



# NEWSLETTER

## Preliminary surveys completed for the South Irish Sea project



We have reached a key milestone in the development of the project, as seabed surveys off the coast of Wexford and south Wicklow have been successfully completed.

In November 2022, we completed our geophysical and geotechnical surveys. The information gathered during these investigations will help identify and refine a suitable location for the proposed project.

Further studies are underway in order to identify grid connection options and suitable locations for construction and operations facilities.



## Newly appointed Offshore Stakeholder & Engagement Manager

Jodie Neary has been appointed as Offshore Stakeholder and Engagement Manager for the

South Irish Sea offshore wind farm project, off the Wexford and south Wicklow coast.

A former Wicklow County Councillor, Jodie Neary will lead engagement with all stakeholders to ensure that local communities, public representatives, the fishing community and anyone with an interest in the projects are informed and have all the information they need to hand as the project continues to develop.



## Energia welcomes Co. Wexford and Co. Wicklow residents to South Irish Sea Information Clinics

Monthly information clinics for the South Irish Sea project commenced in May 2022 and are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Wexford Town, Kilmuckridge and Arklow.

Members of the public are welcome to book an appointment to attend their local clinic, meet the project team and discuss the South Irish Sea project. In-person and online appointments are available to book at [www.southirishseawind.ie](http://www.southirishseawind.ie).



# Energia Supporting Local Communities



Energia has been a proud supporter of Wexford Youths Women's Football Club since 2014 and signed a new partnership deal in 2021.

One of Ireland's most successful women's teams, **WYWFC** are the current holders of the FAI Cup and a number of their players regularly line out for the Irish squad. We are very proud of our association with the team and hope that our partnership helps to remove some of the barriers to participation for female athletes in the area.



Energia Renewables was delighted to sponsor the **Passage Hurling Club's Beat the Ferryman Swim** – an open water swim across the River Suir from Ballyhack, Co Wexford to Passage East, Co Waterford.



Energia is the proud national sponsor of Seachtain na Gaeilge, the world's largest Irish language festival!



Since October 2022, we are delighted to have engaged with schools across Co Wexford in partnership with Calmast to discuss climate change and Energia's leading role in developing sustainable energy infrastructure. We are excited to continue this engagement into 2023!



Energia is proud to partner with GIY for its sixth year and together Energia and GIY hope to encourage communities to regenerate green spaces in their local areas and further ignite community spirit and connection. Congratulations to Enniscorthy Community Allotments who won this year's 'Best Transformation' award. The winners received prizes and funds to further develop their communities food growing projects.



We look forward to following **Wicklow RFC** as they take part for their second year of the Womens' Division of Energia ALL Ireland League!

Energia is committed to supporting Irish rugby from grassroots to international level. We are the proud title sponsor of the Energia AIL and Official Energy Partner of both Leinster Rugby and the IRFU.



## Peter Baillie, Managing Director, Energia Renewables has welcomed the Government announcement of an increased offshore wind target of 7GW by 2030.

"At Energia Group we are committed to playing a leading role in the decarbonisation of the energy system across the island of Ireland. We are delighted to be making continued progress on the development of two significant offshore renewable energy projects, the South Irish Sea and the North Celtic Sea projects that together can provide more than 1.5GW of renewable offshore wind energy capable of generating enough green electricity to power more than 1 million homes. These projects form part of a multi-billion euro portfolio of investments by Energia as part of the company's Positive Energy Programme for Ireland, creating jobs and economic benefit for coastal communities, and clean, green electricity on an ongoing basis into the future. With the increased government target from 5GW to 7GW of offshore wind energy it is now clear that Phase 2 projects like ours will deliver the majority of the of the 2030 target. As such, the increased target drives the need for robust progress in relation to the resourcing of MARA and the allocations of MACs for Phase 2 projects in the early part of 2023."



### About the South Irish Sea Project

**South Irish Sea is a renewable energy development by Energia proposed to be located between off the coasts of Co. Wexford and south Co. Wicklow.**

This offshore wind project aims to help decarbonise Ireland's energy supply, reduce emissions and support the achievement of our 2030 climate action targets.

South Irish Sea will generate clean electricity for over 500,000 homes and businesses in the south east region and beyond.



#### Location

South Irish Sea is a renewable energy project proposed to be located a minimum of 10km and up to 25km off the coasts of Co. Wexford and south Co. Wicklow.



#### Size

A typical 600-800MW offshore wind farm will consist of approximately 40-60 turbines.



#### Benefits

##### Economic

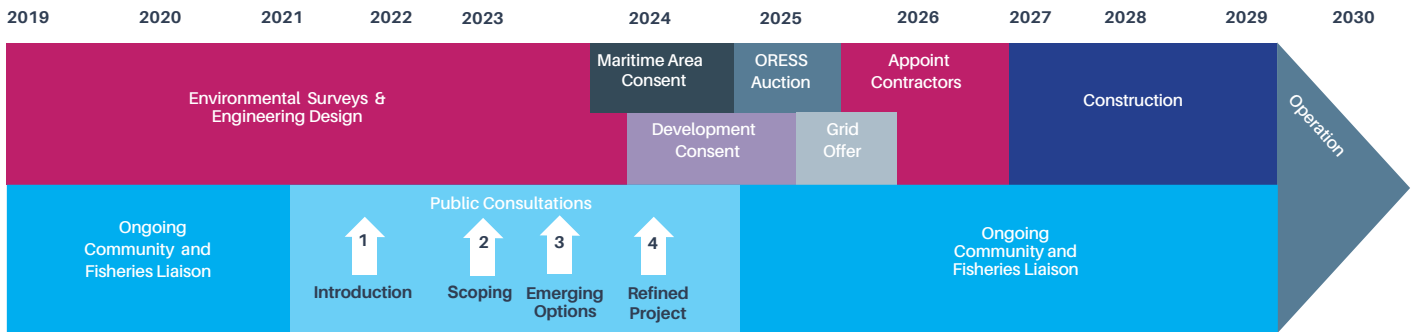
- €2bn investment
- 800 jobs during construction
- 70-100 local operational and maintenance jobs
- Supply chain opportunities for local businesses



##### Social

Under the Renewable Electricity Support Fund (RESS), a typical 600-800MW wind farm will provide a multi million euro community benefit fund per annum for local projects.

## Project Timeline



### For further information

Throughout the development of the project, the Fisheries Liaison Officer and Community Liaison Officer will continue to be available to discuss the project with the community.



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### About Energia



Energia is one of Ireland's leading energy companies supplying approximately 20% of Ireland's total electricity requirements.



Energia is supporting Ireland's climate action targets to reduce carbon emissions by half by 2030.



Energia has 309MW of wholly owned onshore wind farms on the island of Ireland.

We wish to thank everyone who has engaged with us over the course of the year and look forward to further conversations in 2023 and beyond.

Más mian leat cóip den leabhrán seo a fháil as Gaeilge, déan teagmháil linn.

