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### Offshore Wind Revolution: Palermo hosts key event on the future of offshore wind power in Italy

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[Magellan Circle](#) announces the return of [Offshore Wind Revolution](#), an event organised in collaboration with the **Port System Authority of Western Sicily**, which will bring together the entire national and international offshore wind energy supply chain **in Palermo on October 7 and 8, 2025** to discuss, with realism and a constructive spirit, the opportunities and main obstacles to the development of the sector in Italy. To register for the event and view the agenda, please visit the following [webpage](#).

**Offshore Wind Revolution is currently the only event in Italy that brings together the main players in the sector**, creating a space for transparent discussion on current challenges and the path forward. Through closed **working groups**, possible solutions will be analysed to break the regulatory and political deadlock, reduce costs and risks through innovation and standardisation, bridge the infrastructure gap in ports and develop the skills needed to support employment linked to the energy transition.

The Main Conference will kick off on the afternoon of October 7. It will be open to the public and inaugurated with institutional greetings from **Annalisa Tardino**, Special Commissioner of the Port Authority of Western Sicily, and **Alexio Picco**, Chairman of **Magellan Circle**. This will be followed by a session on the European market, with speeches by **Johannes Gantenbein** (European Investment Bank), **Michela Marasco** (European Commission – DG ENER), **Felipe Cornago** (BayWa r.e.), moderated by **Mattia Cecchinato** (WindEurope).

*‘The energy transition,’ comments **Annalisa Tardino**, Special Commissioner of the Port System Authority of Western Sicily, - is one of the crucial challenges of our time, and offshore wind energy represents a major opportunity for the energy future of Italy and Europe: the second edition of “Offshore Wind Revolution”, organised with Magellan Circle, aims to highlight the central importance of this sector for the country. If Sicily, from east to west, is strategic, equally*

*strategic is the energy role of Sicilian ports in the Mediterranean for the expansion of offshore wind power, supported by the presence in Augusta of a leading offshore wind hub for the national marine renewable energy supply chain, identified by interministerial decree. We will do our part."*

A further session will focus on the **strategic role of regional authorities in the development of offshore wind power**, with the contribution of two successful international experiences that will be narrated by **Claire Hugues, Vice President of the Pays de la Loire Regional Council**, and **Karsten Rieder, CEO of Business Esbjerg**. At the end of the first day, a **networking** session reserved for speakers and sponsors will promote bilateral relations between strategic stakeholders.

On October 8, the **Main Conference** will kick off with **four thematic sessions**. The first, on technological innovation and the evolution of products and solutions in the electrical, naval, port and logistics sectors, will feature prominent speakers such as **Davide Medici, Senior Wind Expert at Fichtner**, and **Simone Biondi, Business Development Director at Sizeable Energy**, as well as academics and researchers such as **Enrico Giglio, Energy Transition Strategy at the Polytechnic University of Turin**, and **Claudio Lugni from the University of Naples Federico II**. The first meeting of the day will be moderated by **Prof. Alessandro Corsini, President of Owemes**.

This will be followed by a session dedicated to ports, which will analyse their crucial role as **industrial hubs in the offshore wind value chain**, comparing Italian experiences with **Giovanni Gugliotti**, Special Commissioner of the Port System Authority of the Ionian Sea – Port of Taranto, and **Francesco Di Sarcina**, President of the Port System Authority of the Eastern Sicilian Sea. In particular, **Pietro Coniglio, President of ISLA** – main sponsor of the event – and **Giovanni Rinaldi, Offshore Wind Senior Project Manager at Jv Nadara - BlueFloat Energy**, will also participate in the round table and make their important contributions. In addition, international case histories will be presented by **Leon Lammers of Haskoning**, **Julien Ciglar Project Manager - Marine Renewable Energies per Ad'Occ Région Occitanie/Port la Nouvelle**, **Philippe Leon di Saint-Nazaire Port**, **Nicolas Bonnier, Global Manager Offshore Wind at GEODIS**, and **David Filiol of Euroports**. The entire session will be moderated by **Enrico Carloni, Senior Local Expert (Energy), of the Danish Embassy in Italy**.

**Pietro Coniglio, President of ISLA**, said: *"ISLA is proud to once again be the main sponsor of Offshore Wind Revolution, an event that reflects our vision of the Mediterranean playing a leading role in the energy transition. As a founding member of AERO - the Association for Offshore Renewable Energy in Italy - and an active member of WindEurope, we are leading*

*the way in logistics innovation for offshore wind, with over 130 projects completed and 10,000 MW of wind turbines managed. Through the Sicilian cluster, our strategic terminals such as Augusta and various ports in the region, we offer integrated logistics solutions to support the supply chain, creating value for the regions and accelerating the growth of the sector. Looking ahead, we intend to strengthen synergies with the main Mediterranean ports dedicated to supporting offshore wind power - including Taranto, Port-La Nouvelle and Marseille - to build a competitive ecosystem on an international scale."*

The morning will conclude with a session on the **impact on employment and the new professions emerging in the sector**, with updated data from **WindEurope** presented by **Mattia Cecchinato**, and a presentation from **the University of Palermo with Eleonora Riva Sanseverino**. The event will close with the most important and eagerly awaited session: **an analysis of the Italian market**, which is still hampered by regulatory uncertainties, despite its enormous potential. After the presentation of an international case study with testimony from **Mauro Migliavacca, Special Advisor for Business Relations Norway-Italy, Innovation Norway**. Then, **Michele Schiavone, CEO of Divento**, will highlight the current situation regarding the offshore sector in Italy. This will be followed by a round table discussion with **Fulvio Mamone Capria, President of AERO, Luigi Severini of iLStudio**, one of Italy's leading experts in offshore wind power, who will share his insights on wind farm projects, **Alessandro Sorice, Head of Sicily Transmission Department at Terna**, and **Luca Barberis, Director of Renewable Energy at GSE**.

**Alexio Picco, Managing Director of Magellan Circle**, commented: "*We are delighted to launch the second edition of "Offshore Wind Revolution", which, following last year's success, is confirmed as a key event for the sector. Palermo becomes the meeting place for the entire national and international offshore wind energy supply chain, creating a space for open and concrete discussion, aimed at constructively addressing both the opportunities and challenges associated with development in Italy. This initiative aims to strengthen cooperation between the various players involved, promote international exchange and help consolidate Italy's role as a leader in the sector.*"

**Offshore Wind Revolution** thus confirms its status as the only event capable of fostering real dialogue between all players in the supply chain, bringing together international experience and local issues. The support of the main sponsors **ISLA and EST Terminal**, which made the initiative possible, and the presence of supporters and **strategic national and international partners** such as **Business France, Région Pays de La Loire, Owemes, AERO, WindEurope, the Embassy of the Netherlands, Innovation Norway and the Embassy of Denmark in Italy** –

representing the realities that have invested most in offshore wind power and now see Italy as a potential hub in the Mediterranean – were fundamental. Finally, special recognition goes to the sponsors **BayWa r.e., the JV BlueFloat Energy - Nadara, Divento, Fichtner and KEY - The Energy Transition Expo and Sizable Energy**, whose contribution further enriched the value of the initiative, strengthening its impact and international reach.

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For more information about the event, please visit the following [webpage](#), where you can register and view the meeting [agenda](#).

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