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Q2 2026: Regional Stakeholder Participation Programme

A Regional Stakeholder Participation Programme was a commitment of the PPS to facilitate early, transparent and inclusive participation by all relevant stakeholders in each region to inform the draft preparation of the National DMAP for ORE and a planned successor to the Q1 stakeholder workshops with ORE Industry and Ports; Seafood and Fishing Sector and eNGOs in Tom Johnson House, Dublin.

The regional engagements commenced on 25th March and continued until 20th May 2026. There was a total of 23 in-person sessions held in 19 venues with invited stakeholders across the seafood/fishing sector; regional/local business sector; social and environmental sectors.

All events were attended by both the CLS and FLS in coordination with the National DMAP for ORE engagement team with inputs at different events from the wider project team members, the Marine Institute, SC-DMAP Implementation team, marine environment and the offshore wind energy policy sections of DCEE.

A total of 308 stakeholders attended the briefing sessions across the events representing a broad range of sectors across regional and local fisheries, business, communities, environmental, sports and recreation, local authority (including Public Participation Network representatives), government agencies, academia and industry.

Questionnaires were provided to each participant, and all results and feedback complemented issues and dialogue recorded during the in-person engagements. Feedback to the CLS questionnaire was positive. A total of 102 responses (87 online and 15 written) were received. A total of 40 responses were received on the FLS questionnaire.

All feedback has been documented and shared with the National DMAP for ORE project team and taken into consideration in the early drafting process.

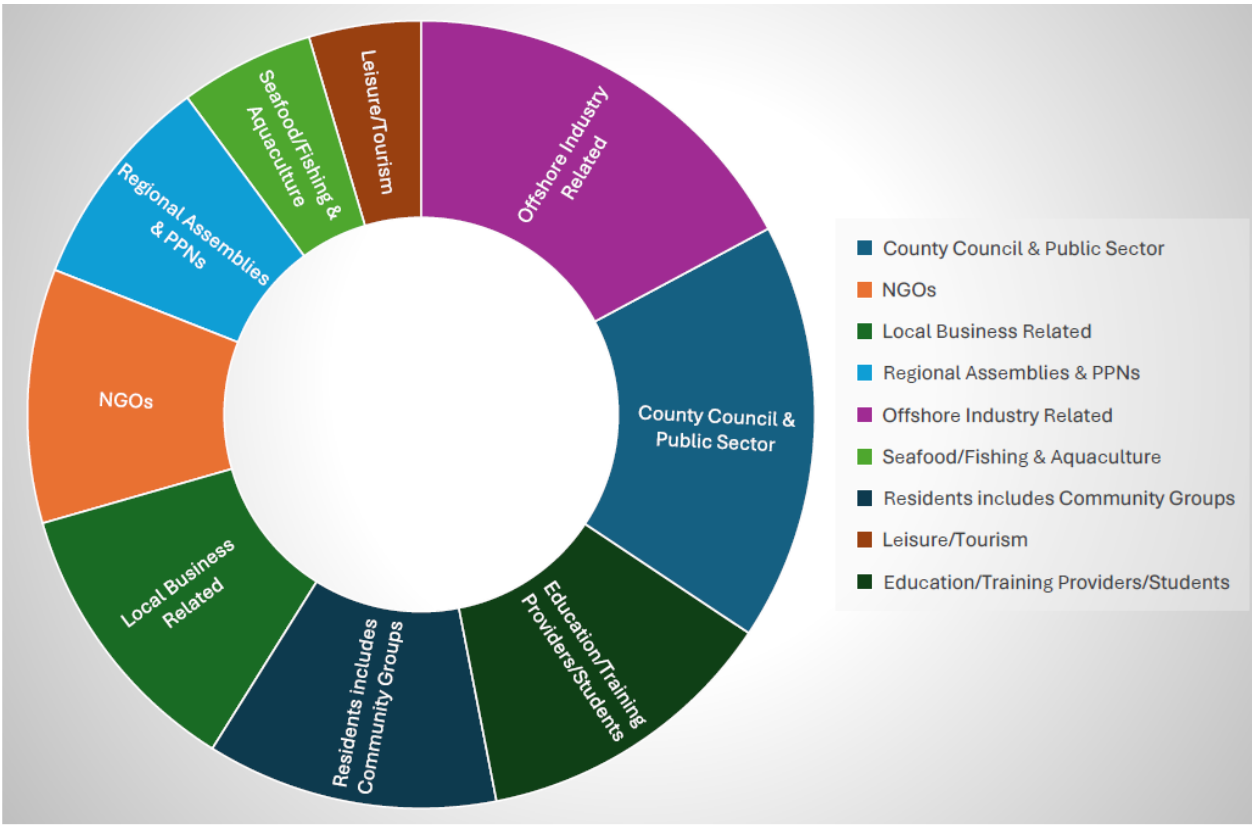
Table 1: Dates and Venues for Q2 Regional Stakeholder Participation Programme

