

PRESS RELEASE

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Ocean Oasis project recognized as Strategic Project for the Canary Islands

The President of the Canary Islands, Mr. Fernando Clavijo Batlle, has officially declared **DesaLIFE**, led by **Ocean Oasis**, as a **Strategic Project for the Canary Islands**, alongside 18 other initiatives. The recognition follows its classification by the Directorate-General for Organisational Coordination and Strategic Projects of the Government of the Canary Islands as “a highly innovative and sustainable project, with strong strategic relevance and proven technical feasibility.”

This milestone marks a new chapter for **Ocean Oasis**, confirming the company’s technology as a key enabler for the Canary Islands’ long-term sustainability goals. DesaLIFE directly contributes to the Government’s priority areas — sustainability, blue economy, energy, health and wellbeing, vocational training, and emerging industries — and aligns with the Canary Islands Agenda 2030 and the Smart Specialization Strategy (Extended RIS3).

A major step for Ocean Oasis and the future of water

DesaLIFE represents the transition of Ocean Oasis from validated innovation to industrial deployment. With an overall budget of approximately **€10 million**, co-funded by the **EU LIFE Programme** (through CINEA, under the Circular Economy and Quality of Life sub-programme), the project will deliver the **first industrial-scale desalination buoy powered entirely by wave energy**.

Led by Ocean Oasis, the consortium includes the **Canary Islands Institute of Technology (ITC)**, **Plataforma Oceánica de Canarias (PLOCAN)**, the **University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC)**, **elittoral**, and the **Water Council of Gran Canaria (CIAGC)** — bringing together regional excellence in ocean technology, environmental monitoring, and policy alignment.

From validation to industrial scale

Ocean Oasis has developed a breakthrough solution that produces freshwater offshore at a competitive cost, using only wave energy — no grid connection, no fossil fuels, and zero emissions. In each buoy, wave power is used to pressurize seawater and drive it through a standard **reverse osmosis desalination system**, delivering freshwater to shore via flexible pipelines that connect to existing island networks.

The company previously validated its technology under the **EU EIC Accelerator ReWater project**, documenting performance and reliability at full scale. Under DesaLIFE, Ocean Oasis will now move into production and deployment, enabling **2,000 m³/day** of freshwater — equivalent to the daily consumption of around **15,000 people**.

Industrial rollout in the Canary Islands

The first industrial-scale unit, *Theia*, will be **built locally in the Canary Islands**, consolidating Ocean Oasis's commitment to regional industry and sustainable manufacturing. Theia will serve as the reference for future multi-unit deployments, positioning the Canary Islands as a **global testbed for zero-emission desalination** and Ocean Oasis as a **first mover in offshore water infrastructure**.

The designation *Strategic Project for the Canary Islands* provides preferential administrative processing, accelerated permitting, and access to dedicated advisory services — reinforcing the momentum for Ocean Oasis as it advances towards international expansion.

About Ocean Oasis

Ocean Oasis is a Norwegian company pioneering **floating, wave-powered desalination systems** that enable sustainable freshwater production offshore. Following successful validation through the **EU EIC Accelerator**, Ocean Oasis is now scaling its technology with support from the **EU LIFE Programme** and a growing network of institutional and industrial partners.

The company is currently assembling its next group of investors and strategic partners to accelerate commercial deployment in island and coastal markets worldwide.

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