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Dear W2EW stakeholder,

With this announcement we want to inform all our stakeholders about the re-location of the project Wave to Energy and Water (W2EW) supported by the EU program Fast Track to Innovation under Horizon 2020.

The project will re-locate from Isola Piana, Carloforte, Sardinia, Italy to Gran Canaria, Spain at the pre-consented site PLOCAN, the Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands.

The success of the project is tightly linked to a smooth approval process giving access to optimal test site locations. In our dialogue with the environmental authorities it has become clear that our project would become subject to an approval process that - in our assessment - would require additional 4 – 5 months to prepare the material and minimum 12 months of processing time with the authorities. Furthermore, the dialogue has resulted in a number of additional location requirements, that would dramatically increase the cost of the project.

These issues, together with the serious global effects linked to COVID-19, have forced the steering committee to ask to the European Commission the permission to relocate the project to the pre-consented site of PLOCAN, the Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands, where all necessary approvals are in place for the test site. The steering committee of the W2EW project has received authorization to the relocation from the European Commission.

Isola Piana will still be used as a case study in the W2EW project including investigations of a potential follow-up project at Isola Piana / Sardinia at a later stage.

