

Press release

Marine Energy Test Centre (METCentre) located in Norway, signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Spanish test centre, Plocan, which is located outside Gran Canaria.

The collaboration agreement provides a framework for further collaboration on market solutions, test solutions, regulatory aspects and environmental considerations.

"This agreement will strengthen the entire offshore wind industry in both Norway and the rest of Europe, and I am convinced that sharing knowledge and experience in such a new and growing industry as the offshore wind industry will be mutually beneficial for Norway, Spain and the entire industry in Europe. This agreement additionally provides us new opportunities with offshore wind, in combination with new technology solutions such as hydrogen and liquid solar power production", says Arvid Nesse, General Manager of Marine Energy Test Centre (METCentre).

"The fact that we are succeeding with such close collaboration between two leading test centres for floating offshore wind technology in Europe, shows the willingness to develop that exists in the entire European offshore wind industry. If we are to reduce costs and increase knowledge, we are completely dependent on close cooperation across national borders. This is being facilitated by the agreement ", says Jose Joaquin Hernandez Brito, General Manager of Plocan.

Marine Energy Test Centre (METCentre) and Plataforma Oceanica De Canarias (Plocan) are two leading test sites for floating offshore wind in Europe. The partners have considered that the test centres together can play an important role in the European green energy transition. The two partners have different characteristics in terms of location, test infrastructure and financing, testing and market approach, that together can provide significant synergies for both test centres, Norway, Spain and the rest of Europe.

METCentre is part of the Norwegian Offshore Wind Cluster and envisages that this collaboration also can provide added value for the 277 member companies in the Cluster.

METCentre and Plocan have agreed on the following:

- To work on offshore wind in deep waters in their respective countries, as well as together when the opportunity arises.
- To seek areas of strategic benefit for both nations and their offshore wind supply chain through cooperation and partnership.

- To deliver activities for the mutual benefit of the test centres as well as for relevant industrial actors in Spain and Norway.

Norway and Spain are two significant maritime nations that have a lot to contribute to the development of the offshore wind industry after decades of experience from the offshore industry. The collaboration agreement was signed on Friday 23 April by Arvid Nesse, General Manager of Marine Energy Test Centre (METCentre), and Jose Joaquin Hernandez Brito, General Manager of Plocan.

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