

Dear Mr/Ms,

My name is PANAITESCU MARIANA, and I'm contacting you from CONSTANTA MARITIME UNIVERSITY (CMU).

I would like to invite you to a meeting / discussion / chat / forum.

At the meeting, we will be discussing the concept of uniform exploitation of the marine area, through the exploitation of wind turbines in the area far from the shore, at more than 25 Mm. In this area, the water depth is over 40 m and therefore the solution for mounting the wind turbines cannot be the one fixed in the seabed, but using an anchored semi-ballasted floating platform. The solution is adapted to the western area of the Black Sea (Varna-Bulgaria), where the wind potential is medium, and therefore the construction is special. The launch of project **BLOW (Black sea floating Offshore Wind)** is a revolutionary initiative aimed at harnessing the Black Sea's floating offshore wind energy potential. The offshore wind turbine is a clean, cost-effective and scalable source of energy, and floating offshore wind energy is expected to play a key role in unlocking the vast potential of deep water areas. The project will deploy a 5 MW demonstration system in the Black Sea, paving the way for mass industrial production and deployment of floating offshore wind farms. By coupling synergies with the oil and gas sectors, the BLOW project aims to accelerate the energy transition in the region and stimulate societal acceptance and cross-border policy development.

CMU with support of partners from project BLOW and with your relevant support hope can contribute to reduce potential conflicts around *Floating Offshore Wind Turbines* (FOWT) implementation process, encourage investment through predictability, transparency and legal certainty, and ensure environmental protection. We will analysed needs and concerns of stakeholders associated with industrial offshore wind clusters coupled with other low-carbon activities. To achieve this, first, a mapping of the local and regional stakeholders of the wider Black Sea will be performed.

The participants will sign a confidentiality agreement, but part of the debates will be made public. Subject to the interest, stakeholders can create local or issue specific sub-task forces.

**The final goal is to create a local operative group for FOWT.**

If you would like to attend/join, can you reply to this message? Confirmation is required to create the meeting agenda.

Kind regards,

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