





# **EPSRC Energy Theme: An Overview**

Dr Jim Fleming, Head of Energy Theme

EPSRC is part of UK Research and Innovation

UK Research and Innovation: The vision



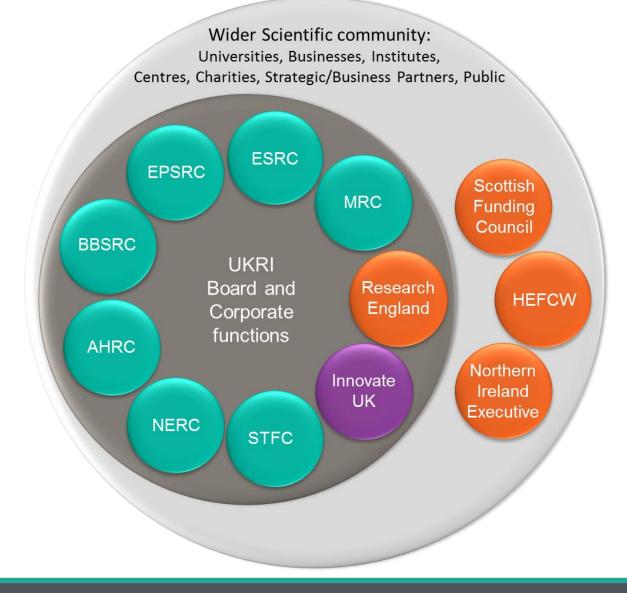


"To be an outstanding organisation that ensures the UK maintains its world leading position in research and innovation"





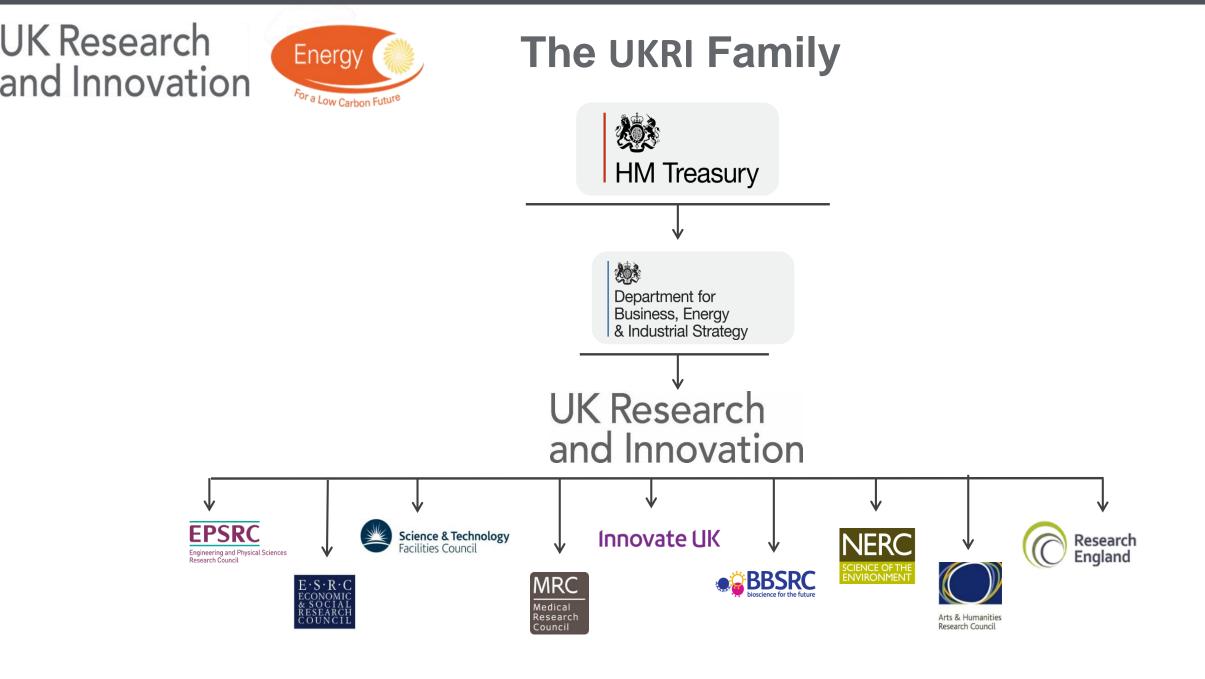
# UKRI organisation



#### UK Research and Innovation (UKRI),

launched in April 2018, is the new funding organisation for research and innovation in the UK.

UKRI brings together the seven **UK Research Councils, Innovate UK** and a new organisation, **Research England**, working closely with its partner organisations in the devolved administrations.







