

## SIN Spain facilitates UK Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult to attract €110k in EU funding

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The Renewable Energy Directive<sup>1</sup> requires the EU to have 20% of its total energy coming from renewable sources by 2020. SIN Spain, in collaboration with UKTI, contributed to this target by developing a collaboration which attracted substantial European funding, and also signing an R&D collaboration agreement in offshore renewable energy, a key area for the Horizon 2020 strategy.

A new partnership between the UK's Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult and Spain's Tecnalia was the result of a delegation from the Catapult which took part in a visit organised by SIN and UKTI to the north of Spain in March 2015.



The Catapult visited Bilbao and Navarre accompanied by HMA Spain and held meetings with leading political authorities, R&D centres, representatives of the energy industry, and

media. The objective of the programme was to present the Catapult and explore opportunities for collaboration with Spain as a route to develop more efficient offshore renewable technologies. The meetings highlighted both countries' complementary testing facilities.

As a result of this visit, the Catapult was then invited by Tecnalia to join a European project (RECODE) which successfully attracted €110k in funding for the Catapult. Both institutions signed a Collaboration Agreement in April 2016 with the aim of further cooperating on EU frameworks and sharing testing and demonstration expertise.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32009L0028>

