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1st edition of FWP Atlantic Forum: 3 days devoted to the floating wind turbine industry

October 12 & 13, 2016 in Brest / October 14, 2016 in Pays de la Loire

An event backed by Jean-Yves Le Drian, President of the Conseil Régional de Bretagne, and Bruno Retailleau, President of the Conseil Régional des Pays de la Loire

Brest, France, September 8, 2016 – **FWP (Floating Wind Power) Atlantic Forum**, an international event devoted to developing the floating wind turbine industry is holding its first edition from October 12 to 14, 2016. With support from France's Bretagne and Pays de la Loire regions, this event is being held during the 10th edition of the Sea Tech Week, a week focusing on marine sciences and technologies (at the Quartz conference center in Brest, France).

FWP Atlantic Forum will bring together over 50 speakers from 10 countries, and some 300 visitors, for a program featuring:

- ▶ **Plenary conferences on floating wind turbines in France and internationally:**
 - Wednesday, October 12, 2:30 PM: **Global outlook for FWP development**, with representatives from the University of Maine (USA), Hitachi (Japan), EDPR (Portugal), Statoil (Norway), SDI (Scotland), and Taipei (Taiwan).
 - Wednesday, October 12, 5:15 PM: **Where does France fit in to it all?** Presentation of French projects awarded, or currently being evaluated, in the ADEME call-for-projects for floating wind turbines.
Attended by Ivan Faucheu of the Commissariat-General for Investment.
 - Thursday, October 13, 9:00 AM: **International project review**, with 3 projects from Norway, Portugal, and Japan presented by their technical managers, accompanied by questions from experts from Ifremer, Ecole Centrale de Nantes, France Energies Marines, ADEME, Ecole Centrale de Marseille, and Innosea.
- ▶ **Technical workshops** (anchors, floaters, acceptability and the environment, authorization and planning) **and B2B meetings** to provide market stakeholders an opportunity to make contact and establish strategic partnerships, on Thursday afternoon.
- ▶ **Technical visits** on Friday, October 14 in the Pays de la Loire area, in Saint-Nazaire and Nantes-Bouguenais: floating wind turbine demonstrator (Floatgen), electrical substation manufacturing plant (STX), joint research platform dedicated to MRE (Technocampus Océan - IRT Jules Verne, CEA TECH, DCNS).

Floating wind turbines: a priority for Bretagne and Pays de la Loire regions

Benefiting from considerable potential for floating wind turbines and essential assets (ports, industrial, technical, and scientific), the Bretagne and Pays de la Loire regions have chosen sea energy as the future for their energy and industrial needs. Their priority focuses on floating wind turbines, with two dedicated sites off the coasts of Croisic and Lorient.

This past summer, the French government kicked-off the effort by naming the two first laureates in its floating wind turbine call-for-projects. One of the first two confirmed projects is a project for a pilot farm in Groix.

Jean-Yves Le Drian, President of the Conseil Régional de Bretagne, says: *“Since its work on the Port of Brest, the maritime capital of Bretagne, the Conseil Régional has continued to invest in writing a new page in its Atlantic history book for sea energy. Three current power generators have been assembled there since 2015, for EDF-DCNS and Sabella. Some of the floating wind turbines for the Eolfi project will be designed there. Starting in 2018, new port zones being developed by the Région will be opened in Brest to welcome these industrial activities for the various MRE sectors. Floating wind turbines will embark from this new polder to anchor off the coast of Groix.”*

Bruno Retailleau, President of the Conseil Régional des Pays de la Loire, says: *“Because we believe in positive ecology that combines growth and responsibility, the Région des Pays de la Loire has committed to building a real industrial sector for renewable marine energies. As such, two offshore wind turbine farms are being developed along our coast, new GE and STX factories in Saint-Nazaire for turbines, nacelles, foundations, and sub-stations, in addition to the presence of Rollix and DCNS. Alongside Bretagne, the Pays de la Loire region today is counting on floating wind turbines to drive the cutting edge of this new technology.”*

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