

Seanergy Convention on Marine Renewable Energy

The first edition of the Seanergy International Convention on marine renewable energy will take place on 1-2 June 2016 in Biarritz, France (Halle d'Iraty). As a unifying event for this sector with high growth potential, Seanergy 2016 aims to define and globally promote the MRE sector: floating and offshore wind turbines, marine current power, floating solar panels and wave power.

According to Marc Lafosse, head of BlueSign, organiser of Seanergy, the following period will be the dawn of a new era in the wake of COP21. MRE is undoubtedly an up-and-coming industry when it comes to energy transition, fostering growth and sustainable jobs, both in France and around the world.

The [Seanergy 2016 Convention](#) will gather 200 exhibitors and more than 3,000 international stakeholders in the industry (manufacturers, SMEs, institutions, experts, research centres...), in an exhibition hall, conferences, B2B meetings, and plants visits. The aims of this convention are to strengthen synergies between the stakeholders of the industry, to define its role and framework and promote its development in France and around the world.

Various Levels

Seanergy represents an international event: hosts the 'MRE world' and organizes B2B meetings in partnership with Enterprise Europe Network, the largest European network for the innovation and internationalization of companies, allowing the interaction of all involved parties regardless of their industry, size and origin.

It also is a national event: a pre-opening session to Seanergy will be convened in the afternoon of Tuesday 31 May. The session will be the 3rd edition of the national conference on Marine Energy, a major political event organized by the French National Association for Renewable Energy.

Seanergy also will be hosting representatives of all coastal regions of France, for each region to share its unique expertise and skills and thus create synergies. The event is organised in partnership with the Côte Basque-Adour conurbation and the city of Biarritz, territories which in the past have always focused on wave power; the Aquitaine Poitou-Charentes Limousin region, with its 720 kilometres of coasts, has always been committed to the development of the maritime economy ; as well as the Spanish-Basque government, are involved in two projects: the wave power and floating wind power test site BIMEP and the oscillating water column pilot plant of Mutriku.

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