



## **APREN will organize event dedicated to ocean renewables**

*The conference will take place on May 24 at the Museu do Oriente, in Lisbon, and discuss the present and future of ocean renewables.*

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[APREN – Portuguese Renewable Energy Association](#) will organize an event exclusively dedicated to ocean renewable energies. The [Oceanic Renewables Summit](#) is scheduled for May 24 at the Museu do Oriente in Lisbon and will discuss the main topics related to the development of offshore renewables in Portugal.

“It is agreed that ocean renewable energy will play a central role in the energy transition of countries and coastal areas, but there is still a long way to go”, recognizes Pedro Amaral Jorge, APREN’s CEO. “In this event we want to address the strategic potential of this emerging cluster of ocean renewables, which is an opportunity for social and economic development. It involves universities and technological centers; industry; infrastructure construction companies; consulting and engineering companies; ports and national shipyards. It will leverage exports and generate wealth and jobs”.

The summit will address several key issues, including regulation developments, the transport network development and investment plan, the value chain, the preferred maritime areas for deployment, the electrical and port infrastructure to support the implementation of this strategy and, of course, the desirable models for the upcoming capacity auction. “This is an opportunity for the development of an entire national industrial row aimed at offshore renewables”, underlines the Chairman of the Board of APREN.

Portugal aims to reach 10 GW of offshore wind by 2030, a goal that widely communicated by the Portuguese Prime Minister, António Costa. This is an ambitious target, not only at national level. However, the country ended 2022 with a total renewable power of more than 16 GW, and 24 MW of offshore (through Windfloat, the pilot project off the portuguese northern city of Viana do Castelo). It is also an ambitious target at European level since member states are committed to reaching a combined offshore power of around 111 GW by 2030.

The Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa has also announced the launch of the first offshore wind auction until September 2023, and opened a public consultation for the offshore renewables deployment areas, which ends on March 10, 2023.

APREN, the most relevant renewable industry association in Portugal, is one of the main entities involved in the process: is part of the working group set up by the Government for the planning and operationalization of power plants based on renewable energy sources of origin or oceanic location; and integrates the three subgroups that are responsible for producing recommendations on the objectives that have been set out.

APREN already organizes annually the most relevant event dedicated to renewable energies – the Portugal Renewable Energy Summit – which next edition is scheduled for November 29 and 30, 2023. The growing importance of the energy transition and the central role of renewables on the path to decarbonisation have created the need to open another discussion forum to assess the state of the art of ocean renewables in the future of the Portuguese energy mix.



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**About APREN:**



The Portuguese Renewable Energy Association (APREN) is a non-profit association founded in October 1988. Its mission is to coordinate and represent the common interests of its members, promoting renewables energies in the electricity field. APREN works closely with the government and other official entities, both on a national and international levels. It participates actively in the definition of energy and environmental policies, valuing natural resources for electricity production, namely hydric, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, biogas, and urban solid waste.