

## Invitation

From 19 to 23 October 2015 the General Secretariat of the Benelux Union organizes the Week of Energy.

In this context the Belgian Offshore Platform invites you to a panel debate.

Up to 2020 – the date of the first intermediate European objectives – numerous projects for the further development of offshore wind in the Belgian and Dutch part of the North Sea are in the pipeline. By 2030 the European Commission has tightened the objectives. In order to obtain the objectives by then the developments in the North Sea need to be continued. The offshore energy sector could become one of the strongest growing sectors in the Belgian and Dutch economy through a larger development of the opportunities offered by the North Sea.

**Friday October 23rd from 11am to 12.30pm :**

**11am – 11.20 am: Introduction: The offshore investments in the North Sea: a perspective for Belgium and the Netherlands**

**Bart Tommelein**, *State Secretary for the North Sea*

**11.20am – 12.10pm: panel debate:**

- **Mr François de Hemptinne**, Manager of the Renewable Energy Club powered by Agoria, The Belgian Federation of the Technology Industry;
- **Mr Peter Jacobs**, Head of the Project Finance Division Benelux, France, UK, Ireland at EIB;
- **Professor Damien Ernst**, Professor electro-mechanics at Université de Liège ;
- **Mr Jan Van De Voorde**, Chairman Belwind, member of the board at Parkwind, Nobelwind, Deme Blue Energy and Plug@Sea;
- **Mr Andreas Wagner**, Managing Director at Stiftung Offshore Windenergie (D).

Moderator: **Mr Tom Christer Nilsen**, President of the North Sea Commission

*Place: Thermae palace Hotel, Kon. Astridlaan 7, 8400 Ostend*

If not registered yet or for more information on the full day program, please use this link:

<http://www.benelux.int/fr/energyweek/>