

Supply Chain Ready - Offshore Wind FAQs

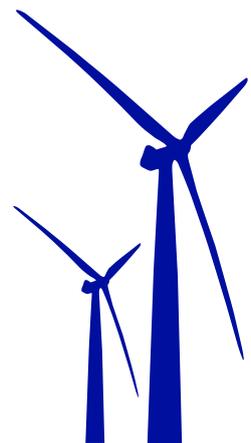
What is Supply Chain Ready - Offshore Wind?

The Supply Chain Ready – Offshore Wind programme is for established senior leadership teams in growing Scottish companies. The programme is delivered over 4 months and includes a series of face-to-face workshop interventions and specialist support. There can be up to two participants per company – a Leader who will champion the programme internally and an additional delegate space that will be open to an additional company member as required (this additional space can be rotated based on the workshop focus).

Why should I attend?

The programme is fully funded by Scottish Enterprise. At the end of the programme, you'll be able to:

- Better understand the challenges and opportunities for your business in the offshore wind sector.
- Build upon skills and techniques learned in workshops to strengthen your business for growth.
- Utilise a roadmap to develop your own capabilities as a company that will put you in a stronger position to enter the Offshore Wind supply chain.
- Access support from SE and partners that will aid in your transition into the Offshore Wind Supply Chain.
- Be more resilient and opportunity-ready in ever changing times.



Who should attend?

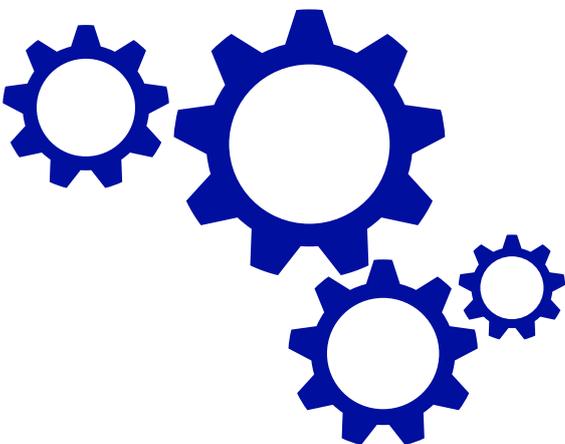
We're looking for companies that have a minimum of 10 employees and a turnover of at least £1 million. Ideally, you'll be a member of the senior management team, a key decision maker with the ability to inspire, initiate and implement change. You'll have a curiosity for the opportunities around Offshore Wind (but not already working in this space), a desire to challenge the status quo and be a change agent. You'll also have the capacity to commit to and develop a roadmap.

We find it best if two people from a company attend so it's worth thinking about who might be most suitable for you to bring along. We would ask that one person attend all of the workshops and then depending on the focus of particular workshops an additional person from the business may attend. For example when attending the leadership workshop you may wish to bring a colleague that has a focus on organisational development but for the operational workshop a technical manager may be more appropriate.

If you think you'd benefit from the programme but don't quite meet some of the above, drop us an email supplychainready@scotent.co.uk or speak to an SE specialist.

Is there anyone it is not suitable for?

The programme isn't intentionally designed for new start-ups or businesses already working in the Offshore Wind space, but if you want to have a chat about potential suitability and benefits, drop us an email and we'll be in touch supplychainready@scotent.co.uk



What will be covered?

At the introductory session we will focus on the scale of the opportunity in Offshore wind along with the challenges this may bring. We will then introduce the core capabilities your business will should to consider in order to strengthen your position to take advantage of these opportunities.

We will then ask that you complete a diagnostic that looks at your strengths and areas for development in relation to the 6 core capability workshops - this will form a basis for your learning during these informative and interactive facilitated workshop sessions.

Following the 6 workshop sessions we will run a roadmapping session - this is where we will support you to outline an action plan based on your diagnostic results and the learnings you have gathered through the workshops. This will allow you to prioritise key actions and projects.

SE will then arrange site visits to each of your businesses where dedicated specialists will support you to develop these actions.

How many companies will be on the programme?

We're looking to have approximately 10 companies on the programme. Based on past programmes we've found some of the best opportunities arise when diverse companies come together. We've found it most useful to have two people from each company attend but we know that sometimes this might not be practical.

How long will it take?

To make sure companies get the most out the fully funded place, in-person attendance at the introductory session, six workshop sessions and the roadmapping session is mandatory for at least one delegate per business. The total time commitment will be 8 days over the course of 4 months. SE will then support the company post programme to develop projects but this will be done on a timescale that suits your business.

Can I join online?

The programme and presentation sessions will be held in person only, so it'll not be possible to join these online.

Accessibility?

If you have any accessibility requirements, we'll do our utmost to accommodate these, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

We can also be flexible in relation to programme timings for those with caring responsibilities so please let us know if this is required.

When/where is it?

Introductory session

30th January 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - V&A Dundee

This session will introduce you to the opportunities and challenges around Offshore Wind as well as the capabilities we will focus on that will support a transition into the supply chain. We will also introduce a business review tool so each business can assess their own strengths and areas for development.

Leadership Session

13th February 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - Michelin Scotland Innovation Park (MSIP), Dundee

This session will focus on the role of a leader in a period of change and transition and will also look at how to foster a culture that supports innovation and change.

Strategic Session

25th February 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - V&A, Dundee

This session will look at how a transition strategy is developed and the resources, partnerships and activities required to successfully transition to new markets. We will utilise business planning tools to start working on your own transition strategy.

Innovation Session

19th March 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - V&A, Dundee

This session will look at ideation and encouraging both product and process innovation within your workforce. Tools and techniques will be introduced that you can take back to your own business.

Operational Session

1st April - 9.30am until 4pm - Michelin Scotland Innovation Park (MSIP), Dundee

This session will introduce businesses to lean thinking in relation to manufacturing and operational processes through hands on activities. We will also explore what the requirements of manufacturing for Offshore Wind look like in practice. This will take place at MSIP and include a tour of the innovative facility and equipment.

Digital Session

29th April 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS), Renfrew

This session will look at automation and robotics and how this could support your business in transition, growth and productivity. This session will take place at NMIS where there will be a show and tell session featuring the latest in digital technologies for manufacturing.

Sustainability Session

13th May 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - V&A Dundee

This session will focus on being a sustainable business not just for the good of our planet but in relation to cost and productivity savings for your business. We will also look at the importance of sustainability and net zero in the tendering process for Offshore Wind.

Roadmapping Session

27th May 2025 - 10am until 3.30pm - V&A Dundee

This session will bring together both the individual learning based on the business review tool and your learning from the capability sessions. The facilitated session will assist you in pulling together an action plan for transition into the supply chain and will look at the prioritisation of projects as well as discussion on what further support is required. A site visit will then be arranged with relevant SE specialists to start work on these projects.

What if I cannot attend?

We realise that sometimes unforeseen events may mean you might not be able to attend. If this does happen and it's not possible to have someone else from your company attend, we'd ask you to let us know as soon as possible.