

OCEaN Side Event at WindEurope's Annual Event in Copenhagen
[Beyond turbines: Powering the future and boosting marine nature](#)

When: 9 April 2025 from 12:00 to 15:30 (Europe/Berlin)

Where: Copenhagen, Denmark - [Bella Center](#) room 20, level 1 - Lunch at [the Treehouse](#) restaurant.

AGENDA – all speakers confirmed	
Policy sessions 12:00 – 13:10 70 minutes	<i>Welcoming words from Giles Dickson (CEO, WindEurope)</i> 1. From project-based to strategic planning at sea: addressing benefits and complexities for offshore wind, grid and nature Moderator: Cristina Simioli, Director – Offshore Energy and Nature, Renewables Grid Initiative - Ariel Brunner, Regional Director, BirdLife Europe and Central Asia - Jan Hensmans, Advisor External Relations, FPS Economy, Directorate-general Energy Belgium - Olivier Feix, Head of Strategy Elia Group / Corporate Development, 50Hertz - Xavier Guillou, Policy Officer, Marine Renewable Energy, DG MARE, European Commission 2. Environmental and social requirements: challenges and opportunities for offshore wind and grids projects Moderator: Mattia Cecchinato, Manager – Offshore Wind, WindEurope - Tinne Van der Straeten, Member of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium - Antonella Battaglini, CEO, Renewables Grid Initiative - Dr. Eva Julius-Philipp, Director Environment & Sustainability Unit BA Wind, Vattenfall - Lori Anna Conzo, Global Biodiversity Lead, International Finance Corporation - Input from Med OCEaN: Davide Astiaso Garcia, Secretary General, ANEV – Italian wind association <i>Closing remarks from Antonella Battaglini (CEO, Renewables Grid Initiative)</i>

13:10 – 14:10	Lunch at the Treehouse
Project sessions 14:10 – 14:45 35 min 14:45 – 15:20 35 min	1. BioReef restoration project: by Ørsted, WWF DK and DTU Aqua - Pernille Nielsen, Senior Researcher, DTU Aqua - Henrike Semmler Lé, Senior Specialist, Oceans And Fisheries Conservation Department, WWF Denmark - Tommy Kristoffersen, Biodiversity Lead Specialist, Ørsted 2. Eco-crossings and Fish Hotels by TenneT and Ecocean - Saskia Jaarsma, Head of Offshore Development, Large Projects Offshore, TenneT - Gilles Lecaillon, Founder and CEO, Ecocean Moderators: Dení Aguilar Bellamy and Ana Miljanović Rusan
15:20 – 15:30 10 min	Announcement of NiD4OCEAN Innovation Challenge by Dení Aguilar Bellamy. Closing remarks from Cristina Simioli and Mattia Cecchinato