# Bladena Structural Blade Course

# **Course outcome:**

- Understand wind turbine blades from a WTO and ISP perspective
- Apprehend the loads on blades under different field operation conditions
- Classify structural blade damages and understand the risk of each damage type
- Basic understanding of blade design and testing philosophy
- Understand different inspection methods leading to big data
- Offered as webinar, in-house or at Bladena

Why this course?



Focused on the specific needs



Taught by experts



State-of-the-art knowledge

Dates of the next available 3-day course: 12th, 14th, 18th of March 2024 Online (10:00-12:00 CET)

Get in touch to learn more about your blades.



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# Course overview

#### Module 1: Structural overview of wind turbine blades

- Blade design drivers and trends
- Blade regions and structural function
- Blade structural components
- Blade material and manufacturing

#### Module 2: Structural failure modes

- Peeling in bondlines
- Transverse cracks and skin debonding
- Buckling
- Twisting/Cross sectional shear distortion
- Transition zone failures
- Interlaminar failure

## Module 3: Structural understanding of selected blades in customer fleet

- Damages and statistics on the chosen blades
- Possible solutions to eliminate the structural failure/damages

# Module 4: Certification and Testing of wind turbine blade

- Current certification procedure and limitations
- Field testing
- Full-scale testing
- Large-scale and sub-component testing
- Non-destructive testing (NDT) and monitoring

## Module 5: Leading edge erosion (LEE)

- LEE introduction and potential issues
- Damage categorization
- LEE driving factorsLeading Edge Protection (LEP) solutions
- Risk analysis

### Module 6: Lightning in wind turbine blades

- General information on lightning
- Lightning Protection Systems (LPS)
- Certification of LPS
- Lightning protection zones concept

#### Module 7: Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

- Inspection strategies
- Cost and Risk as decision making considerations
- End of warranty inspection
- Risk based maintenance
- Uncertainties

