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### OWR 2026 moves to Taranto: Magellan Circle announces the new edition of Italy's leading offshore wind event

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[Magellan Circle](#) ("**Magellan Circle**" or the "**Company**") – a European consultancy company with over 20 years of experience in various fields, including transport, mobility, logistics, environment, circular economy, and communication. Providing strategic communication, advocacy, and international consultancy services, helping clients navigate EU funding opportunities and regulatory landscapes – officially announces that **OWR – Offshore Wind Revolution**, the leading Italian event for operators in the offshore wind sector, will be held in **Taranto** from 7 to 9 October 2026. After two successful editions hosted in Palermo, the decision to move the initiative to Puglia represents a strategic step, consistent with the evolution of the national supply chain and the growing centrality of the Ionian port in the development of offshore wind power in the Mediterranean.

The 2026 edition will be organised with the support of the **Ionian Sea Port Authority**, consolidating a model of collaboration between institutions, the port system and the industrial fabric that is one of the distinctive features of OWR. Taranto is not only a new venue, but also a strategic port for the future of offshore wind power in Italy: it is one of two ports identified by the recent interministerial decree as a national priority centre for the development of offshore shipbuilding hubs to support the marine renewable energy supply chain, together with Augusta. This recognition gives Taranto priority in national industrial policies and makes it eligible for funding dedicated to the development of the necessary infrastructure – including quay upgrades, dredging and modernisation – for the production, assembly and launch of components for offshore wind farms, for a total investment of €78 million spread over three years.

Confirming the growing international dimension of the event, OWR 2026 will also benefit from the patronage and collaboration of important players in the sector, including AERO – the Offshore Renewable Energy Association, the Royal Danish Embassy in Rome, WindEurope, Innovation Norway, OWEMES and Key – The Energy Transition Expo, all of which are European benchmarks for the development of offshore wind energy and the promotion of industrial

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and institutional partnerships. The support of institutional partners, who have been involved in the project since its inception, confirms the continuity and solidity of the project, which has established itself over the years as a platform for qualified dialogue between industry, policy makers and local communities.

Within this framework of collaboration, the official launch of OWR 2026 will be announced in Rimini at **KEY – The Energy Transition Expo**, Italy's leading event dedicated to energy transition, with a speech by **Alexio Picco, President of Magellan Circle**, together with institutional representatives from the host region. *'The choice of Taranto represents a natural and strategic step for OWR. Bringing the event to one of the ports that symbolises Italy's energy transformation means strengthening dialogue between industry, institutions and local communities and making a concrete contribution to the construction of a competitive national offshore wind supply chain that is integrated into the international market. With the expansion to three days and a format even more focused on stakeholder relations, OWR 2026 aims to be an operational platform, not only for discussion, but also for the real development of opportunities,'* says Alexio Picco.

With the move to Taranto, OWR is also growing in size and duration, from two to three days. The first day will be dedicated to promoting interaction between the port and industrial system of Taranto and the Apulian regional fabric with the main international stakeholders active in offshore wind.

In true OWR style, several countries will organise official missions to participate in the event, creating a context of high strategic value. Alongside opportunities for discussion and in-depth analysis, the day will be marked by experiential networking, designed to facilitate relationships and collaborations in a dynamic and informal way. The second day will host thematic working groups and the institutional opening of the Main Conference, while the third will be dedicated to the conclusion of the proceedings, with further opportunities for networking and discussion between operators, institutions and investors.

The Main Conference will analyse the dynamics of the **international offshore wind market** and the main European success stories, with the aim of analysing winning strategies, investment models and environmental impacts in order to map out the roadmap for the future. Ample space will be devoted to the **launch of the sector in Italy**, with a focus on the regulatory framework, initial projects and employment prospects throughout the supply chain, from engineering to installation and maintenance. The role of ports and regions in the development of a competitive and sustainable national supply chain will also be central,



through dedicated infrastructure, integrated logistics and territorial collaborations. Finally, there will be an in-depth look at **technological innovations** – from floating turbines to digitalisation and artificial intelligence – which are helping to reduce costs and risks, making offshore wind power increasingly efficient and accessible.

*'The Port System Authority of the Ionian Sea welcomes the 2026 edition of OWR in Taranto with great enthusiasm - said **President Giovanni Gugliotti** - confirming the Authority's full support for this strategic initiative, which reinforces the central role of the Port of Taranto in the Mediterranean for the development of offshore wind power. As a national priority hub identified by the "Decreto Porti", the port of Taranto is ready to support the marine renewable energy supply chain, promoting employment, innovation and international collaboration. OWR represents a unique opportunity to consolidate partnerships between institutions, industry and local areas, accelerating the sustainable energy transition in our country'.*

The new edition thus confirms OWR's international vocation and its role as a strategic platform to accompany the growth of offshore wind in Italy and the Mediterranean, connecting industry, local areas and investors at a crucial stage in the energy transition.