

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

MAY/JUNE 2021

Project Updates

University of Strathclyde joined the project in May as a strategic partner bringing in valuable experience and expertise.

University of Strathclyde Institute for Energy & Environment are in the process of initiating an onshore Shetland power system study, with input from Hitachi ABB Power Grids, financial backing from BP, Equinor, SIC, Shell and SSE, and input from EnQuest.

The Islands Growth Deal made a provision of £5m towards the funding of green hydrogen pilot projects on Shetland, which will be potentially operational by 2025.

SIC, on behalf of ORION, are members of HUGE, Wind Europe & NS HyMap, Deepwind, SHFCA, NECCUS, and Scottish Government LOHC project. ORION joined ONE North Sea project directory and the Blue Economy Cluster Builder Programme in May.

The project was presented in a ONE North Sea webinar on 19th May and featured at the Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum on 26th May. A presentation on 3rd June for the OGUK Conference can be listened to [here](#).

An SSE power workshop was held with key stakeholders on 27th May to review current base plan and potential options.

Submission of an application for the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition on 2nd June in partnership with SIC, University of Strathclyde, Babcock & Ricardo.

In early June ORION's webpage received a 'soft launch' with a holding page which can be found [here](#) and a full launch in the coming months.

SIC Future Energy Team, which will support ORION, is now fully resourced with an executive manager, three project officers, and a communications officer.

UPCOMING

17th June – Marine Workshop lead by Strathclyde University Department of Naval Architecture, Ocean and Marine Engineering for the development of an ORION marine Strategy

TBD (August) – Blue Economy Cluster Builder Webinar with a focus on how the energy transition will impact and support SMEs in the blue economy sector

7th & 9th September – Presentation of ORION in Offshore Europe's Keynote Panel session two to discuss the energy island concept for a faster energy transition and presented in hydrogen session. Details and registration [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

[Press release](#) by Strathclyde University about their partnership

[News highlight](#) about job building potential of ORION

[Featured](#) in OGUK's spring edition of Wireline Magazine

Mention in Cerulean Winds' [announcement](#) of interest in offshore wind near Shetland

[Advert and article](#) in the 8 June edition of Executive Magazine from Highlands News & Media

