



Innovate UK EDGE's free networking event at Oceanology International

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Registration Open for International B2B Matchmaking at Oceanology International 2024

Oi24 ocean technology and marine science exhibition and conference takes place from 12th to 14th March at London's ExCeL

Innovate UK EDGE, the national innovation agency's business growth service, will once again host a 1-2-1 brokerage event during Oceanology International 2024 this March at London's ExCeL.

Free for attendees of Oi24, the international business-to-business matchmaking event takes place in a dedicated networking area on the middle day of the ocean technology and marine science exhibition and conference, on Wednesday 13th March.

Oceanology International, and its co-located event OceanICT, is expected to welcome 7,500+ attendees and 450+ exhibitors from 80+ countries. Linking key players in the industry from business, academia and government, Oi24 will bring together thousands of international industry buyers, influencers, and professionals for the unparalleled global marketplace, forum and networking opportunity.

Innovate UK EDGE has supported Oi by hosting the free, focused B2B networking opportunity within the exhibition since 2018, enabling businesses to facilitate collaborations, meet exciting new partners and create real business development opportunities at pre-arranged meetings.

Participants post their profile and opportunities prior to the event and request meetings with key local and global contacts. Personal agendas are then sent out two days before the event with the exact time and location of meetings.

The matchmaking event is aimed at marine and maritime companies working in a range of sectors, including blue economy, ocean science, energy transition, vehicles and vessels, ocean observation, site navigation and ocean ICT.

It is recommended for anyone looking for:

- New customers, partners or financiers for their company.
- New potential partners to develop their business and research objectives.
- Partners to adapt their technology, including for dual-use applications.
- Partners to boost their innovation.

Registration for the matchmaking event is open until 10th March. Visit the main event [website](#) to register for Oi24. Visit [b2match](#) so sign up for the B2B event on 13th March.

For more information about matchmaking, email Tim Benzie at tim.benzie@innovateukedge.ukri.org.

To stay updated on Oceanology International 2024, please visit www.oceanologyinternational.com.

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Note for editors: Register for your press pass [here](#) to attend Oi24.

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About the Oceanology International Portfolio

Oceanology International – *Connecting the global ocean technology, engineering and science communities*

Oceanology International (Oi) is the global forum where the ocean industry, academia and government connect to discover innovative solutions from the ocean technology and marine science communities to improve strategies for exploring, protecting and sustainably operating in the world's oceans and waterways. Held at ExCeL London, Oi brings together ocean professionals, facilitates ocean connections and showcases ocean innovation and technology.

Oi exhibition and conference incorporates various events and features, including:

- **OceanICT – *A smarter, more sustainable ocean through connectivity***

Co-located alongside Oi, OceanICT helps connect AI, communications, satellite, IT and IOT solutions providers with key ocean- and water-based end user sectors from around the world.

- **Catch the Next Wave – *Innovation at the ocean-climate nexus***

Returning in 2024 for its 6th edition, the Catch the Next Wave conference pairs speakers from within and outside of the ocean community, with the aim of sparking new thinking and ideas across disciplinary boundaries and between sectors. The special edition at Oi24 will focus on the climate and biodiversity crisis. It will take a futuristic look at how key areas of rapidly evolving technology might contribute to innovative solutions at the ocean-climate nexus, helping to achieve net zero and beyond, at the same time as supporting the restoration of the Earth's essential biodiversity and ecosystem services.

- **Ocean Futures – *Meeting future ocean technology needs***

Thought leaders from industry, academia and government come together to discuss meeting future ocean technology needs in line with market developments and new ocean enterprise strategies. Held in the keynote Ocean Futures Theatre within Oi, it features panel discussions and strategic debates on topics including Transitioning the Ocean Economy, Sustainable Offshore Operations, BlueTech Investment and Future Talent/Careers.

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