

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Blue Economy Initiative



Blue Renewable Energy Pathway

Blue Renewable Energy Champion



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Our Interviewees

- **Professor Diogo Moreira | IPVC and SUSTEmare**
 - Educational perspective and Research Association
 - Key insights:
 - Post-Graduate programmes designed *with* the industry, not just *for* it
 - Vocational education option
- **Inês Machado | WavEC**
 - Business perspective
 - Key insights:
 - Multidisciplinary approach
 - Curiosity alongside strong curriculum



Trends in Portuguese Blue Renewable Energy

9B€ investment

In floating offshore wind turbines, targeting 2 GW of installed capacity by 2030 (APREN)

40M€ investment

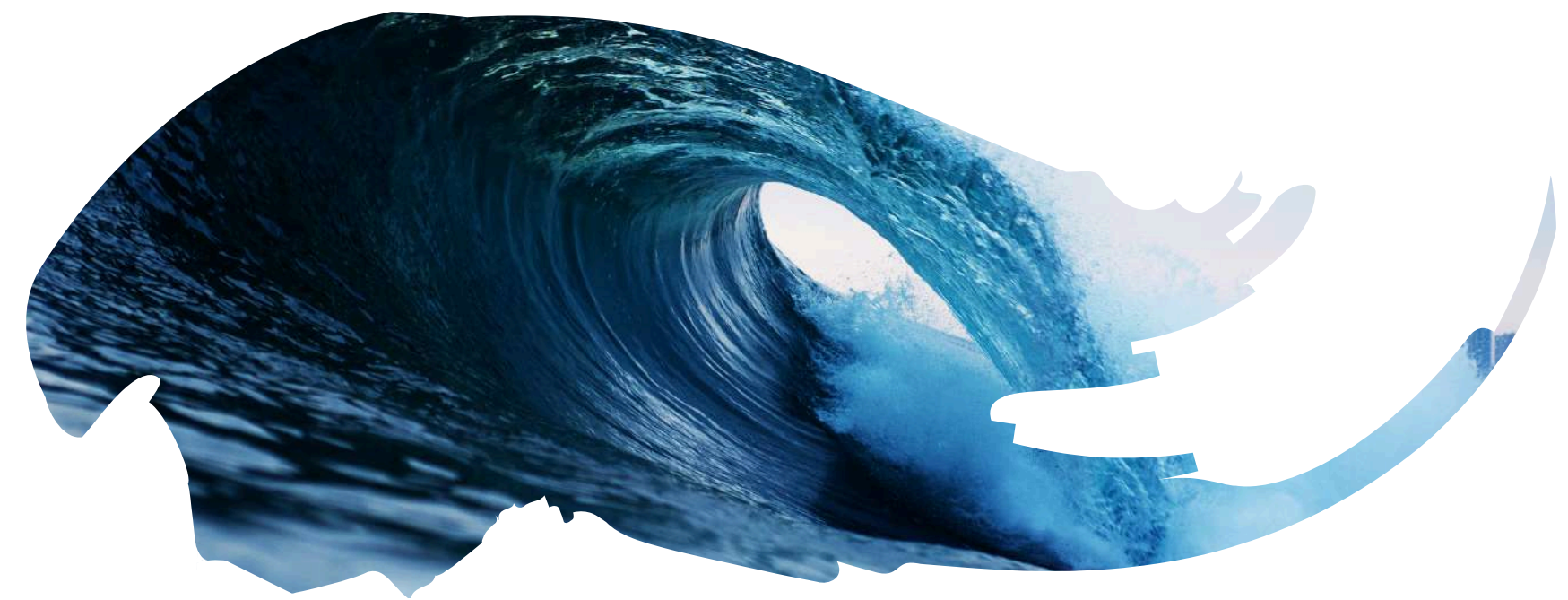
EU Innovation Fund – VianaWave Project by CorPower Ocean (The Portugal News)

20B€ in returns

to the national economy (Pedro Brinca, SBE)

400K+ job positions

Direct & indirect jobs (Pedro Brinca, SBE)

