

## International Regulators Forum – Offshore Renewable Energy Subcommittee

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

31 October 2025

The second Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Regulators' Forum Offshore Renewable Energy Subcommittee (IRFORES) was held on 8 and 9 October 2025 in St John's Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

The meeting brought together members from Australia (Chair), Canada, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

#### Key Discussions:

- Member countries provided written reports on key priorities, governance, regulatory frameworks, incidents, and emerging trends. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and request additional information from the respective jurisdictions
- Australia presented on the development and evolution of the legal framework for offshore renewables work health and safety including the approach to safety by design and the requirement for approval of project management plans.
- The Netherlands presented on their risk-based approach to compliance monitoring inspections and the use of remote technologies to support the delivery of regulatory functions.
- Norway provided an overview of the importance of standardisation for the offshore sector and the role of the regulator as a participant in standards development.
- The UK provided an overview of the work that has been done to understand challenges and address risks associated with offshore hydrogen production through the regulatory framework.
- G+ provided a presentation on the work they have progressed on good practice guidelines, industry safety statistics for 2024 and proposed future work for the organisation in 2026 and beyond.
- The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) provided a presentation on marine safety for vessels and workers interacting with the offshore renewables industry including key initiatives being worked on by the group in relation to motion compensated gangways, emergency response, training and other matters.

#### Key Outcomes:

- Members unanimously supported continuing the group's development and maintaining engagement.
- Members agreed to examine establishment of an opportunity statement regarding safety relating to walk to work systems and how the group may contribute to broader initiatives such as those being led through IMCA.