

# SOLENT OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSORTIUM – SOREC

*“Working with companies for a low carbon  
energy future”*

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# Solent Offshore Renewable Energy Consortium - SOREC

- A business support organisation for the offshore renewable energy industry within the South East of England
- Supported by ERDF funding until 2015
- Grant fund to aid SME expansion
- Comprehensive business support programme

# The SOREC approach to business support

- A grant programme aimed at SMEs
- Supply Chain Development
- Innovation and Technology Transfer



# Innovation and Tech transfer

- Innovation brokerage – provided by Southampton Solent University
- Innovation vouchers
- Events – Like today!!
- Mapping capabilities



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# Innovation and Tech transfer

## Today's event



- The current challenges in the offshore wind sector
  - Technical
  - Commercial
  - Environmental
  - PR
- Solutions



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# Case study – blade manufacture

- Year 2000
  - 23-25m long
  - Wood and fiberglass
  - Under 2 Mw machines
- 2015
  - 80m long
  - Resin infusion and carbon fibre
  - 8Mw machines



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# Where are we today?

- Over 110 members
- Virtually all of the grant fund allocated
- Supply portal set up
- Working closely with major wind farm developers and their tier 1 suppliers
- Our event today

# Innovation - Plans for the future

- Broadening our membership
- ORE Catapult regional programme
- ESIF and INTERREG applications
- Bringing together Higher Education, SMEs and major companies
- All to be delivered by building on the partnerships already in place



# How to become a member

- To be part of what we are doing, we would like you to become a member.
- Membership is completely free.
- Membership forms available on our website <https://www.competefor.com/sorec/> or contact us.



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