**UK Research and Innovation:** Drivers for the formation of UKRI

- Greater strategic vision for UK science
- Providing a stronger voice into Government in support of UK science
- Creating greater space for individual Research Councils to put more effort into science (and less into back-office)
- Enabling greater co-ordination including for interdisciplinary research
- Improved policy for science and improved science for policy



#### **UK Research and Innovation:** The numbers

- More than £6.5 billion in combined budget per year
- **3,900** research and business grants issued every year
- **151** universities receiving research funding
- **38** institutes, laboratories, units, campuses and innovation catapults





#### **UK Research and Innovation:** Foundations for research and innovation

To achieve our vision, we need to get the foundations right. We will focus on **four key areas** 



#### Leading talent

Nurturing the pipeline of current and future talent



#### A trusted and diverse system

Driving a culture of equality, diversity and inclusivity providing the best opportunities for individuals and teams of people from all backgrounds to thrive



#### **Openness and transparency**

Supporting the development of a research and innovation system that is accessible, transparent and cooperative



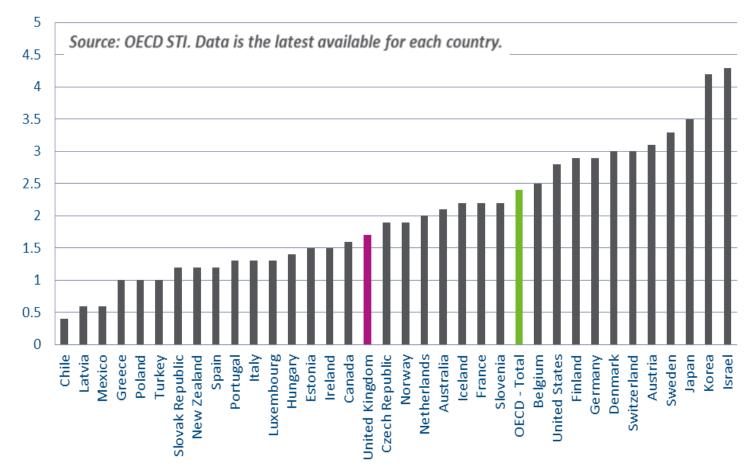
#### **Research culture**

Promoting the highest standards of research, collaboration and integrity.





#### Gross Expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP



#### **UK Research and Innovation:** Working towards 2.4%

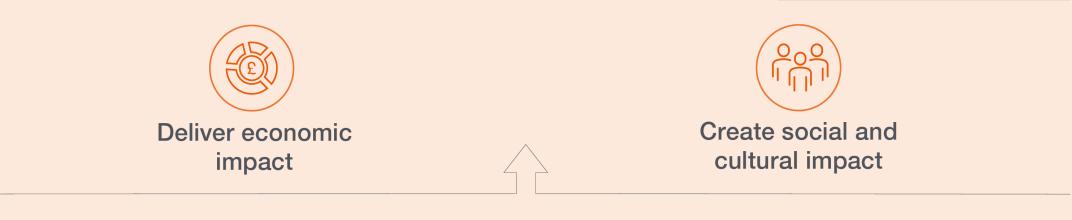
- In 2015 UK's expenditure on R&D represented 1.7% of GDP below the OECD average R&D intensity of 2.4%.
- The Government has committed to reaching **2.4% of GDP** investment in R&D by 2027, and to reaching **3%** in the longer term. As a first step it will invest an additional **£2.3 billion** over what was previously planned in 2021/22. UKRI worked with Government to develop a roadmap for meeting this target, published in 2018.

UK Research and Innovation



Benefiting everyone through knowledge, talent and ideas

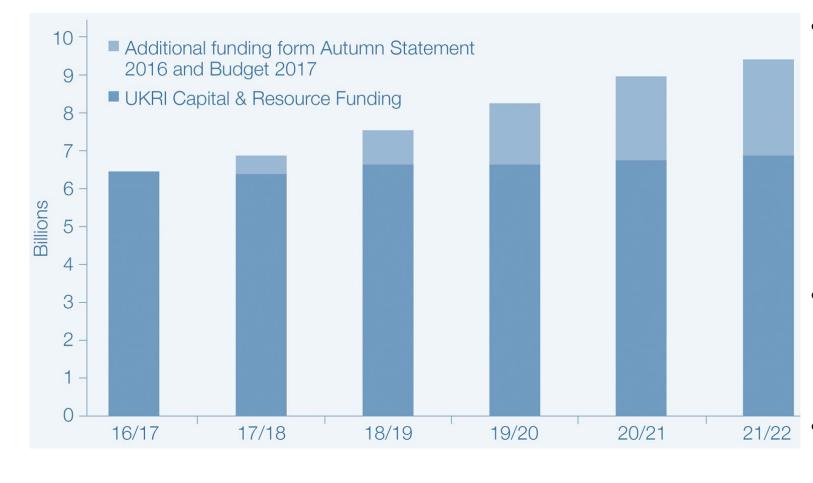
# Delivering UKRI's vision and the Government target of 2.4% of GDP spend



Push frontiers of human knowledge and understanding



# **UK Research and Innovation:** £7 billion more for R&D



- In the 2016 Autumn
  Statement £4.7 billion of
  additional funding for R&D
  was announced, with a rising
  profile, over the period
  2017/18 to 2020/21.
- The 2017 Budget saw an additional £2.3 billion added in 2021/22
- Much of this funding is being delivered through UKRI



