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## **Working Group on offshore renewable energies under the Clean Energy Industrial Forum**

The European Commission launched, on 23 July 2021, a [call for expression of interest](#) for organisations to become member of a working group on offshore renewable energy. The call closes on 10 September 2021.

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### **Composition**

The working group will consist of 20-25 members, depending on the distribution of the necessary expertise.

Members of the group will be organisations, represented by individuals with enough seniority and knowledge, appointed by the organisations. The individuals will act in the public interest by supporting in the development of a strong European value and supply chains for offshore renewables. For that the candidates may, for example, explain the difficulties faced by their organisation, but they may not use the working group to steer the outcome of any recommendations to attain commercial advantage against other organisations in the sector. The candidate shall not represent any personal or national interests.

The members will be appointed by the European Commission from the pool of applicants complying with the conditions referred to in sections on eligibility requirements and selection criteria of this call. When selecting the members, the European Commission will try to maintain a diverse group, including gender balance, representation from different types of organisations, covering all geographical areas of Europe and with different expertise, so that the group can together cover a wide range of issues in offshore energy deployment.

The members will be appointed for the period lasting from October 2021 until December 2022, provided they continue to satisfy the eligibility requirements and the selection criteria, the needed commitment to the work of the group and the requirement to act in the public interest for the whole offshore value chain. After this period, the European Commission may decide unilaterally to run a new call for interests, e.g. to gather expertise in new priorities of the working group. Alternatively, the European Commission may decide to extend the participation of the selected members, given a renewed expression of interest by the participants. Individuals representing their

organisations can be selected for a maximum of 4 years. If the appointed candidate leaves its organisation, the organisation will not automatically continue to be a member of the working group, but it may suggest another individual to represent the organisation. In each case, the European Commission will decide to appoint a different organisation from the reserve list or accept the new candidate.

The members who, in the opinion of the European Commission, are no longer capable of contributing effectively to the group's deliberations (e.g. if there is a lack of commitment to the working group), will no longer be invited to participate in any meetings of the group and may be replaced for the remainder of their term of appointment.

To ensure continuity and smooth functioning of the group, the European Commission will establish and maintain a reserve list, from which group members could be appointed or replaced or, if relevant, dedicated *ad hoc* subgroups could be organised for examining particular issues for a limited period of time.

The members of the working group are expected to participate in all working group meetings, and prepare accordingly for the meetings, especially by conducting any activities committed by the members of the working group.

### **Confidentiality**

Unless otherwise explicitly allowed by the European Commission, the members must not divulge information provided by other members or by the European Commission, including commercially sensitive or personal data, nor information acquired as a result of the group's work, even after they have ceased to be members. Should the members fail to respect these obligations, the Commission may take appropriate measures.

Subject to confidentiality requests by group members or the European Commission, the European Commission will ensure transparency by publishing relevant information of the meetings in the Commission's website, which may include: agendas, minutes of meetings and non-confidential working documents.

### **Organisation**

The working group is an informal consultation body under the already established Clean Energy Industrial Forum. The working group may by no means be interpreted as an institutional body of the European Commission, nor may it represent or act on behalf of the European Commission.

The working group will be chaired and moderated by the European Commission.

The agenda of the meetings will be proposed by the Commission with suggestions from the working group members.

The members are expected to actively contribute to discussions of the group and examine and comment on documents under preparation, respecting due deadlines. The members must have a sufficient level of IT literacy to be able work remotely, including electronic methods for the management and exchange of documents, as well as to join virtual meetings by means of web-based tools. Working documents will be made available and drafted in English. Meetings will also be held in English.

Relevant conclusions of the working group will be presented to the Clean Energy Industrial Forum.

### **Eligibility requirements**

To be considered as eligible, the applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

1. The organisation which the candidate represents must have proven experience in aspects closely related to the scope of this working group;
2. The candidate must have active employment, in a senior position in its respective organisation;
3. The candidate must have good knowledge of the English language, allowing professional functioning in English.

### **Selection criteria**

Applications that meet all eligibility requirements will be evaluated on the basis of the following aspects in order to shortlist the suitable candidates:

1. relevance of the organisation in matters of discussion of the working group;
2. level of expertise and seniority of the candidate within the organisation and experience in matters of discussion of the working group.

The evaluation will be based on the evidence provided by the applicant. The successful applicants will be placed on the list of suitable candidates. Candidates not selected for the final working group membership list may still be part of the reserve list.