

NeSSIE partners meet in Oviedo (Spain) to discuss the next phase of the project that aims to commercialise corrosion solutions and materials from the oil and gas value chain in offshore renewables.

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The NeSSIE project partners met on Tuesday October 10th in Oviedo (Spain) for the latest project meeting. The meeting was kindly hosted by project partners FAEN (Fundación Asturiana de la Energía).

Key aspects of the day's agenda included sharing the first outputs in the project and discussing the plan for preparing the next deliverables.

Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster, the lead partner for the Communication and Dissemination activities, presented the final Communication Plan and the associated tool kit for the project. This included the projects visual identity with the project logo – an elegant and striking blue shaded graphic wave resembling the power of the water motion and its intrinsic energy. The logo was devised through a new and innovative international crowd sourcing platform. The project toolkit has a website www.nessieproject.com, flyer, letterhead, power point presentation, poster and roll up banner, now at disposal of the partners to carry out the outreach and dissemination activities for the next 18 months.

Aster, the lead partner for Work Package 2, presented the draft of the first deliverable “A Scientific and Patent Literature Study Report on Corrosion Protection and Maintenance for Offshore Structures”. Significant contributions and inputs were received in the preparation phase by the other project partners, University of Edinburgh, SIRRIS and Cluster Energia. The other partners contributed with feedback on the day. The consolidated report will be available by the end of October.

The University of Edinburgh who are leading the work to develop the technology roadmap that will underpin the demonstration projects presented the first draft of the work plan. This led to a good discussion on the roadmap and some minor changes which will strengthen the project. Finally, Scottish Enterprise led a discussion on the process to develop the investable demonstration cases which is being shaped by the early phases of the project.

The meeting was attended also by Jouko Putkonen of Merinova Technology Center (Finland), one of the members of the **Industry Advisory Group (IAG)**. The IAG is a stakeholder group that has been set up as part of the NeSSIE project development, specifically with regard to connecting to the wider EU supply chain in the offshore sector through partners in the Vanguard Initiative.

Mark Georgeson, Scottish Enterprise, the project manager said:

“It was a really productive meeting. In every project there is a constant need to get together and update on work to date and plan the next stages. These meetings ensure we keep refining the plan to deliver high quality outputs in the project. These face to face meetings really help to deepen relationships across the EU and explore other collaboration opportunities beyond the project at hand to deliver growth and jobs in the blue economy. The visit was wonderfully hosted by FAEN in a beautiful part of Spain and I would like to express my thanks for all their work on putting the visit together.”



THE NeSSIE PROJECT AND THE ADMA PILOT (Vanguard Initiative)

The following day, October 11th, a NeSSIE project update was presented at the **ADMA Advanced Manufacturing for Energy Related Applications in Harsh Environment work group meeting**, also hosted by FAEN (Fundación Asturiana de la Energía).

The meeting, chaired by Charles Abbott, Scottish Enterprise and Cristina Oyon, Basque Country – SPRI, was opened by the welcome and introduction by Melania Alvarez García, Presidency of Asturias, Eva Pando Iglesias, IDEPA and Juan Carlos Aguilera, Director of FAEN.

Jan Reid, Scottish Enterprise, said:

“The NeSSIE project stems from the ADMA Energy cooperation within the framework of the **Vanguard Initiative** that has been in place for a number of years. The project will be closely monitored as it sets a really good example of cooperation among regions of the EU around a specific area to capitalise on industrial strengths. There is a real opportunity to replicate the NeSSIE model across other regions and in other industrial sectors”

THE NeSSIE PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

NeSSIE – North Sea Solutions for Innovation in Corrosion for Energy, co-funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund programme of the European Union, will bring companies together in the North Sea basin to deliver new business and investment opportunities for the oil and gas and wider marine supply chains.

It will support companies across Europe to scope and develop demonstration projects for corrosion solutions and new materials for use in the offshore renewable energy sector. The solutions developed will be targeted at reducing costs and supporting these emerging sectors, providing new opportunities for participating companies, hence contributing to global growth and job creation opportunities across the EU.

Led by Scottish Enterprise the project has a broad mix of partners from across Europe within the consortium. The partners include Basque Energy Cluster (Spain), ASTER Società Consortile per Azioni (Italy), Sirris, Het Collectief Centrum Van de Technologische Industrie (Belgium), Svenskt Marintekniskt Forum (Sweden), University of Edinburgh (Scotland), FAEN Fundación Asturiana de la Energía (Spain) and Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster (Italy).

The project was launched to the public at the 2017 EU Maritime Day in Poole, Dorset, where the project leaders presented NeSSIE to Europe’s maritime community.

If you are a company within any of the partner regions mentioned above and with an interest in the field of corrosion and materials in subsea environments, please get in touch with the relevant partners ([click here for full Contacts](#)) also you can have a look at the NeSSIE flyer ([click here to downloading the Flyer](#)).

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