

# Experience from the other side of the pond – offshore & marine renewable energy

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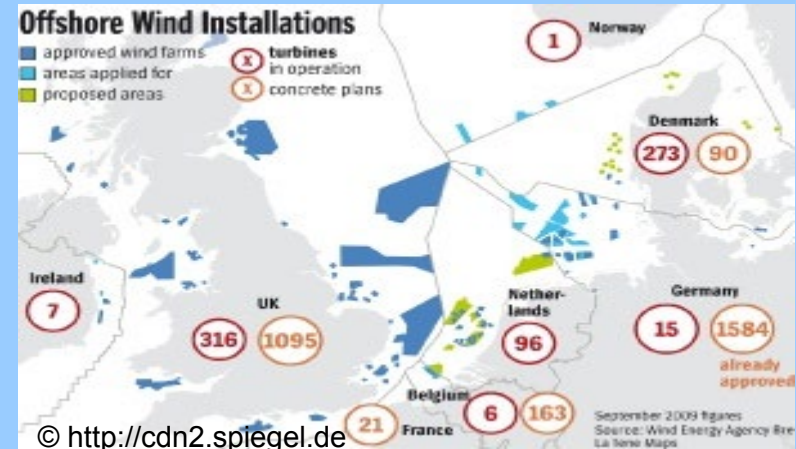
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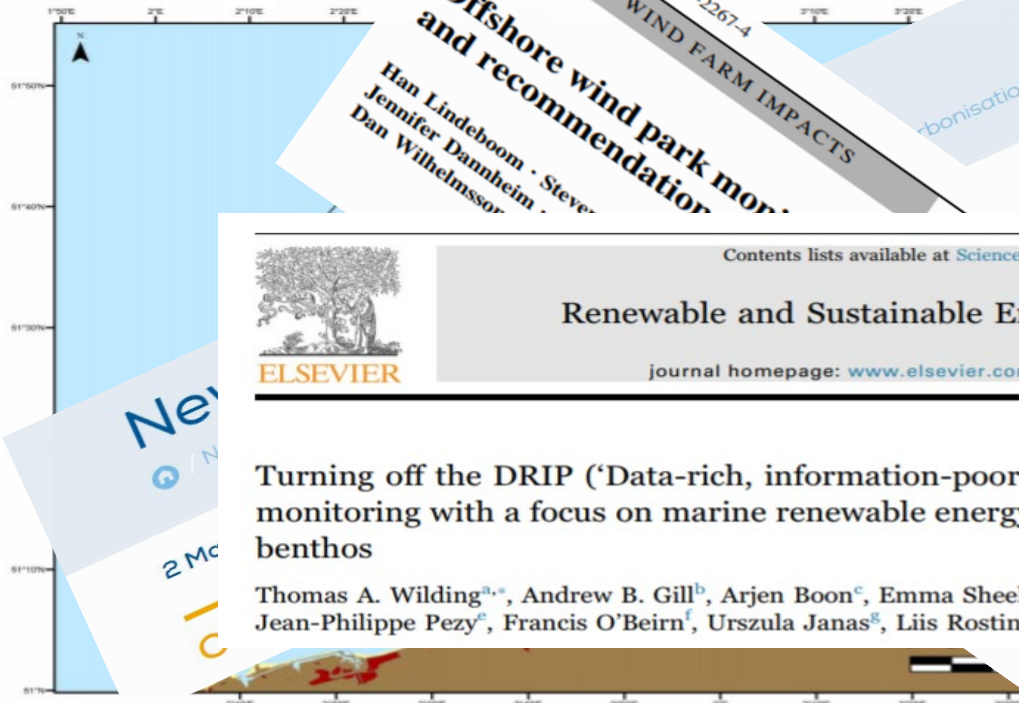
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# European case studies

- Collaboration - Belgium OWF (2008-2026....)
- Industry led - North Sea Decommissioning
- Local community led - Fisheries - EMFF
- Combination - AURA – Hull Univ lead



# Belgium OWF (2009-2026....)



Turning off the DRIP ('Data-rich, information-poor') – rationalising monitoring with a focus on marine renewable energy developments and the benthos

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS  
OF OFFSHORE WIND FARMS  
IN PART OF THE NORTH SEA

MANAGING  
OF INFLUENCE

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**Figure 1.** Current and planned zones for renewable energy in and around the Belgian Part of the North Sea, with indications of wind farms that are operational (blue), currently under construction (orange), or planned to start construction in 2019 (pink) or 2020 (purple). The proposed sites for the Dunkerque offshore wind farm are indicated by A & B. Locations of the new renewable energy zone, as proposed in the draft marine spatial plan 2020-2026, are shown by the dashed lines.

