

This course can be adapted to virtual classroom mode

## Exploration & Production Overview

5 days  
Overview

DCOUVEP-EN-A

### LEVEL

Awareness

### PURPOSE

This training aims to give a complete overview of the main activities of Exploration & Production through its global process, by going through the key stages of the valorization of a hydrocarbon field. You will discover the fundamentals and vocabulary of Exploration & Production techniques: geosciences, reservoir engineering (enhanced recovery, unconventional resources, CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage), drilling, completion, production, projects, decision-making process, economic aspects and patrimonial contracts.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:  
explain the various phases of Oil & Gas development projects,  
identify the contribution of all experts and technologies involved through a field development project,  
understand the E&P value chain from prospect to market and associated contractual framework,  
describe techniques involved in field development in order to efficiently interact with technical teams.

### WAYS AND MEANS

Highly interactive course delivered by experts of the E&P industry.  
Numerous examples and feedbacks from the industry. Numerous videos and animations.

### LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Table game in small groups.

### PREREQUISITES

Basic technical knowledge in the Oil & Gas industry.

### MORE INFO

Other training duration availability on request.

## Agenda

### INTRODUCTION TO THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY

0.25 d

Introduction to the energy business: energy resources; energy demand and supply.  
Scope of the Oil & Gas industry:  
Context: producer and consumer countries; national/ independent/ international oil companies; services companies; international organizations.  
Risks related to the Oil & Gas industry.

### GEOSCIENCES & RESERVOIR ENGINEERING

1.25 d

Introduction to petroleum geology:  
Geodynamics of the earth. Sedimentary basins. Structural deformations (folds & faults).

Clastic and carbonate depositional environments and reservoirs.  
Elements and processes of the petroleum system (source, reservoir, seal, traps).  
Subsurface models, inputs data and concepts:  
Seismic data gathering, processing and interpretation.  
Well data acquisition and analysis.  
Formation evaluation and sampling (logs and cores).  
Reservoir characterization and modeling:  
Data integration; introduction to reservoir modeling.  
Management of subsurface uncertainties.  
Volumetrics (in-place hydrocarbon estimation).  
Subsurface Development Options: reservoir engineering:  
Field development planning.  
Drainage mechanisms: introduction to EOR and storage.  
Different types of reservoir effluents and their behavior.  
Unconventional resources:  
Introduction to unconventional developments.  
Non-conventional resources and their extraction techniques.  
Environmental aspects.

## FIELD OPERATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

2.25 d

Drilling:  
Main functions of drilling rigs: lifting, rotating, pumping, power and safety.  
Types of drilling rigs.  
Well architecture.  
Well construction.  
Drilling equipment: bits, drilling string, drilling fluids...  
Drilling techniques: casing, cementing, directional drilling, well testing, instrumentation.  
Well control - BOPs (safety devices: wellheads in drilling).  
Sampling: measurements during drilling (LWD), coring, mud-logging and wireline, fluid sampling.  
Specificities of offshore equipment.  
Well completion:  
Reservoir/wellbore interface; basics of well performance; stimulation; artificial lift techniques.  
Well equipment and well intervention.  
Field architecture:  
Surface development options; study of various existing fields.  
Case of offshore developments.  
Surface facilities:  
Well effluent gathering network.  
Oil, gas and water processing.  
Metering, storage and export.  
Oil & Gas transport through pipelines and tankers.  
Offshore installations: from shallow water to deep offshore technology.  
HSE in field development:  
Main hazards in hydrocarbon exploration & production operations.  
Overview of safety engineering and environmental impact assessment studies throughout Oil & Gas project life cycle.

## OIL & GAS FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: DECISION MAKING PROCESS, ECONOMICS & LEGAL FRAMEWORK

1 d

Legal framework in E&P: oil contracts and principle of the oil rent sharing.  
Project profitability evaluation:  
Oil & Gas project economics and financial performance indicators.  
Reserve evaluation. Impact of subsurface uncertainty on project economics.  
Field development process:  
Decision making process: preliminary studies. Conceptual studies. Pre-project studies.  
Execution phases: basic engineering or FEED. Detailed engineering. Procurement. Construction.  
Commissioning.  
Technical service contracts.  
Project control:  
Scheduling and planning control.  
Cost estimation and control.  
Decommissioning.

## SERIOUS GAME: OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

0.25 d

