



# Ocean Energy Fostering a Blue Economy

**Dr. Roland Roesch**

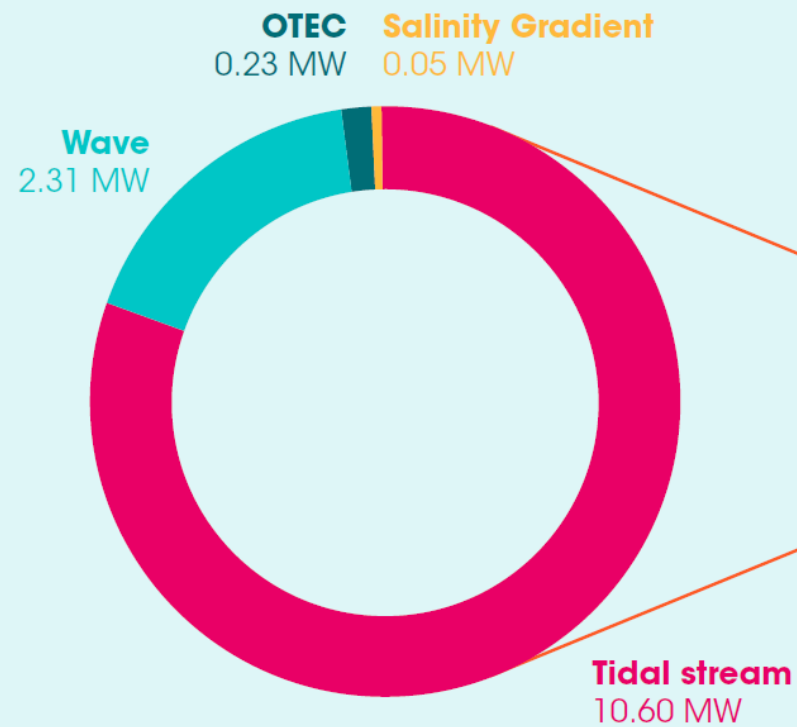
Deputy Director, IRENA Innovation and Technology Center (IITC)

“Marine Renewable Energies – Fast-Advancing  
Technologies and Promising Opportunities ”

