment at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland at 3 Park Place, Hatch Street, Dublin, D02 FX65. Please email [OffshoreEnergyConsultation@decc.gov.ie](mailto:OffshoreEnergyConsultation@decc.gov.ie) or call 01 678 2000 to arrange a viewing.

All documents, including the Draft OREDP II, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Natura Impact Statement (Appropriate Assessment), Appendices and an online version of this survey are available at the following webpage:  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/7ad6f-the-second-offshore-renewable-energy-development-plan-oredp-ii-public-consultation/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/OREDP2/>



## Introduction

Name (optional)

Your email address (optional)

Location (optional)

Is your location coastal, urban or rural? Please select all that are relevant (optional)

- Coastal
- Urban
- Rural
- Not applicable

Age (optional)

Gender (optional)

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Sector (optional)

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

- Yes, I am responding on behalf of an organisation
- No, I am responding as an individual

## General

Do you agree that the development of Offshore Renewable Energy in your local area is important to achieving Ireland's energy and climate targets?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



Do you agree that the development of Offshore Renewable Energy in your local area will deliver positive local economic, social, or environmental benefits?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Do you agree that it is appropriate to have future development of offshore renewable energy guided by a plan-led model with greater state involvement, rather than being developer / project led?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### Identifying Broad Areas of Interest

A number of criteria have been used in the draft OREDP II to map areas technically suitable for offshore renewable energy and other factors and activities relevant to future planning.

These are:

- Availability of localised datasets;
- Bathymetry / water depth;
- Proximity to electricity demand centres;
- Industrial opportunities;
- Proximity to existing / planned interconnectors;
- Supporting onshore infrastructure;
- Wind resource potential for floating offshore wind

Do you agree that these criteria can be applied to the process of identifying Broad Areas of Interest?

Please see [Section 11 of the draft OREDP II](#) for more information

- Strongly agree
- Agree



- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Are there other criteria you think should be considered in identifying Broad Areas of Interest?

### Reviewing the OREDP II

Do you agree with the proposed approach to reviewing the OREDP II being every five years, at a minimum, with the evidence base for the OREDP II updated regularly?

See [section 12.1 of the draft OREDP II](#) for more information

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### Sharing our Maritime Space

The draft OREDP II proposes that our maritime space can be shared, to encourage co-existence and co-location of offshore renewable energy and other maritime uses & activities. This is to maximise economic, social, & environmental benefits or uses of an an area. Do you:

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



Do you have any specific recommendations of how offshore renewable energy developments can share our marine space with other maritime uses and activities? (Tick as many as you wish)

- Aquaculture
- Boating
- Commercial Fishing including trawl, dredge, line, net, and pot fishing
- Community Facilities
- Cultural Activities
- Education & Training
- Ferries / Cruise Ships / Transport
- Heritage Conservation
- Marine Aggregate Extraction
- Marine Research
- Other water sports / leisure
- Shipping
- Species and Habitat Protection
- Tourism including eco-tourism
- Other

Please outline your recommendations here:

## Implementing the OREDP II

An all-of-government approach is proposed to ensure effective implementation of the OREDP II.

Do you agree with the Governance Structure proposed to oversee this process, i.e., Steering Group, Project Team of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) and Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) advised by an Advisory Group, a Data & Scientific Group and an Environmental Group?



Please see [section 12.2 of the draft OREDP II](#) for information.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### Data to consider

In your view, are the criteria that have been developed to assess data suitable for inclusion in the OREDP II, namely:

- Relevance (i.e., within the remit of the OREDP II, important within the NMPF)
- Spatial relevance (i.e., relevant to the whole maritime area)
- Provenance (i.e., data that has passed quality checks)
- Accessibility (i.e., data is available and in a suitable format)
- Temporally Valid (i.e., collected within a relatively recent timeframe)

Please see [section 7.2 of the draft OREDP II](#) for more information.

- Yes
- No
- No opinion / N/A

### Environmental Reports

In your view, do the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) carried out to inform the draft OREDP II cover all relevant matters?

- Don't know / I have not read the SEA and AA reports
- Yes
- No

If no, please explain:



### **Other information**

Please tell us any other relevant information regarding the Draft OREDP II e.g., implementation, management, future regional plans, etc.

### **Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications - Statement of data protection policy**

Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is committed to engaging with stakeholders in a clear, open and transparent manner. Any person or organisation can make a submission in relation to this consultation. All submissions and feedback will be considered before the final version of the Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan II is published.

Please note that responses to this consultation are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI), Access to Information on the Environment Regulations 2007-2018 (AIE) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Please also note that we intend to publish the contents of all submissions received to our consultations on our website. We will redact personal data prior to publication. In responding to this consultation, parties should clearly indicate where their responses



contain commercially sensitive information or confidential information which they would not wish to be released under FOI, AIE or otherwise published.

We would like to draw your attention to our [Data Privacy Notice](https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/dfd02-data-protection/) <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/dfd02-data-protection/> which explains how and when we collect personal data, why we do so and how we treat this information. It also explains your rights in relation to the collection of personal information and how you can exercise those rights.

### **Data Protection**

Personal data you provide with this submission will be processed according to our data privacy policy [here](https://consult.decc.gov.ie/en/content/privacy-statement). <https://consult.decc.gov.ie/en/content/privacy-statement>

I have read the data privacy policy\*