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New growth through smart specialisation

Pilot Mid-Term Review Pitch 2026
ADMA Energy

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Pilot Approach

1. Societal and industrial challenge

Offshore energy needs reliable components and systems for harsh marine environments. Regions have strong but scattered capabilities, which makes cooperation, SME participation and investment more difficult.

2. Pilot objectives in 2026

Strengthen the partnership, support floating offshore wind initiatives, update the three demo-cases and map regional capabilities. Collaborate with I3FLOAT, connect with Vinnovate and increase ADMA visibility.

3. Pilot governance

Co-leading regions: Emilia-Romagna and Lombardy
Coordination: ART-ER (leader) and LE2C (co-leader)
Pilot management: ADMA Secretariat
Eight full member regions and approximately 35 stakeholders

Pilot Activities

CONNECT & LEARN

- Four online partnership meetings
- Wales and Cantabria joined as full members
- Mapping of companies and capabilities launched across ADMA regions
- I3FLOAT Innovation Agenda and SME funding opportunities shared
- BLATEM 2.0 presented to the ADMA community

DEMONSTRATE & COMMERCIALISE

- Three demo-cases confirmed and updated
- Power Transfer in the Sea linked to I3FLOAT
- Next Generation Materials linked to I3FLOAT and BLATEM 2.0
- Joining of Large-Scale Components reviewed through the mapping
- Focus on solutions close to market and opportunities for SMEs





Ravenna, 17–18 June 2026
Advancing the Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean

From discussion to a new cooperation area

The floating offshore session connected I3FLOAT, research centres, clusters and industry. The ADMA roundtable on offshore decommissioning confirmed a shared interest in developing this topic as a new demo-case. The visit to Rosetti Marino added a direct industrial perspective.

Assessment of Pilot Progress

1. Pilot engagement

Wales and Cantabria became full members. Online meetings, the Ravenna event and the capabilities mapping involved regions, clusters, companies and research organisations. A first exchange also started with Bretagne Next.

2. Key advances

ADMA strengthened cooperation between regional ecosystems and the I3FLOAT and Vinnovate projects. The mapping now offers a common starting point for matchmaking, partner searches and new project ideas.

3. Key challenges

Involve more stakeholders from all regions, turn mapping results into partnerships and keep members active. The next step is to develop concrete project ideas from available funding opportunities.



S3 Community of Practice Annual Conference
Brussels, 23–24 June 2026

Elements to use for VI Communication

1. Link to policy level

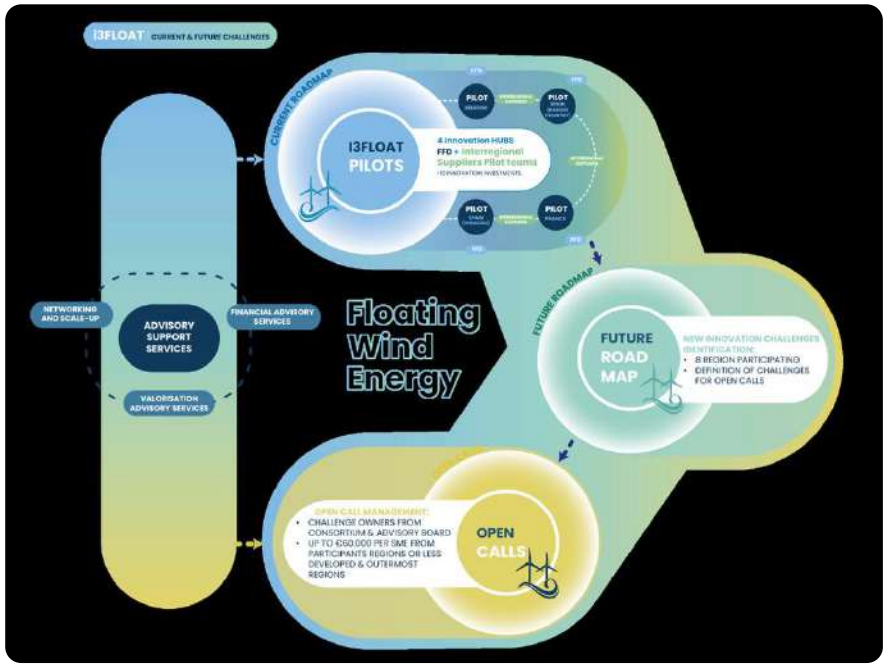
ADMA contributes to the S3 Sustainable Blue Economy platform and connects regional priorities with European value chains for floating offshore wind and marine renewables.

2. Link with industrial strategy

The mapping identifies companies, research organisations and capabilities across regions. It helps partners understand value chains, find expertise and build cooperation.

3. Link with innovation implementation

I3FLOAT is the main 2026 case study: 8 regions, 24 partners, 10 innovations and EUR 3 million to support SMEs through two Open Calls.



ADMA expands the I3FLOAT network by involving more regions, clusters, companies and research organisations.

Observations & Elements to Share

A stronger partnership

Wales and Cantabria became full members, bringing ADMA to eight regions and around 35 stakeholders. Dialogue also started with Bretagne Next on possible future participation.

Projects support practical cooperation

I3FLOAT and BLATEM 2.0 connect the ADMA demo-cases with ongoing innovation, SME funding opportunities and cooperation between regions.

A possible new demo-case

The Ravenna roundtable showed common interest in offshore decommissioning. The next step is to define the scope, interested regions and concrete opportunities for cooperation.



Next priorities

Keep regions and stakeholders active, connect funding opportunities with the right partners and develop joint project ideas around the most promising technical areas.