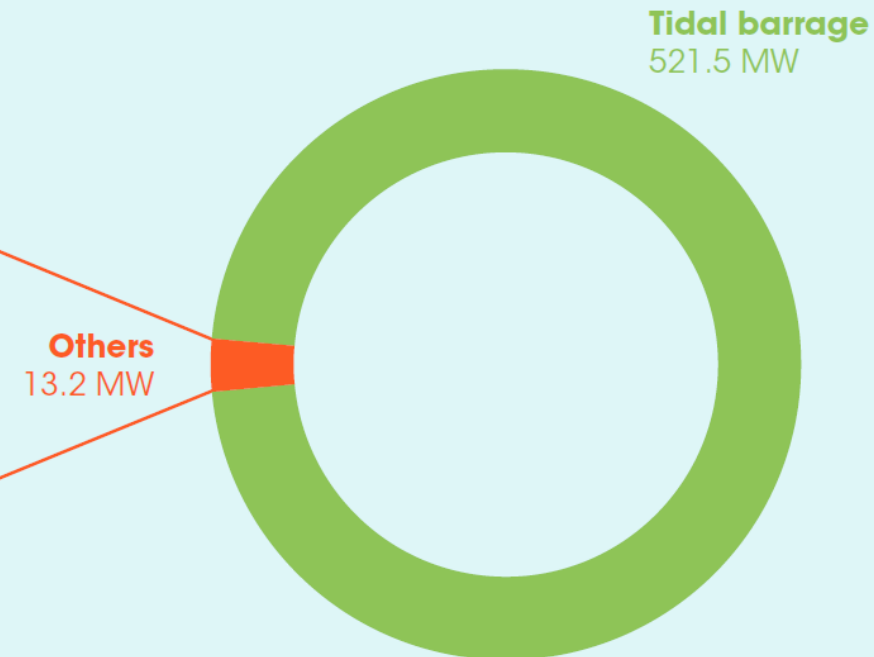
16. November 2021



*Figure S1: Ocean energy deployment excluding tidal barrage (MW)*



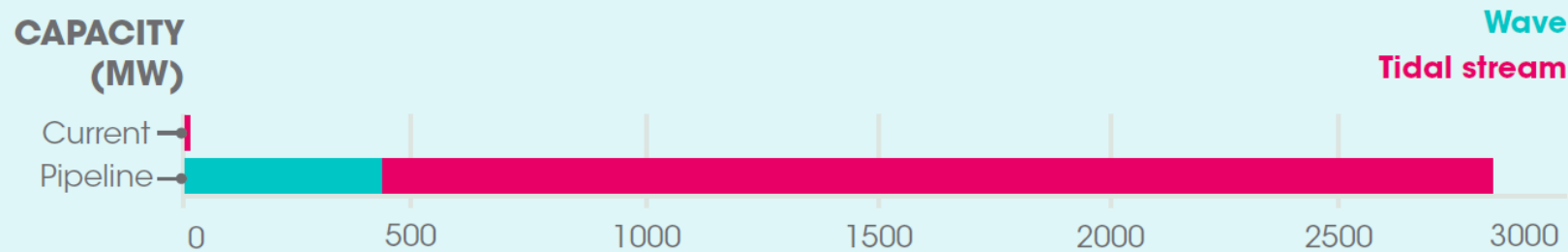
*Figure S2: Total ocean energy deployment (MW)*



**Source:** IRENA ocean energy database

## Current pipeline of projects

Figure S3: Active and projected tidal stream and wave capacity beyond 2020



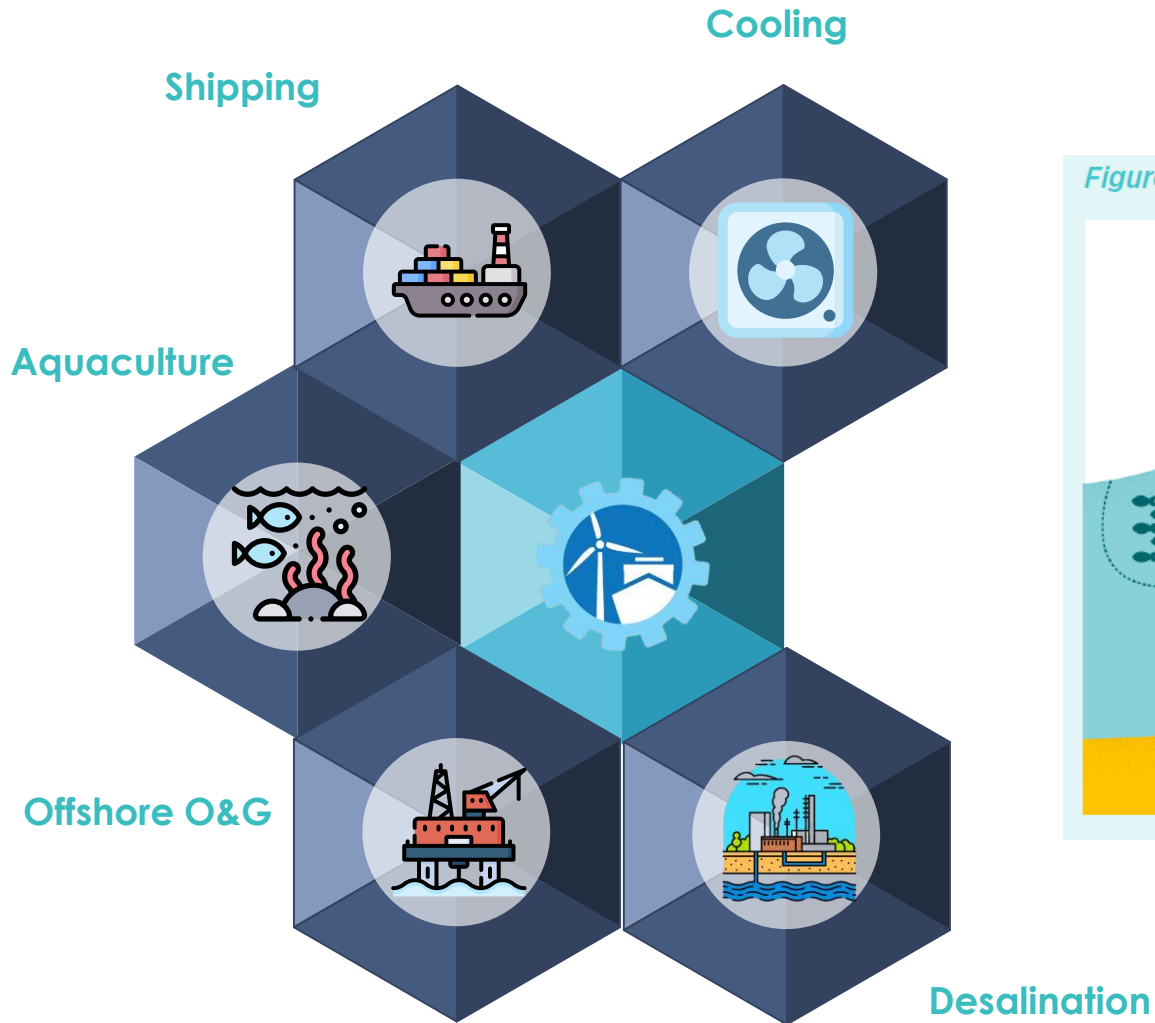
**Note:** While their capacity is too small to appear on this chart, additional projects are planned for the other ocean energy technologies beyond 2020. For example, a 2 MW ocean thermal energy conversion plant and a 1 MW salinity gradient energy plant are planned in the Netherlands (Johnson, 2019).

