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Subject: Revision of the EU strategy on offshore renewable energy and action to meet ocean energy targets

In its offshore renewable energy strategy published in November 2020¹, the Commission pledged to coordinate with the Member States and regions on funding in order to deploy 100 MW of wave and tidal energy in the EU by 2025 and 1 GW by 2030.

Three years on, Europe's leadership in this area is increasingly being challenged by global competitors such as the USA and China, who are investing massively in ocean energy. A combination of EU funding and national funding is essential to ensure that the ocean energy deployment targets are met and preserve European leadership in wave and tidal energy.

In practice, this means that coordination between the Commission and the Member States needs to be increased, and that sufficient EU-level funding needs to be ensured.

1. What concrete steps does the Commission intend to take to coordinate with national and regional authorities to meet the 2025 and 2030 ocean energy targets?
2. What measures will it take to provide sufficient EU-level funding to allow ocean energy projects to reach financial closure?

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¹ Commission communication of 19 November 2020 entitled 'An EU Strategy to harness the potential of offshore renewable energy for a climate neutral future' (COM(2020)0741).