

## Call for innovations in floating offshore wind: TetraSpar Demonstrator launches global competition

- Solutions wanted in the areas of environment, technology and cost reduction to pave the way for commercial floating offshore wind
- Deadline for submission is 18th of June 2023, winners will be announced in August 2023
- Winners of the TetraSpar Innovation Challenge get access to unique data and opportunities for testing onboard the TetraSpar floating structure owned by Shell, TEPCO RP, RWE and Stiesdal Offshore

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The shareholders of the pioneering TetraSpar Demonstrator floating wind project, Shell, TEPCO Renewable Power, RWE and Stiesdal Offshore are committed to exploring innovative solutions that can accelerate the technical advancement of floating offshore wind, as well as contribute to sustainable development. To encourage such innovation the partners have launched the global “TetraSpar Innovation Challenge”.

The aim of the competition is to identify innovative solutions that help to reduce the cost and technical challenges during installation, operation and maintenance of floating wind, or which have a positive impact on the environment. The solutions can be demonstrated either under real-life conditions on the TetraSpar Demonstrator, which has been successfully generating power at the METCentre test site in Norway since December 2021, or through desktop studies based on a comprehensive set of data from the operational structure.

The competition is open to submissions from companies, start-ups, research or academic organisations from around the world, who are committed to help pave the way for commercial-scale floating wind. Participants can submit their applications via the competition website before midnight CET on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

Once the application period is closed, the proposals will be considered by a panel of technical experts including representatives from the TetraSpar Demonstrator Project shareholders, and the winning solutions are expected to be announced in August.

*Further information on the TetraSpar Challenge and the submission form can be found at <http://tetrasparinnovation.com/>*

*In addition, representatives of the judging panel will be available at the “Floating Offshore Wind Days” conference in Haugesund, Norway on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to provide further background on the TetraSpar Challenge.*

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