# UK Research and Innovation:

Additional funding and the Industrial Strategy

#### The Government published its Industrial Strategy White Paper in November 2017



Additional funding available through the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF)*	2017-18 (£m)	2018-19 (£m)	2019-20 (£m)	TOTAL (£m)
Industrial Strategy Research Fund (ISCF)	195	270	260	725
Strength in Places Fund	2	32	81	115
Strategic Priorities Fund	70	190	320	580
Fund for International Collaborations	10	45	55	110
Additional funding to support Talent and Skills	22	98	180	300
TOTAL	299	635	896	1,830

\* approximate figures



# Working together within UKRI:

The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy



#### Investing in science, research and innovation

We must become a more innovative economy and do more to commercialise our world leading science base to drive growth across the UK

#### Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund

- Industry-led
- Building on UK strengths in industry and research
- Driving up productivity and growth
- Based on the best expert advice and evidence
- Tackling the most important challenges for our economy/society
- A very significant long-term investment
- A key element of the Industrial Strategy

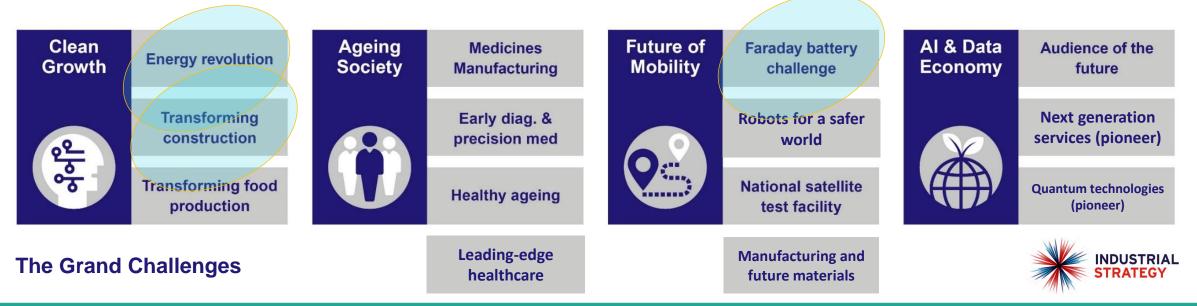




#### **Working together within UKRI:** The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy

Included in the Government's £4.7 billion increase in research and development funding over 4 years:

- **£246 million** investment in the **Faraday Battery Challenge** through the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF) wave one.
- £103 million investment in Energy Revolution and £170 million in Transforming Construction through ISCF wave two.







## **Working together within UKRI:** The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy

## Clean and flexible energy – the Faraday Battery Challenge

The Faraday Battery Challenge comprises a **£246 million** commitment over 4 years to fully exploit the industrial opportunity of vehicle electrification through worldleading batteries developed, designed and manufactured in the UK, by:

- Increasing multi-disciplinary application-led research in battery technologies
- Supporting UK businesses' investment capability in research, development, demonstration and testing of battery technology
- Using R&D to secure additional overseas investment







# Working together within UKRI:

The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy

#### **Clean and flexible energy – the Faraday Battery Challenge**









#### Working together within UKRI:

The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy

#### **Prospering from the Energy Revolution**

- Prove investable, scalable local business models by 2022, that
  - deliver cleaner, cheaper energy services
  - build more prosperous and resilient communities
  - benefit the whole energy system
  - use integrated, intelligent approaches
- Unlock private investment in local integrated energy systems in 2020s (vs business as usual).
- Accelerate new products and services to commercialisation creating real world proving grounds.
- Build UK leadership in integrated energy services provision

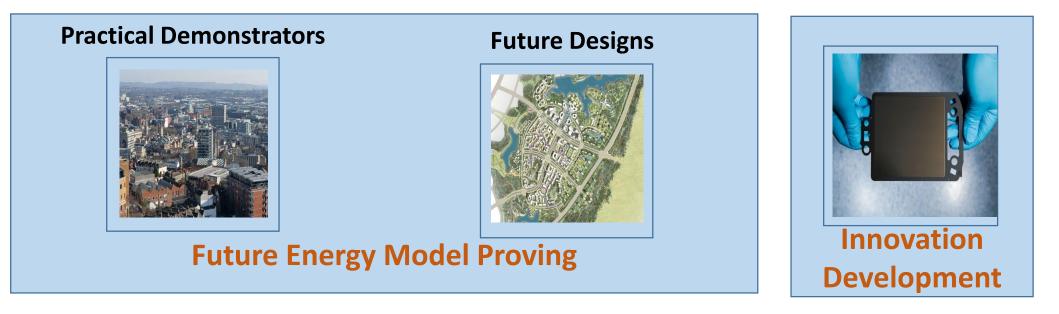




## Working together within UKRI:

The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy

#### **Prospering from the Energy Revolution**







#### **Working together within UKRI:** The Industrial Strategy – investing in energy

#### **Transforming construction**

- This ISCF challenge will bring together the construction, manufacturing, energy and digital sectors to revolutionise how we deliver the buildings the UK needs.
- Concentrating on:
  - How we manufacture buildings
  - How we digitally design & manage buildings
  - How we power buildings

