



Press release

RWE becomes Strategic Partner Sponsor at the Wind Energy Trade Show 2024

- **RWE proudly sponsors Wind Energy Trade Show 2024, supporting Ireland's path to carbon neutrality.**
- **Offshore wind team to discuss RWE's expanding role in Ireland's renewable energy and to lead marine cluster development roundtable event.**
- **Dublin Array Project Director Vanessa O'Connell joins keynote on Ireland's energy independence.**

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As part of its commitment to accelerating Ireland's renewable energy future, RWE has announced its role as a Strategic Partner Sponsor at the upcoming Wind Energy Trade Show 2024, held in Dublin on November 6-7. The event will bring together industry leaders and innovators to discuss the future of renewable energy and the vital role offshore wind will play in Ireland's path to net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Noel Cunniffe, CEO of Wind Energy Ireland, said "We are delighted to have RWE as a strategic sponsor for the second year running. In 2024 the first six offshore wind energy projects in a generation will apply for planning permission. Delivering all of these projects safely through the planning system must be a national priority.

"They are essential not just to reaching our 2030 climate action targets but to building the supply-chain for more fixed and floating wind energy farms in the next decade. Each of those projects is another building block laying the foundation of Irish energy independence."

RWE's offshore wind team will be on hand to discuss the growing portfolio in Ireland, including the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm. RWE's Project Director for Dublin Array, Vanessa O'Connell, will be a key participant in the keynote session, "*Our Journey to Energy Independence*," alongside other prominent voices in Ireland's renewable development.

RWE will also host a roundtable on Cluster Development during the trade show. This forum will explore the creation of a collaborative offshore wind and marine economy cluster, aligned with



Ireland's National Clustering Programme (NCP), which seeks to establish five national cluster organisations by 2030. By uniting industry experts, RWE aims to foster timely collaboration among suppliers, innovators, and infrastructure providers to help shape a successful offshore wind national cluster bid, aimed at advancing business and technology growth potential in Ireland.

“As the sponsor of this year's Wind Energy Trade Show, RWE is delighted to showcase our commitment to Ireland's renewable future and support dialogue around vital topics like cluster development.” said **Peter Lefroy, Head of Offshore Development, RWE Ireland & UK West**. “We believe that regional clusters, as part of a wider national vision, are pivotal in enabling Ireland to realise its full offshore wind potential, creating socio-economic benefits and driving sustainable progress for all.”

RWE, a leading global player in renewable energy, is developing the Dublin Array offshore wind farm with the project team operating out of Dún Laoghaire. With a capacity of up to 824 megawatts, it will be able to generate enough electricity for an estimated 770,000 homes and help to reduce Ireland's annual carbon emissions by over 1.4m tonnes per year. The project is planned to be operational by the end of 2030.

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RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With its investment and growth strategy Growing Green, RWE is contributing significantly to the success of the energy transition and the decarbonisation of the energy system. Around 20,000 employees work for the company in almost 30 countries worldwide. RWE is already one of the leading companies in the field of renewable energy. Between 2024 and 2030, RWE will invest 55 billion euros worldwide in offshore and onshore wind, solar energy, batteries, flexible generation, and hydrogen projects. By the end of the decade, the company's green portfolio will grow to more than 65 gigawatts of generation capacity, which will be perfectly complemented by global energy trading. RWE is decarbonising its business in line with the 1.5-degree reduction pathway and will phase out coal by 2030. RWE will be net-zero by 2040. Fully in line with the company's purpose - Our energy for a sustainable life

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