**Source:** IRENA ocean energy database

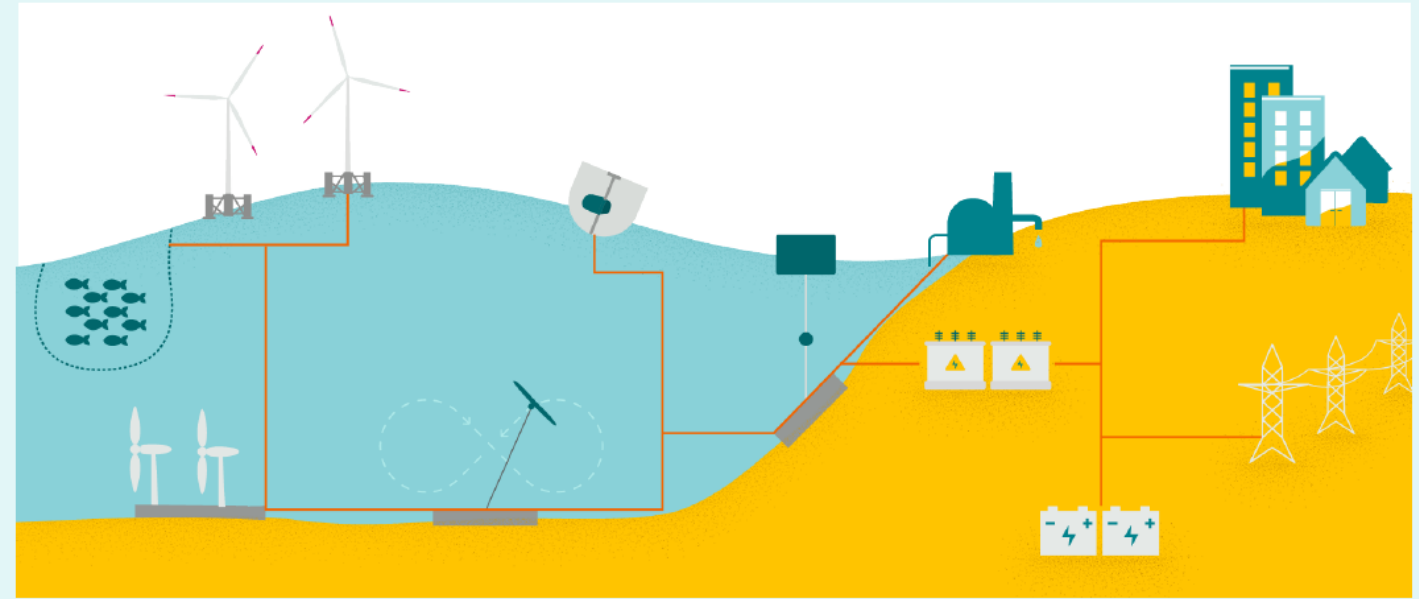
### Market outlook

- 2030 – 10 GW
- 2050 – 100 GW

# Innovative Business Model 1: Offshore renewables powering a Blue Economy



*Figure 33: Ocean energy coupled with other renewable energy sources to power the blue economy*