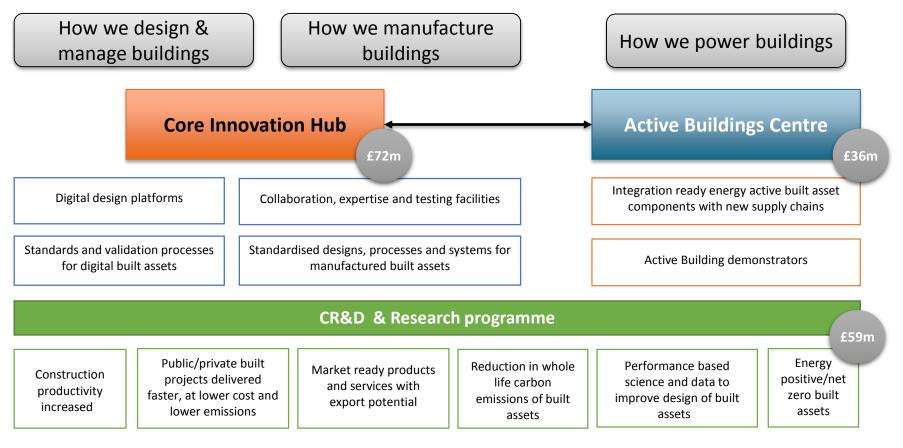






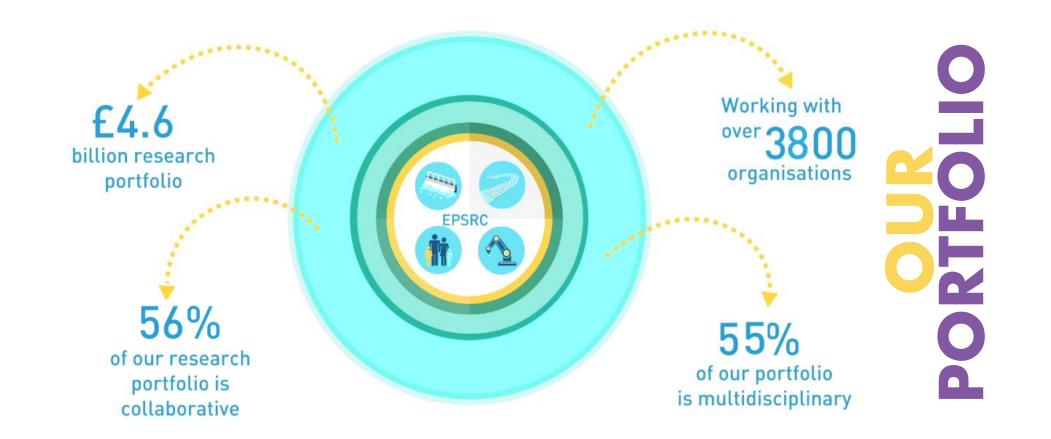
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#### **Transforming construction**





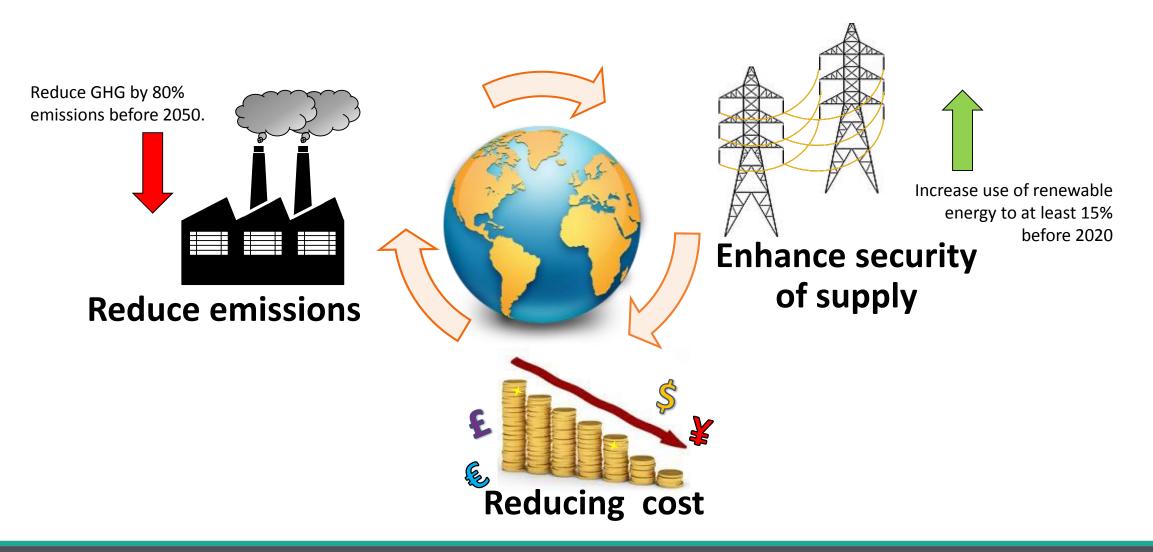








**Research Councils' Energy Programme:** Tackling all elements of the energy 'trilemma'





## **Research Councils' Energy Programme:** Key programme objectives

To support a **full spectrum of energy research** to help the UK meet the objectives and targets set out in the 2007 Energy White Paper. To **work in partnership** to contribute to the research and postgraduate training needs of energy-related business and other key stakeholders.

