Welcome to the Accelerating the Green Economy Centres Webinar

11 October 2023
10:00 – 11:30

• The webinar will start at approximately 10:05

• Webinar is being recorded

• Submit questions by typing them in the Q&A box

• Individual specific questions email greenecoconomycentres@ukri.org

• Answers to questions – published on funding opportunity page after webinar

• Full details of funding opportunity - UKRI Funding Finder
Speakers

1. Kate Hamer
   Programme Director
   Building a Green Future
   UKRI

2. Ian Meikle
   Director Clean Growth
   Innovate UK

3. Nikki Harrison
   Programme Director
   Growing Kent and Medway

4. Matthew Scott
   Executive Director
   UK Centre for Greening Finance & Investment

5. Sebastiaan Van Dort
   Associate Director
   BSI Group

6. Michelle Truman
   Senior Programme Manager
   Building a Green Future UKRI
## Agenda

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| a) Growing Kent and Medway                                          |                | b) Matthew Scott  
| b) UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (CGFI)              |                | c) Sebastiaan Van Dort            |
| c) British Standards Institute (BSI)                                 |                |                                   |
| 4. Overview of the Accelerating the Green Economy Centres funding   | 10:50 – 11:00  | Michelle Truman                   |
| opportunity                                                          |                |                                   |
| 5. Questions and Answers                                            | 11:00 – 11:30  |                                   |
To accelerate the green economy by supporting research and innovation that delivers on national priorities and unlocks solutions essential to achieving net zero in the UK by 2050

- Helping to improve the health of our environment, transform behaviours and policy to deliver net zero and secure prosperity across the whole of the UK

- Our whole systems solutions will support growth of business, jobs, skills and sustainable, resilient public services and infrastructure; addressing environmental and net zero challenges in all sectors of the economy
Accelerating the Green Economy Centres

Ian Meikle
Aim and Scope

Aim: support five co-created centres that accelerate the translation and commercialisation of market-informed solutions to drive the green economy

Centres will:

• Attract private investment to be deployed effectively in clean, green solutions as emerging markets mature
• Cluster the local capabilities of towns, cities, rural economies and regions to enhance success
• Accelerate the exploitation and commercialisation of new knowledge, innovations or solutions through co-investment and partnerships
• Tackle specific, emerging industry-led research and innovation priorities to support the scale up and adoption of green economy solutions
• Test and deploy green economy solutions and technologies in geographies across the UK
Partnership

• Stakeholders and partners *essential* to the success of the Centre

• Full breadth stakeholders - businesses, investors, civic bodies, insurers, standards bodies, local authorities, potential customers, third-sector, supply chain, innovators, regulators, OEMs, researchers

• Clear evidence of genuine, substantive partnerships, including co-creation and co-delivery with business

• Centre challenge informed by partnership – appropriate partners to deliver and appropriate to target location

• Aim to build a critical mass of capacity and capability within the emerging green market

• Leveraged funding (including in-kind) at least 25% to every £1 application stage (aim 100% lifetime of grant)
Local & Regional Impact

▪ Anchored in geographies across the UK

▪ Activities may include:
  ▪ local and regional skills development, job creation or retention
  ▪ critical mass activities leading to increased private investment, including foreign direct investment
  ▪ contributions to cluster knowledge, capabilities and development

▪ Assessed on potential to contribute to local and national development; balancing the capabilities, needs and opportunities the location presents
### Outcomes

- the market starts to emerge related to Centre activities
- utilising and clustering of capabilities in the target location(s)
- large company leadership, as well as active SMEs
- local integration and skills development
- new, clean products, services and business models
- attracting foreign direct investment in corporate R&D labs in the selected location(s)

### Impacts

- clean green private investment into the emerging market
- job creation and retention within the emerging market
- the emerging market starting to contribute to local, regional and national prosperity
- UK strategic advantage in the emerging market
Future call

- Open call to be launched by Innovate UK in 2025
- Total pot up to £10m
- Targeted R&I grants
- Collaborate with one of the Accelerating the Green Economy Centres
- Support development of products, services and new business models
Keynote Presentations

a) Medway and Kent (Regional Perspectives)
   Nikki Harrison

b) UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (CGFI)
   Matthew Scott

c) British Standards Institute (BSI)
   Sebastiaan Van Dort
Accelerating the Green Economy Centres

Funding Opportunity

Michelle Truman
What we are looking for

- co-created and co-delivered
- Work on sector informed challenges
- Anchor investment in locations across UK
- Clear leadership and governance
- Transdisciplinary Centres
Activities in Scope

companies, business, creation, transfer, level, location, support, private, exchange, models, investors, needs, enable, higher, proof, policy, fundamental, increase, demonstrators, foreign, knowledge, defined, capabilities, develop, prototypes, trls, increase, investment, activities, market, translation, investments, corporate, new, based, criteria, leverage, new, attract, operational, services, research, collaborative, concept, concept, products, laboratories, funding, existing, stakeholders, industrial, direct, build, requirements, smes, standards, technology, studies, projects, exchange.
Eligibility

- Project Lead – led by an organisation eligible for UKRI funding
- Standard UKRI eligibility criteria applies
- Individual - no more than two applications – only one as Project Lead
- Organisation may lead on a maximum of two applications – can be involved in more applications
- No funded PhD Studentships
- No International Co-Investigators – expected to be project partners
- Businesses key element - expected to be project partners
- Collaboration full breadth of stakeholders – expecting lots of project partners!
Delivery

- Up to £25m total pot – **Centre £5m** (80% FEC)
- Fixed start **1 July 2024** – 48 months duration
- **Leveraged funding** (including in-kind) - at least 25% to every £1 - plan at least 100% matched by end of award
- **Effective Collaboration**, no Subsidy UK Subsidy Act – evidence required before awards made
- **Transdisciplinary** research and innovative collaborations that involve **co-design** and **co-creation** with businesses and other stakeholders
Centre Structure

- virtual or physical centre based around a single organisation or multi-organisation
- governance structure that reflects the partnership
- centre director with a proven track record
- broader leadership team representing the whole remit
- secondments from other organisations

- Other non-academic staff:
  - management/admin, coordinators, business development, industrial liaisons, commercialisation experts, technology transfer, technicians
# Timelines and Next Steps

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