



Ocean Power Innovation Network
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CATAPULT
Offshore Renewable Energy

Interreg 
North-West Europe
OPIN
European Regional Development Fund

- Ocean Power Innovation Network (OPIN) is a **European collaborative network**
- OPIN objectives:
 - Gather **Offshore Renewable Energy** SMEs and associate partners (large companies, research organisations, public institutions).
 - Develop both **cross-regional** and **cross-sectoral** collaboration
 - Support over 100 companies
 - Develop a self-sustaining network (>200 members)



3 years from 2019 to 2021



€2.6M total project budget

€1.5M in financial support
from Interreg North West Europe



[Join the network \(free\)](#)

Who are OPIN

7 partners from Ireland, UK, Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Germany



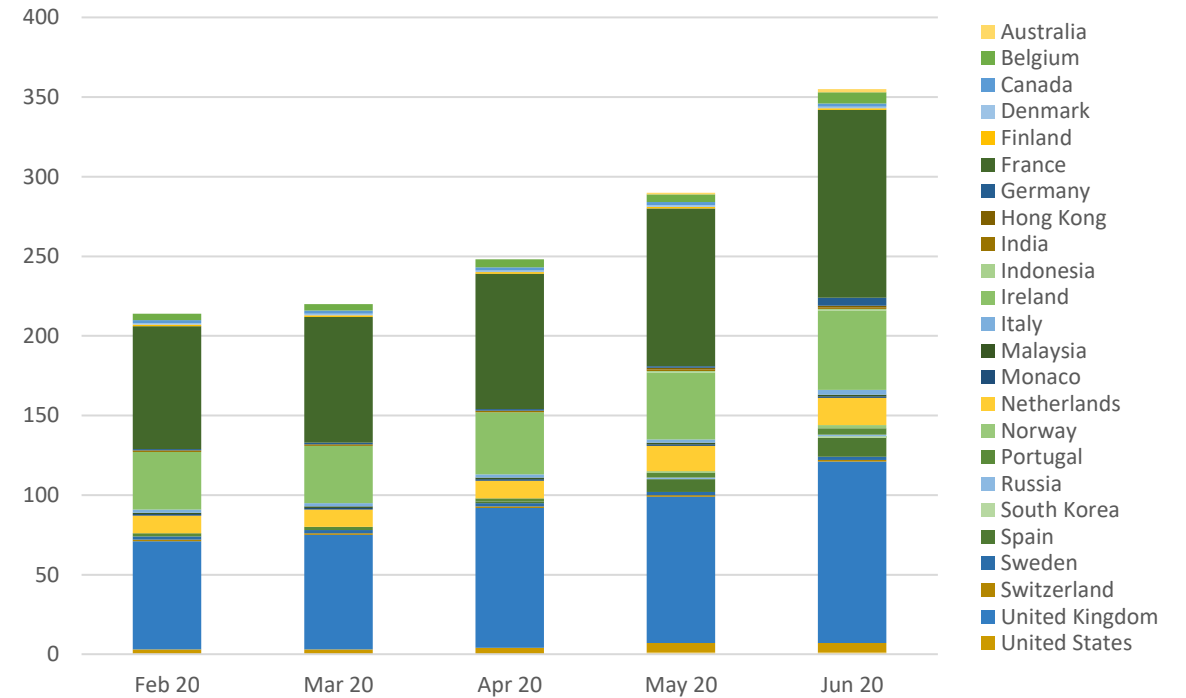
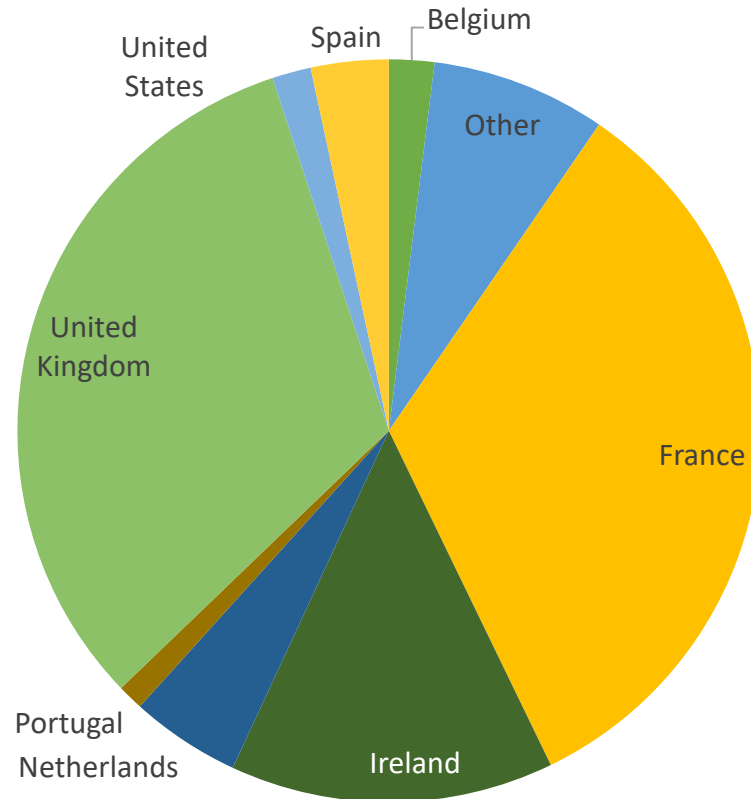
Project Partners	Countries/Regions
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)	Ireland
Scottish Enterprise (SE)	Scotland
Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult (OREC)	United Kingdom
Sirris, het collectief centrum van de technologische industrie (SIRRIS)	Belgium
West Atlantic Marine Energy Community, École Centrale de Nantes (WEAMEC)	France Pays de la Loire
Dutch Marine Energy Centre (DMEC)	Netherlands
Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V. (Fraunhofer IEE)	Germany