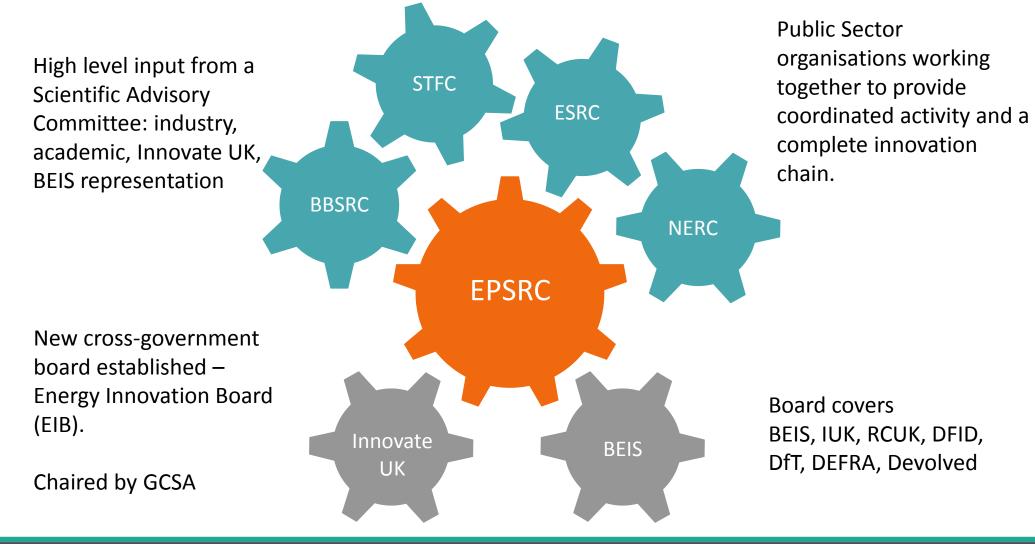
To increase the **international visibility** and **level of international collaboration** within the UK energy research portfolio.

To expand **UK research** capacity in energy-related areas.



# **Cross Council Energy Programme**

The Research Councils work together to plan, develop and deliver energy research and training within a common strategic framework through the Research Councils Energy Programme.







**Research Councils' Energy Programme:** Working together – cross-UKRI activities

- UK Energy Research Centre Phase 3 (£14 million, led by EPSRC with ESRC and NERC) and Phase 4 (£18 million, led by EPSRC with NERC and ESRC).
- UK-China Offshore Renewables Energy (£4 million from Newton Fund led by EPSRC with NERC, matched funding from NSFC, China).
- Accelerating CCUS Technologies (ACT) £6.5 million led by BEIS with NERC and EPSRC, plus funding from international partners.
- **CDT in priority area of renewable energy** (led by EPSRC, NERC contribution of £2.2 million).
- InnovateUK Energy Catalyst calls (1-6) with co-funding from EPSRC (and other Government departments)
- Bioenergy Supergen Hub (EPSRC with BBSRC)
- NERC and ESRC £8 million programme on Unconventional Hydrocarbons in the UK Energy System: environmental and socio-economic impacts and processes

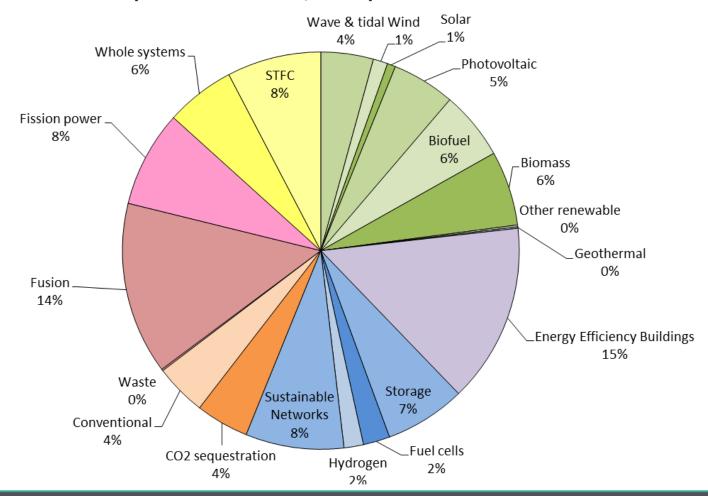




## **Research Councils' Energy Programme: Our portfolio**

The Energy Programme positions the UK to meet its energy and environmental targets and continues to be a major funding investment strand for the UK Research Councils.

