



KIMO and SETU strengthen collaboration to preserve marine and coastal environments

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Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford, Ireland

Join this event to explore how membership of KIMO can strengthen your council's efforts at local, national and international levels

Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation (KIMO) is a network of coastal municipalities working to protect and enhance the marine environment across the North-East Atlantic (including the Irish Sea and the North Sea) and the Baltic Sea. KIMO has advised, facilitated knowledge-sharing and represented municipalities in national and international policymaking since 1990.

SETU is an international, entrepreneurial and connected multi-campus Technological University that will drive sustainable economic, environmental, cultural and social development in the south east of Ireland.

With a new 2026-2030 strategy KIMO is aiming for new heights with concrete ambitions for how the network wants to influence policy and add value at local, national and international levels. Strengthening KIMO's partnership portfolio by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with SETU and expanding the network in Ireland are key components.

Join this event to learn about KIMO and discuss how membership can serve as a concrete way to elevate your municipality's commitment to the marine environment. The event will also provide the opportunity to learn about how South East Technological University is supporting the work of both KIMO and the Local Authorities to address the marine environmental challenges they face.



PROGRAMME

Arrival and welcome (10:30-11:00)
Welcome and MoU signing (11:00-11:30)
Welcome Capt. Phil Murphy, Project Manager Offshore Wind, South East Technical University
MoU signing Prof. Veronica Campbell, President of South East Technological University Preben Friis-Hauge, President of KIMO
Exploring the added value of KIMO (11:30 – 12:30)
Introduction to KIMO's 2026-2030 strategy By Preben Friis-Hauge, KIMO President
Membership in practice Lisa Bugge Nør Larsen, Executive Secretary
Local authorities' coastal challenges: PFAS and ocean litter research to advance action Dr Yvonne Kavanagh, Director of Engineering Research and Innovation, SETU
Q&A session
Lunch
Experiences from local authorities in Ireland and the UK (13:30-14:30)
Experiences from Waterford and Wexford Ella Ryan, Environmental Awareness Officer, Waterford City & County Council Captain Michael Mahon, Senior Marine Officer, Wexford County Council
Experiences from KIMO UK Robina Barton, UK Network Coordinator
Q&A session
Closing remarks and networking (14:30 – 15:00)