



OPIN Webinar: Funding Opportunities for Collaborative Innovation

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Welcome

- Attendees' microphones will be muted during the presentation.
- After the presentation there will be time for a Q&A Session.
- Questions can be formulated in the chat at any time, and they will be addressed during the Q&A session.
- The event will be recorded and the slides will be shared on the OPIN website.

Agenda

- 11:00 – 11:10** **OPIN Introduction** *Lesley Doyle – Scottish Enterprise*
- 11:10 – 11:20** **Introduction to OCEANERA-NET COFUND, review of funding activity, examples of projects** – *Karen Fraser, Scottish Enterprise*
- 11:20 – 11:35** **Company case study** – *Matthew Dickson, CorPower Ocean*
- 11:35 – 11:50** **Horizon Europe – ocean energy and related calls** – *Matthijs Soede, European Commission*
- 11:50 – 12:05** **Clean Energy Transition Partnership – new funding opportunities** – *Nikolas Reschen and Michael Hübner, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria*
- 12:05 – 12:20** **Q&A and closing remarks**



OPIN Introduction

Lesley Doyle – Scottish Enterprise

What is OPIN ?

Ocean Power Innovation Network (OPIN) is a **European collaborative network**

OPIN Aim:

- Develop both cross-regional and cross-sectoral **collaboration**

OPIN Targets:

- Support over 100 companies
- Develop a self-sustaining network (>200 members)



4 years from 2019 to 2022



2.6M€ total project budget
1.5M€ in financial support from Interreg North West Europe



[Join the network \(free\)](#)

Who are OPIN ?

7 partners from Ireland, UK, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Germany



driving industry by technology

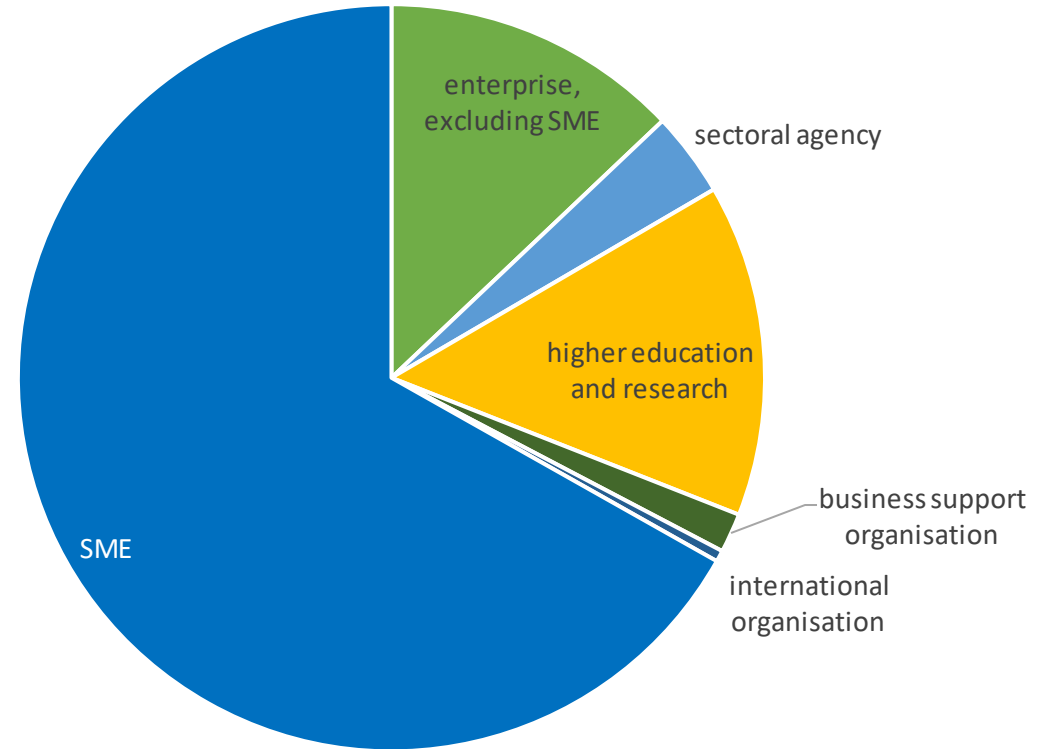
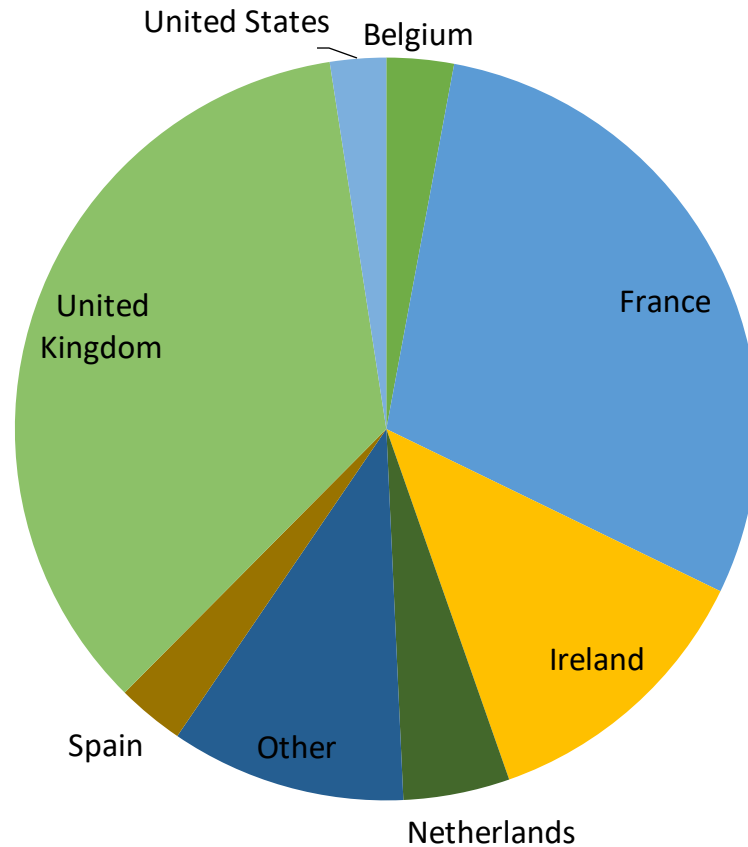