#### Energy Programme 2014-15 Annual Expenditure £193M; total portfolio £940M





# **RCUK Energy Teams - EPSRC**

**Dr Sam Riches** 



**Dr Jim Fleming** Head of Theme



**Dr Luke Davies** Head of Faraday Challenge



**Dr Neil Bateman** Senior Energy Manager, Nuclear Fusion, International, Decarbonising Electricity



**Dr Bill McAllister** Senior Energy Manager Faraday Institute, Energy Storage, Decarbonising Transport



Miss Jasmine Cain Power Networks, Whole Energy Systems



**Dr Lizzy Bent** Bioenergy,, Carbon capture and storage, Conventional generation, Unconventional hydrocarbons, Geothermal



**Dr Ruhina Miller** Solar. Offshore Renewables



Head of Decarbonising Industrial Clusters

**Dr Christina Turner** Head of Prospering from the Energy Revolution



**Dr Katharine Dunn** Senior Energy Manager, Hydrogen and Alternative Energy Vectors, Fuel Cell Technology, Industry Strategy, Supergen



Dr Gerard Davies Senior Energy Manager, Decarbonising Heat, Enviro

Senior Energy Manager, Decarbonising Heat, Environmental Change. Prospering from the Energy Revolution

**Mr Edward Jones** End Use Energy Demand (EUED)



**Dr Heather Macklyne** Nuclear Fission



#### Head of Energy : Jim

Decarbonising Electricity : Neil Renewables: Solar, Bioenergy, and ORE

> Nuclear: Fission and Fusion

Decarbonising Industry: Katharine Decarbonising Heat: Gerard Decarbonising Transport: Bill

Storage and Alternative Vectors: Hydrogen, Energy Storage and Fuel Cells

Greenhouse Gas: CCS and Conventional Generation

Energy Infrastructure: EUED, Networks and Whole Energy Systems





### **RCUK Energy Teams**

#### ESRC

- Sophie Martin
- Claire Spooner
- < Ben Miller

#### **BBSRC**

- Rod Westrop
- Elizabeth Saunders

#### NERC

- Beth House
- < Weihao Zhong
- Michelle Truman

#### STFC

Stephen Loader





## Scientific Advisory Committee

Main Advisory Body

Council —→	Governing board
SAN $\longrightarrow$	Cross-theme advisory network

NAME	AFFILIATION	EXPERTISE	NAME	AFFILIATION	EXPERTISE	SATs
Dr Keith Maclean (Chair)	UKERC	Energy system	Professor Karl Whittle	University of Liverpool	Nuclear fission, materials	
Dr Iliana Portugues	National Grid	Energy Networks	Professor Deborah Greaves	University of Plymouth	Marine renewable energy	HM Government
Mr Rob Millar	Williams Advanced Engineering	Batteries and EVs	Dr Mike Colechin	Independent	Energy systems	
Dr Valeska Ting	University of Bristol	Energy Materials	Dr Jeanette Whitaker	Centre for Ecology & Hydrology	Bioenergy	
Professor John Barrett	University of Leeds	Energy Economics	Professor Stephen McArthur	University of Strathclyde	Energy Networks	The Clean Growth Strategy Leading the way to a low carbon future
Professor Jonathan Radcliffe	University of Birmingham	Energy Systems and Policy	Professor Philip Eames	Loughborough University	Heat	
Professor Stuart Haszeldine	University of Edinburgh	Carbon Capture and Storage, geological disposal	Professor Peter Robertson	Queen's University Belfast	Solar Technology	
Professor Serena Corr	University of Sheffield	Materials, Energy Storage	Professor Janette Webb	University of Edinburgh	Economics of Energy	Building our Industrial Strategy
Professor David Manning	Newcastle University	Natural Environment				





#### EPSRC Investing in research for discovery and innovation Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. EPSRC is part of UK Research and Innovation g

Home improvements

Science and engineering for a hi-tech low carbon world

Aston Martin DB11 - the supercar with green credentials

Self-sufficient buildings powered by sunshine

Mark Miodownik on the circular economy of plastics

Squeezing more juice from electric vehicle batteries

Recycling eggshells into plastics makes cracking savings

3D-printed metals for stronger, lighter manufacturing

Self-healing, longer-lasting concrete



#### Saving our energy

If we're serious about saving the planet for future generations, we have to get serious about how we generate, consume, store and safeguard our energy supply. EPSRC's Head of Energy, Dr Jim Fleming, describes EPSRC's sustainable energy commitments

Funded under the UKRI Energy Programme, Subergen is a accommodate and sustain large multidisciplinary research initiative quantities of renewable energy. er suring continued economic growth as the country moves toward a circular economy decarbonises its industry and in this awareness of environmental transport sectors, and transitions eway concerns from its dependence on fessil fuels. EPSRC leads the UKRI Energy Programme on behalf of all UK Research Councils: Our £1.1 billion er ergy portfol o covers the full range of speculative and user-led energy research from biofuels, solar tida generation and supply. and wind energy to sustainable energy storage and secure electricity networks. Through our investments we are also nurturing the next generation of highly skilled energy researchers. We have long record sed that so ut ons to the global energy conundrum can only come through coordinated. multidisciplinary research. Which is why since 2003, we have led Supergen-For example, the rapid increase in [see page 31], the UK's flagship