OPIN Membership

Country of origin – June 2020

355 Members from
25 countries



Other countries (2 members or less):

Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Monaco, Norway, Russia, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Vietnam

What can OPIN do for you

Access **free events**: learning and networking opportunities

Access **expert advice** on your technology (TAPs)

- ✓ Independent expert opinion – e.g. on the route to market, on reducing development risks and costs, etc.
- ✓ Advice on next steps, funding and collaboration opportunities



Support **collaborative projects** (CIGs)

- ✓ Preparatory step to National and EU research calls
- ✓ Find ways to solve technical or financial problems you are facing
- ✓ Expand your network nationally and internationally
- ✓ Benefit from the experience of those in other industries



Receive **travel support**

- ✓ Enabling Irish and Scottish Enterprise SMEs to travel abroad for OPIN events

Resources & Contacts



[OPIN Members list](#)



[OPIN Library:](#)

- Workshops/masterclasses presentations
- Value chain study - summary report
- Ocean energy challenges and recommendations: Desktop analysis of studies and reports



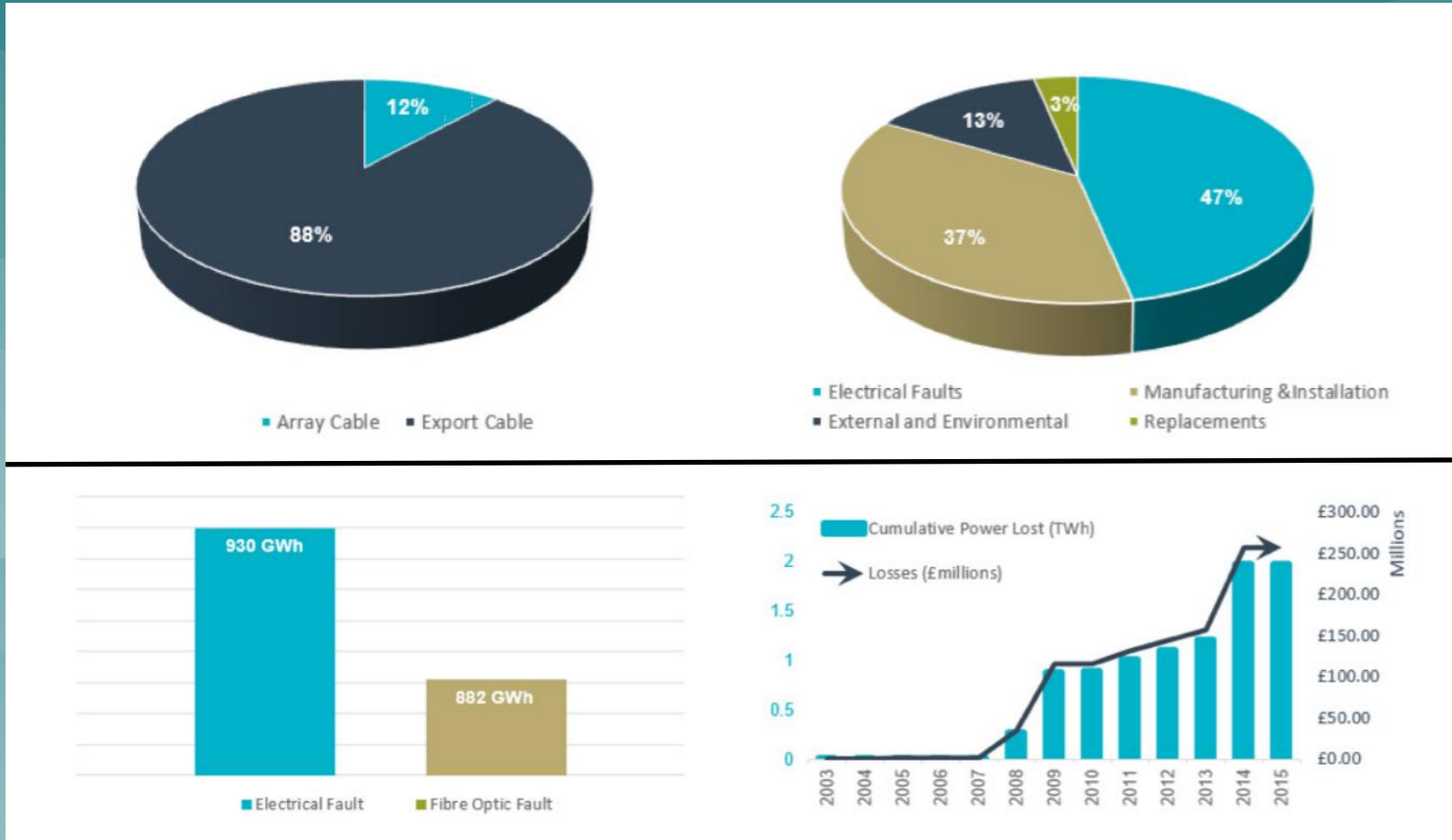
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Why the focus on subsea cables & connectors?



UK offshore wind subsea cable failures, causes & costs – source OREC market trend report 2018