

John Sargent Lecture

Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 18:00hrs

Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London, SW1P 3AA
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The UK's Net Zero Journey - A Marine Perspective

Presented by

Huib den Rooijen - Managing Director
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minerals. It works in partnership with its customers and stakeholders to help the country optimise the economic, environmental and social potential of the marine environment, supporting its long-term sustainable development. As Managing Director of The Crown Estate's marine business, Huub will outline the UK's achievements to date in developing what is one of the world's largest offshore wind markets. He will share his perspective on the journey that the UK is taking towards achieving its 2050 net zero target, and he will outline some of the existing and future challenges and opportunities that this journey presents, for policy and planning, technology and supply chain, habitat and environment.

Speaker

Huub den Rooijen, Managing Director Marine, The Crown Estate

Huub is a member of the executive leadership team at The Crown Estate, an independent commercial business set up by act of Parliament operating in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. As managing director Marine he leads the team that's responsible for the sustainable development of the seabed, enabling developers and investors to tackle the twin challenges of climate change and biodiversity.

He joined The Crown Estate in 2012 and has over 30 years of experience in the energy sector, predominantly working with Shell. While at Shell he was jointly responsible for creating its wind energy business in 1997 and managed its first offshore wind projects, including the UK's first offshore turbines in 2000 and the first offshore windfarm in The Netherlands in 2006. Prior to moving to renewables, he worked in oil and gas in The Hague, Houston and London.

Huub is a non-executive director at the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, the UK's leading technology and innovation centre, and at Westermeerwind in the Netherlands. He holds a degree in astrophysics from Utrecht University in the Netherlands and lives in Kent.

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