# Examples

Table 8: Examples of ocean energy developers focusing on powering the blue economy

	POWER	DESALINATION	COOLING (SWAC)	OIL AND GAS	AQUACULTURE	SHIPPING/PORTS	AUV CHARGING	Developer
Wave	✓				✓			SINN Power AWS Ocean Energy WaveEC Albatern Aqua Power Technologies GIEC Japanese Consortium
Tidal	✓				✓			Sustainable Marine Energy
Wave	✓			✓	✓			Ocean Harvesting
Wave	✓			✓				Wave for Energy Hann-Ocean Floating Power Plant
Wave	✓			✓			✓	Ocean Power Technologies
Wave	✓	✓						Resolute Marine Energy Carnegie Clean Energy Wavepiston GIEC
Wave		✓						Atmocean NRELUS National Renewable Energy Laboratory

	POWER	DESALINATION	COOLING (SWAC)	OIL AND GAS	AQUACULTURE	SHIPPING/PORTS	AUV CHARGING	Developer
Tidal	✓					✓		EMEC (through hydrogen)
OTEC	✓	✓						NIOT OWC
OTEC	✓		✓					Makai
OTEC	✓	✓	✓					Bardot Ocean Bluerise
OTEC	✓	✓	✓		✓			Bretagne Ocean Power
Other						✓		GEPS Techno

