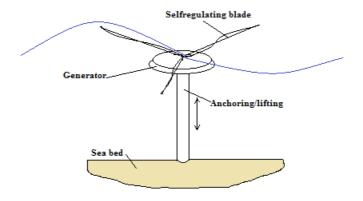
ON A LOOKOUT FOR PARTNERS FOR WAVE POWER PLANT TURBINE DEVELOPMENT

World population is growing. Energy consumption per capita is increasing. Renewable energy demand is growing as a result of climate change.

One of the renewable energy sources is wave energy. We believe, that hydrokinetic turbines (*ASRBHK*) with a vertical axis (please see illustration below) are the most perspective wave energy converters.



Turbine's operation scheme.

We have conducted laboratory tests of such a turbine model and have obtained the results of *TRL4* (trail readiness level 4), the results show there is great potential of developing efficient energy generation device. Therefore, this project aims to develop a turbine up to *TRL9* to prepare a new device for the production phase of wave power plant equipment.

Next steps of the development consist of the following main tasks:

- elaboration of the self-regulating blade mechanism (functionality, design, material);
- elaboration of electric generator and base/work height adjustment equipment.

With TRL9 we plan to enter the stage of a production-ready, profit generating wave power technology.

For the implementation of the project, a seven-year calendar plan with a binding budget has been prepared. We are looking for partners to implement it.

The plan includes:

- installing a laboratory (building has been purchased)
- production, tests and analysis of turbine TRL5
- manufacture of turbine TRL6 model
- tests and analysis
- production of turbine TRL7 prototype, offshore tests and analysis
- production and tests of three different diameters TRL8 at sea and TRL9 trials

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