

POST-ACADEMIC COURSE

# OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

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Addressing the legal frameworks and economics in offshore wind energy industry

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Offshore wind has a vital role to play in the global transition to green energy. As a rapidly growing energy technology, offshore wind has huge potential around the world. In the Belgian North Sea, offshore wind farms generate about 10% of Belgium's total electricity demand. By 2030, offshore wind capacity in the North Sea will continue to grow, generating about 30% of electricity demand of Belgium.

For this booming industrial sector, Ghent University provides three tracks of lifelong learning courses for those who want to expand their knowledge of all phases of offshore wind energy, with a mix of academic and industrial speakers:

- ☞ Foundational track
- ☞ Advanced track of technological aspects
- ☞ Regulatory and economic track

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This course will present a general introduction and overview of the Offshore Wind Energy sector and is thus targeted towards a broad audience: people already working in this sector, people with the ambition to be working in the sector and researchers. A bachelor level (or equivalent through minimal 2 year relevant working experience) is obligatory.

## SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION

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## TEACHERS

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## PROGRAMME

This regulatory and economic track provides an overview of the offshore wind policy and legislation and operational & functional safety. Also the wide range of activities preceding the installation are discussed: project financing, environmental impact assessment, ...

The energy market is another important topic in this course.

- International law & Belgian MSP
- Offshore wind policy: beyond the horizon
- Offshore wind farm environmental impacts: promoting the good and mitigating the bad
- Environmental permit & impact assessment
- Project financing & development (legal counsel perspective)
- Project financing & development (lenders perspective)
- Introduction into (offshore) energy legislation and cross boundary transmission aspects
- Operational & functional safety (perspective from an asset operator)
- Operational & functional safety (safety, survival, skills training for offshore wind)
- Offshore wind resource & energy yield assessment
- Energy markets based on weather forecasts
- Energy markets & ancillary services, role of PPA
- Offshore adequacy
- Future grid coupling: MOG2 / Energy Island

## PRACTICAL

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Location: Ghent University, UGain classroom, building 60, Technologiepark Zwijnaarde.