**Note:** SWAC = seawater air conditioning; AUV = autonomous underwater vehicle

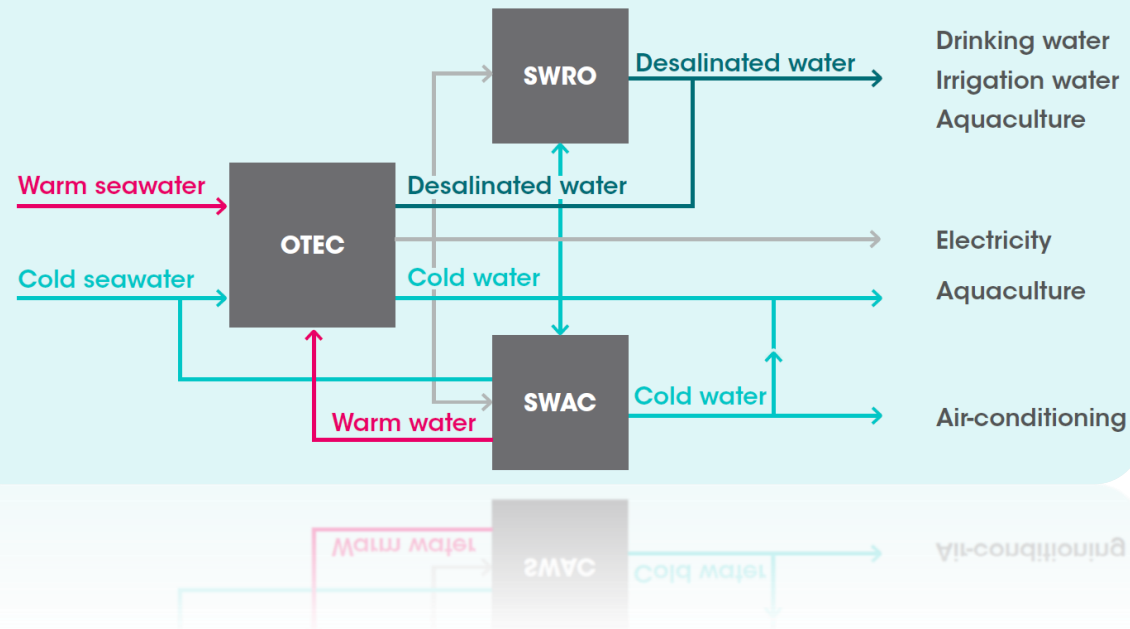
**Source:** IRENA ocean energy database



# Example 1 - OTEC coupled with cooling and water desalination in islands

## OTEC: electricity (kWh) + other revenues

Figure 38: Ways of coupling OTEC, desalination, cooling and aquaculture



## OTEC technical potential in the Caribbean

Country	Maximum Technically Exploitable Resource (MW)					Average electrical demand (MW)
	Fixed offshore wind	Floating offshore wind – conventional	Floating offshore wind – deep sea	OTEC	Total	
Antigua & Barbuda	4 935	1 477	11 718	100	18 230	38
The Bahamas	10 955	6 321	16 723	220	34 219	220
Barbados	0	112	7 063	140	7 315	104
Grenada	2 618	476	7 196	110	10 400	25
Jamaica	1 211	1 848	9 709	180	12 948	498
Saint Kitts & Nevis	399	196	9 135	40	9 770	24
Saint Lucia	105	224	4 025	90	4 444	46
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	3 227	385	3 017	70	6 699	17
Trinidad & Tobago	16 597	12 460	4 963	50	34 070	1 064
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 047</b>	<b>23 499</b>	<b>73 549</b>	<b>1 000</b>	<b>138 095</b>	<b>2 036</b>

Source: Johnston, 2019

# Innovative Business Model 2: Hybrid electricity generating systems

Table 7: Projects coupling ocean energy with other renewable energy sources

	SOLAR	WIND	FLOATING WIND	PUMPED HYDRO	STORAGE	MICROGRID	HYDROGEN	Examples	Country	Status
Tidal		✓					✓	BIG HIT / Surf 'n' Turf	Scotland	In operation
Tidal					✓			Bluemull Sound Shetland	Scotland	In operation
Tidal	✓				✓			San Antonio	Philippines	Research
Tidal	✓	✓			✓	✓		PHARES Ushant Island	France	Planning
Tidal				✓				KIOST	Republic of Korea	R&D
Wave	✓	✓			✓	✓		King Island	Australia	Planning
Tidal					✓	✓		KIOST	Republic of Korea	R&D
								Dent Island	Canada	Test completed
Wave	✓				✓	✓		Garden Island	Australia	Planning
								KIOST	Republic of Korea	R&D
Wave			✓					Canary Islands	Spain	Research
								Bombora and MEECE	Wales	Research

	SOLAR	WIND	FLOATING WIND	PUMPED HYDRO	STORAGE	MICROGRID	HYDROGEN	Examples	Country	Status
Salinity							✓	REDstack	Netherlands	Planning
Wave	✓							GEPS Techno		Full-scale testing
								Eco Wave Power		Installed (Gibraltar and Israel)
								Wave for Energy		WEC full-scale testing completed
								GIEC		Open-sea testing completed
Wave	✓				✓			Ocean Power Technologies		Full-scale deployment announced
Wave	✓	✓						SINN Power		WEC prototype testing completed
Wave		✓						Floating Power Plant		Previous model testing completed
								Marine Power Systems		WEC 1:4 scale testing completed
								Seabased		WEC tested, wave-wind resource assessment conducted
								Havkraft		WEC full-scale testing completed
Wave					✓			BOLT Lifesaver		Small-scale testing completed
Tidal					✓		✓	HydroWing (Tocado Turbine)		Patenting

**Note:** WEC = wave energy converter

**Source:** IRENA ocean energy database

# Example 2: Tidal energy + solar PV & wind for green hydrogen production (floating wind explored)

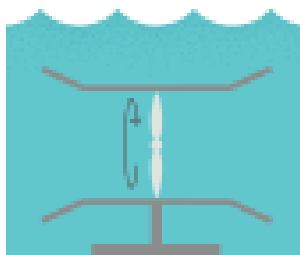


Figure 39: BIG HIT project in Orkney

Image source: BIG HIT Orkney



## Key Recommendations

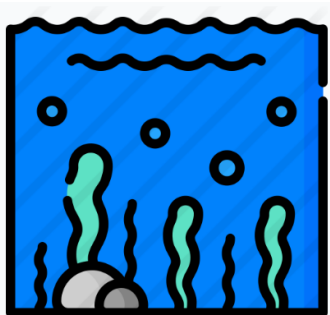
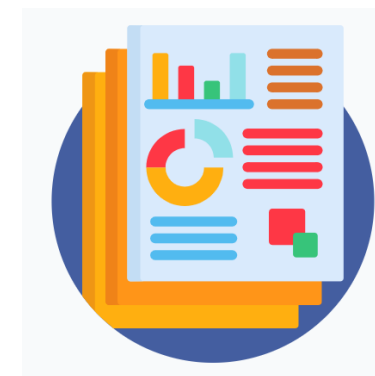