| Project Partners | Countries/Regions |
|---|----------------------------|
| Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) | Ireland |
| Scottish Enterprise (SE) | Scotland |
| Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult (OREC) | United Kingdom |
| Sirris, het collectief centrum van de technologische industrie (SIRRIS) | Belgium |
| West Atlantic Marine Energy Community, École Centrale de Nantes (WEAMEC) | France Pays de la Loire |
| Dutch Marine Energy Centre (DMEC) | Netherlands |
| Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V. (Fraunhofer IEE) | Germany |

OPIN Members



413 members
from 27 countries



Other countries (2 members or less):
Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Monaco, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Vietnam

What can OPIN do for you (1/2)

Access **free events**: learning and networking opportunities

- **OPIN Webinar: Opportunities for Ocean Energy to Power Aquaculture**
27/05/2021, online
- **OPIN Masterclass: Mooring and Installation**
30/06/2021-01/07/2021, online

Have a look at our [Events page](#) and register today !

What can OPIN do for you (2/2)

Access expert advice on your technology (TAPs)

- ✓ Independent expert opinion – e.g. on the route to market, on reducing development risks and costs, etc.
- ✓ Advice on next steps, funding and collaboration opportunities



Receive **travel support**

- ✓ Enabling Irish and Scottish Enterprise SMEs to travel abroad for OPIN events



Support collaborative projects (CIGs)

- ✓ Preparatory step to National and EU research calls
- ✓ Find ways to solve technical or financial problems you are facing
- ✓ Expand your network nationally and internationally
- ✓ Benefit from the experience of those in other industries

What is a CIG?

CIG: Collaborative Innovation Group

CIG Format:

- Clusters of SMEs with research / large companies
- Project objectives and outputs

CIG Aim:

- Solve specific problems which are barriers to deployment of ocean energy
- Work up an idea, product, process, funding application

Benefits of CIGs

- Solve specific problems/challenges you could not solve alone
- Explore opportunities for new products, services, markets
- Expand your network nationally and internationally
- Gain complementary skills and expertise
- Gateway to other support / Preparatory step to National and EU research calls

OPIN CIG Support

- OPIN partner facilitation of the CIG
- Technical / Business Support: value up to €20,000 per CIG
- Travel support
- No financial contribution required from companies but ensure company staff / resources are available for tasks

CIG Eligibility

- Minimum of 2 SMEs
- Large companies and research organisations may participate
- Cross border – members from minimum of 2 OPIN regions
- Cross sector - recommended



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- Workshops/masterclasses presentations
- Value chain study - summary report
- Ocean energy challenges and recommendations: Desktop analysis of studies and reports



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