

SEAI Lir-NOTF ORE Industry Access Programme 2026 – Call Announcement

The **SEAI Lir-NOTF ORE Industry Access Programme 2026** is now open for applications.

This call provides industry applicants with funded access to testing and research infrastructure at LIR (National Ocean Test Facility), supporting innovation, validation, and development of marine renewable energy technologies and associated systems.

Scope

The call is open to industry-led projects seeking access to LIR facilities for activities including (but not limited to):

- Technology validation and performance testing
- Prototype development and demonstration
- Data generation to support commercialisation
- De-risking of marine renewable energy technologies

Who Should Apply

The call is open to:

- SMEs and large enterprises
- Technology developers
- Engineering companies
- Marine and offshore energy stakeholders

Applicants must demonstrate technical feasibility, innovation potential, and alignment with facility capabilities.

How to Apply

All applications **must be submitted via the new MARINERG-i access portal**.

👉 Access the portal here: [MARINERG-i Access Portal](#)

Applications submitted by email or outside the portal will not be accepted.

Applicants must:

1. Create or log in to an account on the MARINERG-i access portal
2. Complete the online application form
3. Upload all required supporting documentation
4. Submit before the stated deadline

Watch our user guide to making an application here [Application Guide](#)

Important Dates

- Call Opening Date: 09/03/2026.
- Submission Deadline (**extended**): **10/04/2026 (18:00)**.

Further information, eligibility criteria, evaluation process, and terms of access are available within the MARINERG-i access portal.

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