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## **Channel Islands and West Normandy Marine Energy Collaboration**

### Framework for Cooperation

#### West Normandy Marine Energy and Channel Islands Marine Renewable Energy Group

##### **1. Framework for Cooperation**

Basse-Normandie Region and the Manche Department have developed a strong relationship with the Channel Islands, providing a framework for exchanges in the economic, scientific, educational, and cultural sectors.

West Normandy Marine Energy (WNME) was established by the Regional Council of Basse-Normandie, the Manche Department and the Cherbourg Communauté Urbaine in order to promote the Basse-Normandie area to stakeholders in the marine renewable energy industry and to create a local industrial sector based on marine renewable energy.

The Channel Islands Marine Renewable Energy Group (CIMREG) was formed in 2012 under a Joint Statement of Intent between the governments of the Channel Islands (Alderney, Guernsey, Jersey and Sark) whereby the islands agreed to collaborate on representing and promoting their joint interests in marine renewable energy and to externally promote the joint interest of the islands in marine renewables.

It is intended that the WNME and CIMREG (the Participants) will work together to build relationships, address common issues and to encourage business and research collaboration. They will also provide a means to exchange knowledge and best practice to ensure the development of their marine energy activities. They will foster the promotion of Basse-Normandie and Channel Islands marine energy industry.

This agreement is based on and can complement the frameworks of cooperation between the Basse-Normandie Region, the Department of La Manche and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey.

##### **2. Areas of collaboration**

Overall, the commitment between the WNME and CIMREG is to work together to support and accelerate the growth of the marine energy sector across the Basse-Normandie Region and the Channel Islands.



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In particular the two parties will work together to:

- a) Share information, data and provide policy input to France and Channel Islands governments, and to other national and international bodies
- b) Identify and work on common issues and barriers in key areas such as port infrastructure, grid, maritime safety, investment and funding
- c) Share studies, best practice and support joint initiatives in the areas of community engagement, socio-economic and environmental impacts
- d) Encourage and provide input to regulatory bodies to streamline and harmonise consenting and planning processes
- e) Promote supply chain development by hosting joint networking events, building relationships and encouraging collaboration between businesses
- f) Work together and with the relevant authorities to promote the marine energy sector through inward investment
- g) Encourage collaborative research and technology development to leverage the capabilities and assets of the universities and research facilities
- h) Support and enable collaboration with other regions specifically the UK
- i) Work together to support joint renewable energy projects in each other's waters
- j) Jointly promote Basse-Normandie and Channel Islands potential and knowhow in terms of marine renewable energy (trade shows, conferences, networks...)
- k) Develop exchanges and information between CIMREG/ONEM and local French / Channel Island institutions on a regular basis and organize common missions or joint participations to specific events. This interaction can be operated through the assistance of the Maison de Normandie



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### 3. Implementation

- a) Meetings: An official meeting of the Participants will be held annually, hosted by each jurisdiction in turn, or as the Participants see fit. At each meeting progress will be reported and a work plan will be developed and updated.
- b) Confidential Information: all information and data including intellectual property rights shared from another Participant will remain confidential and not shared to third parties without written authorisation and non disclosure agreements may be required prior to disclosure being made.
- c) Term of Framework for Cooperation (FFC): This FFC is entered into for a term of three years and is renewable. Either party may withdraw from it at any time, by notifying the other party in writing, and giving not less than three months' written notice.
- d) Disputes: It is the intent of the Participants that any differences or disputes between the Participants arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of any of the provisions of this FFC will be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiations between the Participants, or both, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.
- e) Bilateral exchanges may be signed by the members for all actions that can be carried out bilaterally (without coercion or obligation to remain in the group)
- f) The potential for cooperation in terms of funding, including European funding, will be studied with the help of the Basse-Normandie Region.
- g) Maison de Normandie as the representative of Basse-Normandie Region and the Manche Department can provide assistance in the implementation of this agreement
- h) This framework is intended to be non legally binding, except for paragraphs 3b),3c),3d) and this subparagraph 3h), but is entered into by the parties in good faith for the mutual benefit of the parties

### 4. Language

This FFC is signed in French and English, both versions being equally valid.



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