# North Sea Decommissioning



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Review

Decommissioning of offshore oil and gas structures – Environmental opportunities and challenges

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- INSITE I & II - INfluence of man-made Structures In The Ecosystem

# Fisheries - EMFF

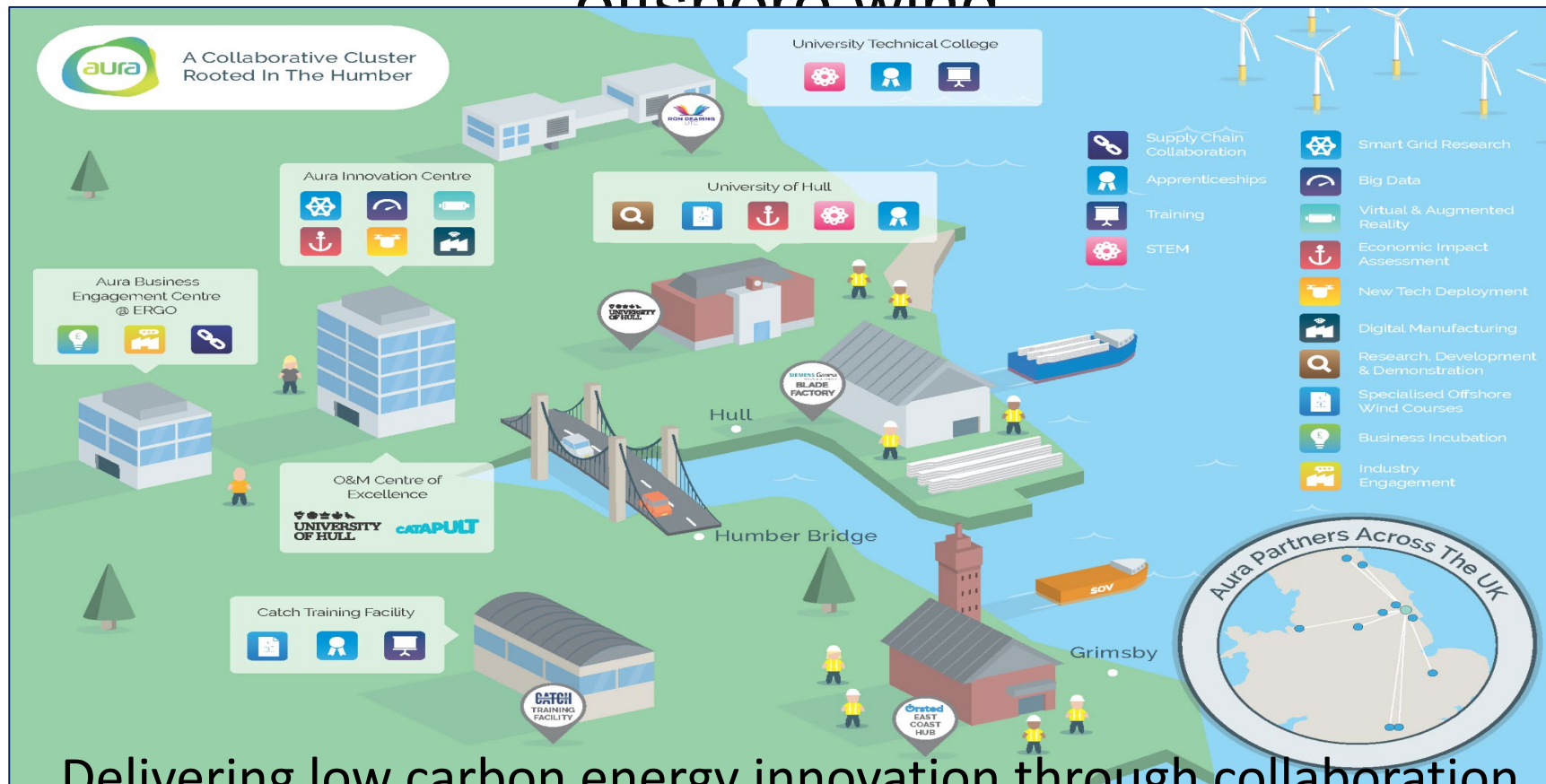
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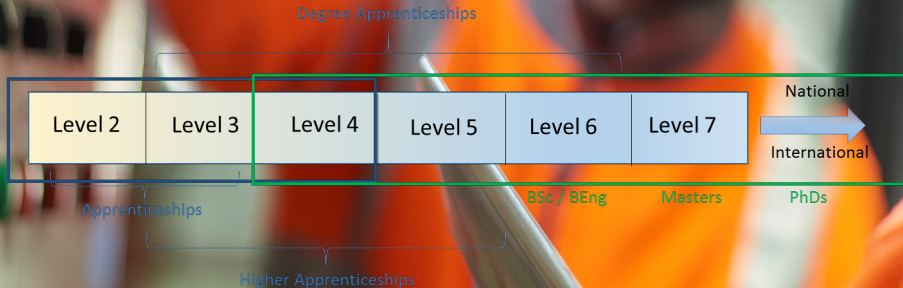
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# Aura - Shaping the future of offshore wind