Dates:	Venues:
25th March 2026	Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin (Morning & Afternoon Sessions)
26th March 2026	Clermont House, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow (Morning & Afternoon Sessions)
14th April 2026	Fishery Harbour Centre, Dunmore East Co. Waterford (Afternoon session)
15th April 2026	Research & Innovation Centre, South East Technical University, West Campus, Waterford (Morning & Afternoon Sessions)
16th April 2026	Clayton Hotel Cork City, Lapps Quay, Cork (Morning & Afternoon Sessions)
28th April 2026	Fishery Harbour Centre, Castletownbere, Co. Cork (Afternoon Session)
29th April 2026 29th April 2026 (*continued*)	Tralee Wetlands Eco & Activity Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry (Morning Session) Fishery Harbour Centre Dingle, Co. Kerry

	(Afternoon Session)
30th April 2026	**Student Life Centre, University of Limerick, Limerick City (Morning Session) County Council Offices, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare (Afternoon Session)**
6th May 2026	**Ros An Mhíl (Rossaveel) Fishery Harbour Centre, Co. Galway (Afternoon Session)**
7th May 2026	**Galway City Library, St. Augustine Street, Galway City (Morning Session)**
12th May 2026	**Leeson Enterprise Centre, Westport, Co. Mayo (Afternoon Session)**
13th May 2026	**Small Craft Harbour Utilities Building Killybegs, Co. Donegal (Afternoon Session)**
14th May 2026	**County Council Offices, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town (Morning Session)**
15th May 2026	**Hume Hall, Atlantic Technological University, Sligo**

	(Morning Session)
18th May 2026	**Howth Fishery Harbour Centre, Howth, Co. Dublin (Afternoon Session)**
19th May 2026	**Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath (Afternoon Session)**
20th May 2026	**Louth County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth (Afternoon Session)**

Breakdown of sectors that engaged in Q2 Regional Stakeholder Participation Programme:



Next Steps:

All information received from stakeholder engagement and participation is documented and being taken into consideration in the drafting process.

The Department continues to engage with relevant departments, state agencies and the regional and local government sector to support the evidence base and identify issues to be addressed in the draft National DMAP for ORE and assessments.

The FLS and CLS will continue to actively engage with regional and local stakeholders throughout Q3, with a focus on in-person information sharing engagements with fishers, local authority committees and with coastal and island communities in collaboration with Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann.

A key recommendation from stakeholders engaged in Q1 and Q2 was a request that the Department continue to share information on progress and feedback to stakeholders on how their active participation is supporting the development of the plan, its environmental and social and economic assessments.

To act on this recommendation, the Department will host an in-person meeting with the MSP Advisory Group in September to provide information on progress and next steps heading towards public consultation in Q1 2027.

This will be followed by a series of similar information briefings to all stakeholders who were both invited and who participated in engagement workshops and regional events over Q1 and Q2 2026.

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Glossary of Acronyms

CCMA	City and County Management Association
CLS	Community Liaison Services
DMAP	Designated Maritime Area Plan
DAFM	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
DCEE	Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
DCCS	Department of Culture, Communications and Sport
DETE	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
DOD	Department of Defence
DoT	Department of Transport
DRCD	Department of Rural Community Development and the Gaeltacht
eNGO	Environmental Non-Government Organisation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FLS	Fishing Liaison Services
IFI	Inland Fisheries Ireland
MAP Act	Maritime Area Planning Act 2021
MARA	Maritime Area Regulatory Authority
MSP	Marine Spatial Planning
MI	Marine Institute
MSO	Marine Survey Office
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NPF	National Planning Framework
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
ORE	Offshore Renewable Energy
PPS	Public Participation Statement
Q1	Quarter One

Q2	Quarter Two
SEAI	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
SC-DMAP	South Coast Designated Maritime Area Planning Act
TD	Teachta Dála