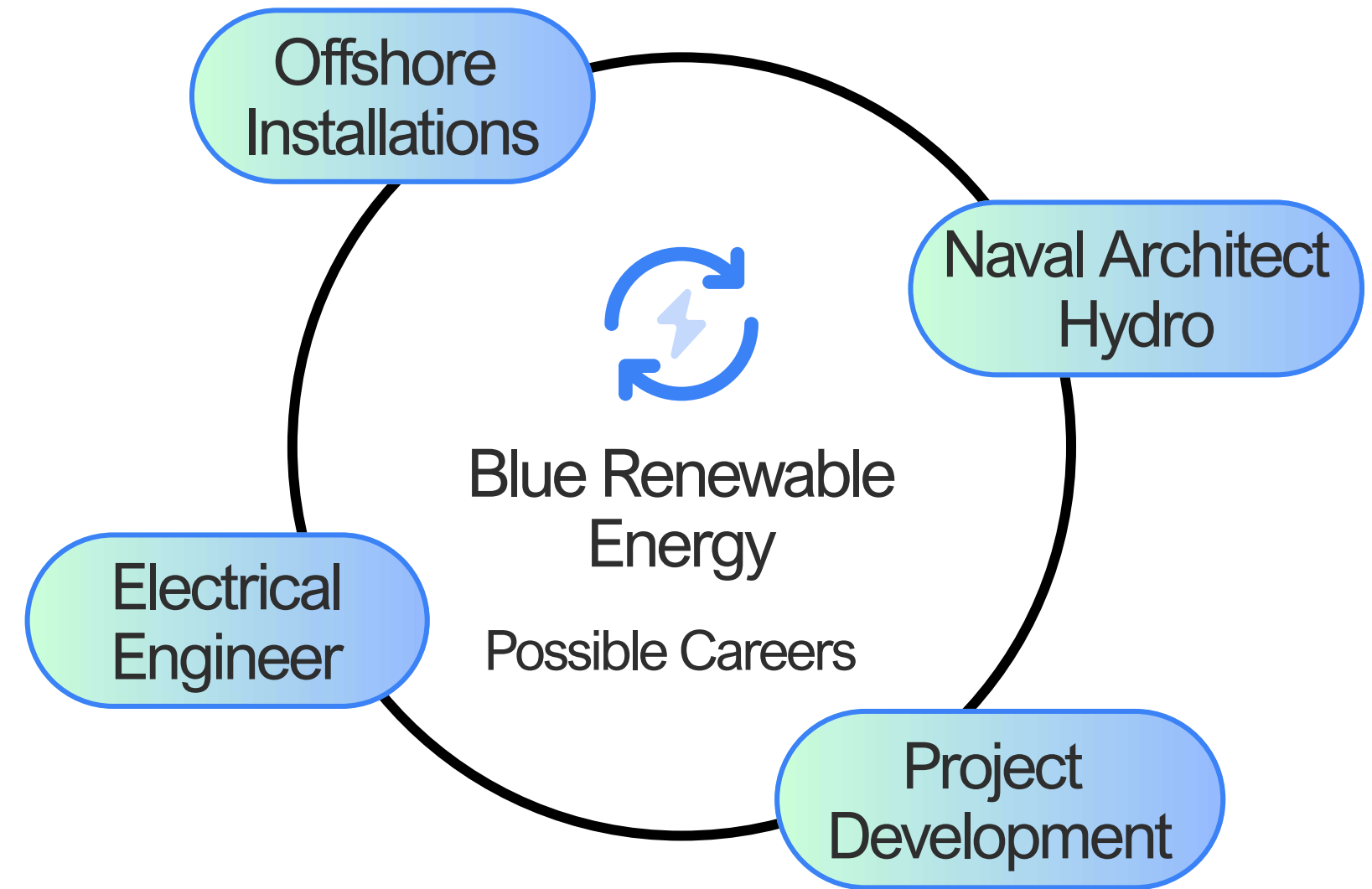


Trends within the Portuguese Sector

From early-career roles to advanced positions, Portugal's **diverse academic ecosystem** helps to open pathways into this sector.

such as...

- a. Degree in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- b. Postgraduate Programme in Mechanical Engineering, Energy & Materials
- c. Higher Professional Technical Courses (TESP):
 - i. Naval Mechanic / Naval Mechatronics



Our Recommendations

1 TALENT & EDUCATION

Support multidisciplinary and non-traditional entry pathways. Engage academia and industry to recognise vocational training alongside engineering degrees.

2 RETENTION

Incentivize Portuguese nationals to return and work in local industries. International experience is an asset, not a betrayal - create the conditions that make coming home the best choice.

3 PIPELINE

Create partnerships between academia and industry to build a domestic talent pipeline. The opportunities ahead are larger than those that exist today.



A CALL TO ACTION

Portugal has the blue energy potential, maritime space, talent and no lack of funding - the ingredients are all here.

... but the sector needs a decisive policy change — today.
Young people are ready. The sector is growing. **The timing is now.**