Delivering low carbon energy innovation through collaboration

# Supporting education and skills development in OSW



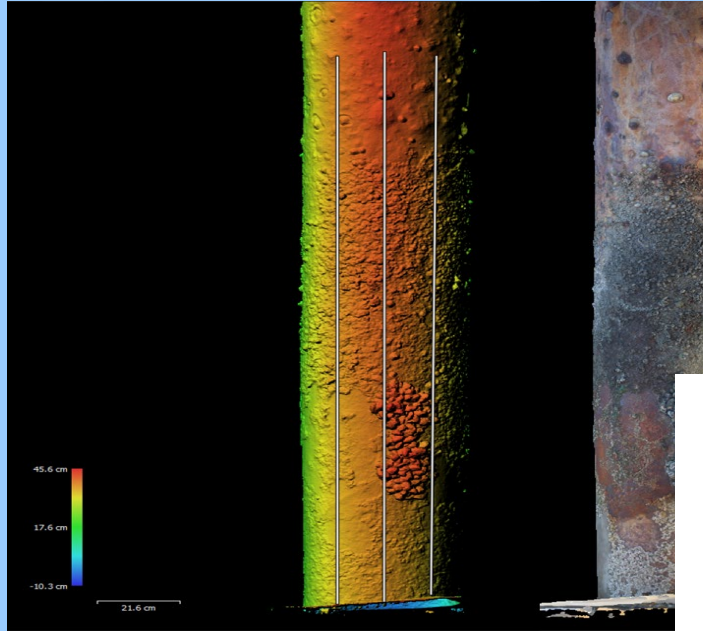
## A national framework

- Quality
- Standards
- Accreditation
- Curriculum
- Governance
- Co-ordination
- Marketing
- Delivery



# Crossing Disciplines

- biology, technology, engineering



## 1 **Anthropogenic electromagnetic fields (EMF) influence the behaviour of** 2 **bottom-dwelling marine species**

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## The Effect of Marine Growth dynamics in Offshore Wind Turbine Support Structures

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## Understanding and Communicating Environmental Risk Assessment

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## Marine Energy - Environmental Risk and Uncertainties

- > 20 July 2016 - 22 July 2016
- > Duration: 3 days
- > Location: Cranfield campus



The course focuses on the skills and practical knowledge necessary to integrate concepts of risk and uncertainty into practical decision processes. Using examples from academia, industry, and policy perspectives, the course provides participants with the fundamental principles and knowledge necessary to integrate and apply risk and uncertainty assessment into their own businesses.

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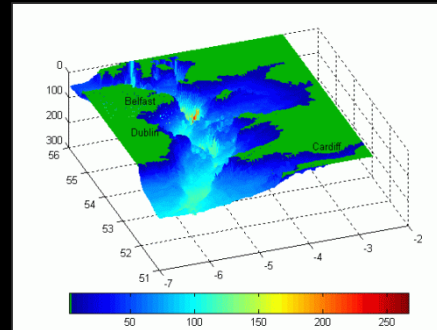
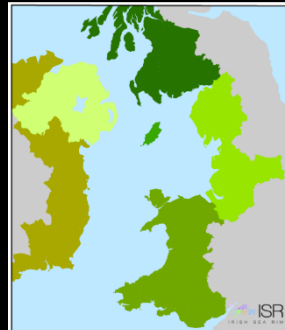
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# Irish Sea Rim: A new paradigm for regional economic growth, integration and collaboration