Supergen

generation and supply

covering a vast green energy landscape, Bioenergy taking in areas such as c, mate change, tossil fuel extraction rates, Bigenerov - derived from either burning or chemical treatment of biomass crops such as willow and emissions control, and increasing raste - is an exciting research er Focusing on collaborative research attractine some of the UK's most innovative researchers, among them Professor Jason Hallett, from Imperial UK meet its environmental emissions. targets through a racical improvement With PhD student, Florence Oschwend, in the sustainability of the UK's power Professor Hallett formed a company Chrysalix Technologies, to transform Research into renewable energy is unwanted waste wood into a low cost destined to play a pivotal role in the UK power generation matrix. The rew material for use in the production clean end inexpensive chemicals, scientists and end neers we support in this field are tackling a host of challenges, including the intermittent. ourtured the careers of other members nature of solar and wind energy, the adapt to a constantly changing input. and the decarbonisation of transport

Chambon, who successfully balanced her PhD with her role as co-to inc enterprise Opria, which is working to the number of electric vehicles on UK to rural India. reads will require the development



#### SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Setapult on projects such as improving the off cicricy and rollability of wind To further support research in this turbines, and reducine intermittency ynamic field, in 2018 we invested in a new Supergen Bloenergy Flub led by Professor Facric all homeby from Aston University. The hub on r Synapted 10, a bornmany de-founde by Dr Philip Orr, a former EPSRC-supported PhD student, has develop together a network of academic industria, and policy stakeholders. sensor based optical fibre technology for real time monitoring and control o max mise the environmental bene' a of sustemable bleenergy offshore wind assets, such as furbines. which by their nature are remote and naccessible. The technology Wind, wave and tidal energy Research into harnessing the word significantly reduces companies and tidal currents is alreedy well eparating costs established in the UK which has the Solar greatest wind energy potential in Europe, and EPSRD supports work Scian energy is the only renewable energy technology that in theory if leading research into the harvesting of energy from waves and tidal streams. coupled with s on fident emounts of op and of idional energy store Among recent initiatives, in 2018 we could meet all of the world's energy invested in a new Supergen Offshore Renewable Linergy (0.42, Hub, led needs. The researchers we support continue to develop new technologies in this field, combining with industry terreted of the second stress proclically and efficiency. Many how successfully accered their academic research to commercial and loation For example, so an visionary Protessor Henry Snarth, from the University of UK needs to maintain its landing Ok needs to marka h is leading position in this field. The serie are addressing actional, are numerical and number planary challenges which require a coordinated response at Oxtend who preheared the development of hybrid materials for energy and photovollatics, formed Ox one FV to brind his research to market. national and regional level. The company is now the advacededged Among other EPSRC-funded projects, leader in the field of perovsible sclar Professor Smoves is co-laccing an collie, which could transform the economics of elligen solar prangy initialize to investigate the effect of severe wave impacts on lighthouses. or or other Іяни раси 321. Profession Smarth tips race yed a tips Many of the challennes facility offshore renewable energy generation and supply initiated a new international research will be solved through the application of exciting new technologies such as robotics and automation. Our field, and has the potential to bring solar energy to the market at a fraction investments in this area include a Sunlight is a clabal, view we and Orline FV is a partner in a 17 million FF3EO-funced constraint of 12 UK are Indian universities helping E4 million academia/industry consortium, led by the University of Monchester, investigating the use of robotics, antificial intell ponce and other acvances technologies to run villaces in India adapt their buildings and maintain ethsnere windtamns to homes solar power for off-or of use A key partner in this project is the SPECIFIC in metion and Knowledge To enable the speecy transition of fundamental CRE research to Contro face page 29) commercial apolication, we work close Another example of the internationally with our UKId control Innevate UK. and its Offshere Kenewable Energy relevant nature of our perifolie is the FONDER 19 Automo 2015

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## **Current Priorities**



- Investment in high-quality, inter-disciplinary research to target the **energy 'trilemma**' of reducing carbon emissions, energy security and affordability
- Systems Approach: whole energy systems and integration within the energy system.
- **Understanding Future Energy Options:** Social, governmental environmental and economic implications.
- Reducing Energy Consumption and Demand: Development of behavioural, market and technological advances informed by a whole system understanding.
- Enabling Technologies: that underpin research across disciplines, such as energy storage, materials, digital technology.
- Speculative Research: To define future energy options and draw developments from other disciplines into energy research.
- Accelerated Deployment of Technologies: Working with Innovate UK, BEIS, ETI/Energy Systems Catapult and others to tackle challenges around deployment and encourage policy and user impact from research, e.g. the Energy Catalyst
- Building Capacity and Diversity: Providing the skilled people to deliver new energy futures through the training and development of new researchers, policy makers and business leaders. e.g. Growth in career advancement and leadership fellows.
- Build on our major international links: Working with India, China and other priority countries, enabling leading researchers to address global energy challenges together.





