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FLOWRA and FEM to collaborate

The Floating Offshore Wind Technology Research Association (FLOWRA) of Japan and France Energies Marines (FEM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 28th October, 2025, to explore technology development cooperation in the field of floating offshore wind.

Due by the end of 2026, FLOWRA and FEM will explore the establishment of a cooperation framework to address a broad range of topics aimed at reducing development risks and costs, while fostering industry growth in the floating offshore wind sector, including specific joint technology development initiatives.

FLOWRA is a technical research association that works with overseas organisations to research and develop common basic technologies for floating offshore wind to reduce costs and risks.

FEM is a multidisciplinary research institute dedicated to resolving offshore wind challenges via advanced R&D, public-private partnerships, and knowledge transfer, strengthening France's renewable energy leadership.

Comments by Masakatsu Terazaki, Chairperson of Board, FLOWRA

We are delighted to collaborate with France Energies Marines (FEM), an organisation with extensive expertise and strong capabilities in technology development in the field of marine renewable energy, particularly in floating offshore wind. FEM has long been at the forefront of advanced R&D and the transfer of its outcomes to industry, exemplifying the initiatives that FLOWRA strives to achieve and making a significant contribution to the progress of marine renewable energy.

By combining FEM's technical strength and broad human network with FLOWRA's activities, we look forward to overcoming challenges in floating offshore wind, establishing optimisation technologies for entire floating systems, and achieving reductions in both cost and risk.

Comments by Ronan Stephan, President of FEM

This initiative is part of a global context where public policies aim to increase the global share of renewable energy sources in electricity generation. As a spearhead of the offshore wind energy sector in Europe, France Energies Marines (FEM) is thrilled about the realization of this remarkable joint approach and is firmly committed to its development.

Pooling our strengths, our visions, and the broad spectrum of skilled and motivated players we bring together in our respective areas of influence is a new asset for the practical deployment of industrial solutions that will benefit the entire offshore wind value chain.

The signing of this memorandum of understanding between FLOWRA and FEM marks the official start of our respective commitments to intensify our exchanges, implement the best collaborative actions, and make the most of future opportunities for the benefit of our stakeholders.

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