## Economic Research & Innovation Zone



Underpinned by environmental and social engagement

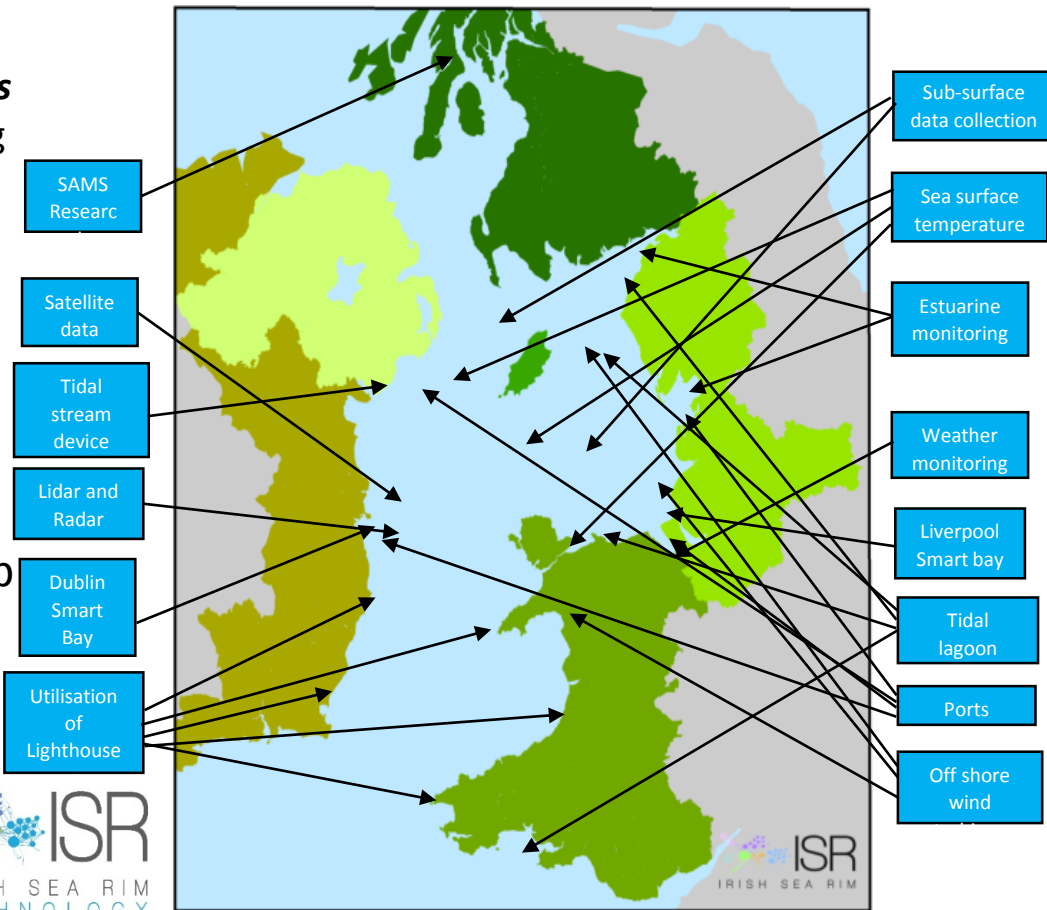
# Irish Sea Rim Environmental & Scientific Observatory (ISRESO)

## What is it?

**Blue Economy Services framework** Measuring baseline services & conditions.

- Aquaculture
- Wind and marine energy potential
- Water chemistry, temp and quality
- Ecosystem services

• Fisheries & Biological systems



## How will it do it:

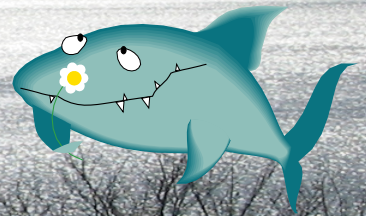
Develop blue economy opportunities across & around the Irish Sea

Grid interconnectors, test facilities, data acquisition, SME supply chain, enterprise development, innovation, research, investment, environment, planning, operational, maintenance, decommissioning, validation, connectivity, power supply (electrical interface), floating data buoys, satellite

# Thanks

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Very happy to talk further :





# Climate change



## Younger generation & public demands



Picture: Andy Revill



## Low carbon options