### Technology:

- Technology convergence and standardization
- Conduct resource assessment campaigns
- Support test centres
- Capital grant funding for R&D

### Policy:

- Premium price MWh
- Promote innovative business models
- Compensate additional services (regulation)
- Innovative financial structures

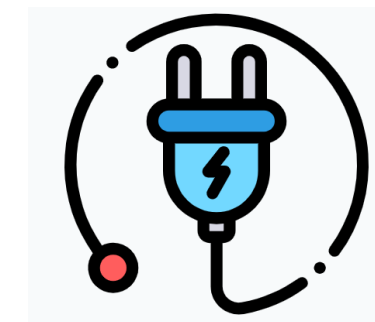


### Environmental and Social:

- Improve access to baseline data
- Consult and engage the public

### Infrastructure:

- Availability of Networks
- Engage and inform the emerging supply chain
- Synergies with other RE technologies – firm generation



# IRENA Collaborative Framework Ocean Energy & Offshore Renewables

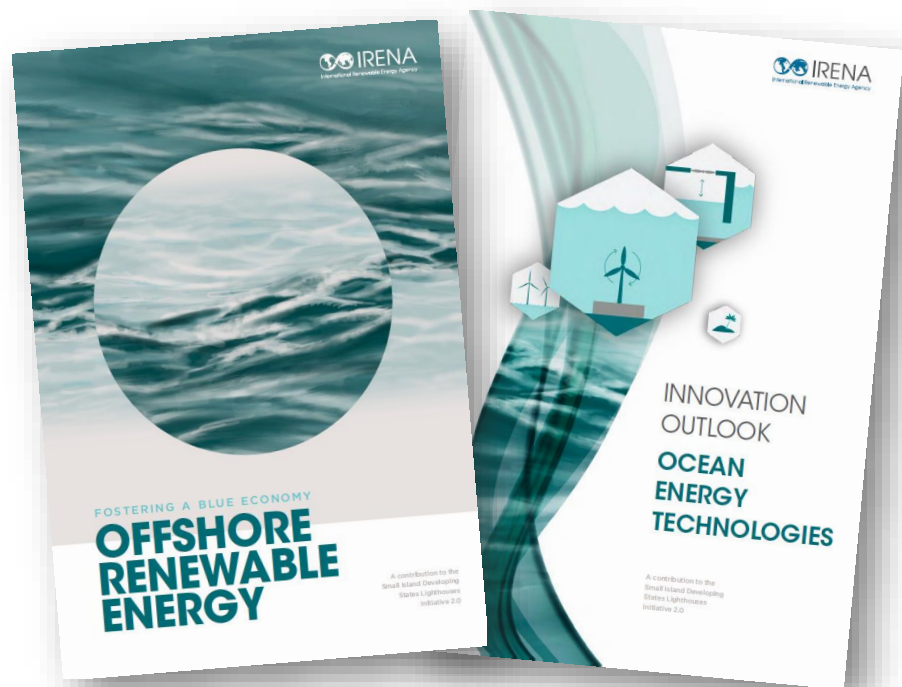


## Aim:

- Agency to proactively function as a global network hub
- Facilitate **government peer-to-peer collaboration** and exchange of knowledge

## In brief:

- Collaborative Framework on Ocean Energy/Offshore Renewables covers:
  - Offshore and floating wind technology; **ocean energy technologies**; and Floating solar photovoltaic.
- Co-facilitated by the **Kingdom of Tonga and Italy**
- **40 member countries** engaged at last two meetings + engagement from industry associations
- Suggested areas of work include exchange of good practices on: Marine spatial planning; Foster collaborative R&D programmes; Coupling of offshore renewables with power-to-X technologies; and Grid interconnection for offshore generation
- Next meeting after IRENA's Assembly 2022



# Thank you

Contact us at  
[islands@irena.org](mailto:islands@irena.org)



[www.irena.org](http://www.irena.org)



[www.twitter.com/irena](https://www.twitter.com/irena)



[www.facebook.com/irena.org](https://www.facebook.com/irena.org)



[www.instagram.com/irenaimages](https://www.instagram.com/irenaimages)



[www.flickr.com/photos/irenaimages](https://www.flickr.com/photos/irenaimages)



[www.youtube.com/user/irenaorg](https://www.youtube.com/user/irenaorg)