**Major Recent Investments** 

- Supergens
- UKERC Phase 4
- CREDs
- Nuclear DISTINCTIVE/PACIFIC
- Programme Grants
- Smart Meter Research Portal
- CSRF
- International









## **Research Councils' Energy Programme: EPSRC's current priorities (2)**

- Current calls
  - Decarbonising Transport Networks+
  - Energy Storage Network+
  - UK-Japan Nuclear Decommissioning
  - EUED Technologies
  - UK-South Korea Nuclear
  - UK involvement in 2019 NEUP programme
  - Also... investment through ISCF, SPF, FIC



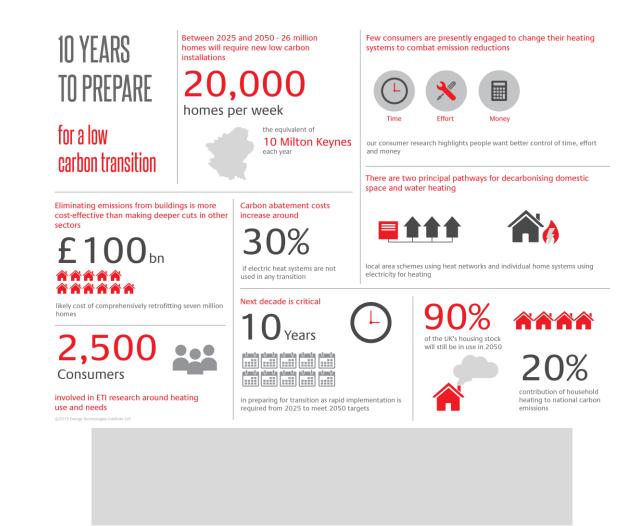






# Upcoming

- Decarbonising Heat Workshop
  - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Towards Sustainable Materials for Energy Applications Workshop
  - materials science community workshop on 26 March 2019
    - Physical Sciences Theme
- Japan Civil Nuclear
- India Civil Nuclear
  - 30 April 2019
- Follow Ups to Current Calls







As an investor in research, we are committed to attracting the best researchers from a diverse population into research and innovation careers.

The RCUK Action Plan for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion launched in May 2016. EPSRC Implementation plan includes:

#### **1. Ensuring Fair and Unbiased Peer Review:**

- Fairness of peer review processes reviewed
- Introducing bespoke unconscious bias training for staff, panel chairs, members, peer reviewers
- Piloting anonymous peer review process



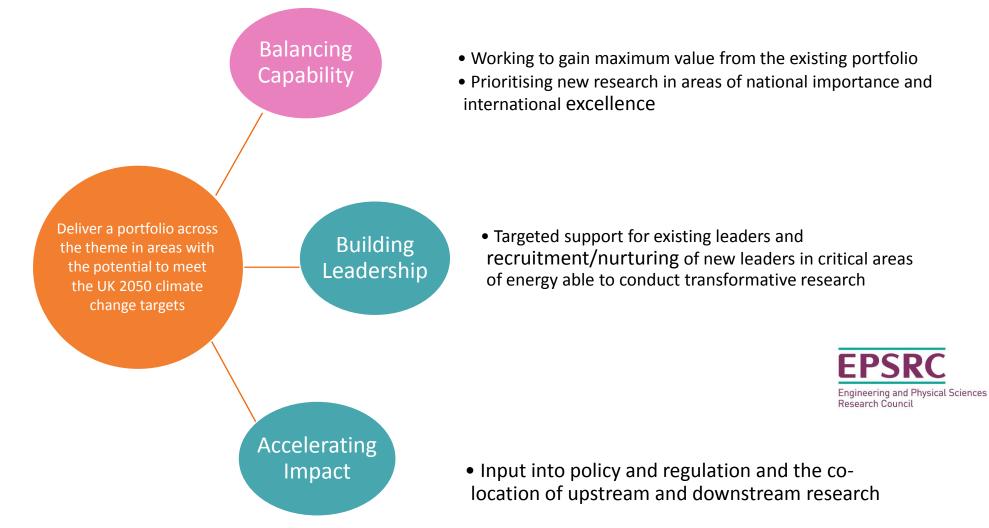
## **Research and Training**

Research Schemes	Training Schemes			
New Investigator awards	Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs)			
Standard grants (responsive mode)	EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Nuclear Fission- Next Generation Nuclear			
Programme Grants	EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training inLee, Professor WE, ImperialNuclear Energy: Building UK Civil NuclearCollege LondonSkills for Global Markets.College London			
Fellowships	Professor P Crossley, The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Power Networks at The University of Manchester			
Managed Calls	EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Future Power Networks and Smart Grids McArthur, Professor S University of Strathclyde			
Infrastructure	Doctoral training awards (DTPs)			
High Performance Computing	Industrial CASE awards (iCASE)			





## **EPSRC Strategies and Energy**



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Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council





## Balancing Capability

Research Area	Action
Bioenergy	Maintain
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	Maintain
End Use Energy Demand (Energy Efficiency )	Maintain
Hydrogen and Alternative Vectors	Maintain
Marine, wave and tidal	Maintain
Nuclear Fission	Maintain
Solar Technology	Maintain
Storage	Grow
Whole Systems	Maintain
Fuel Cell Technology	Reduce
Wind Energy	Maintain
Fossil Fuel Power Generation	Maintain
Energy Networks	Maintain
Materials for Energy Applications	Grow
Catalysis	Maintain
Infrastructure and Urban Systems	Maintain



# Building Leadership – Centres for Doctoral Training

#### The aims of our CDTs:

- Provide a stimulating multidisciplinary training experience
- Teach topical courses that balance cutting edge technologies with fundamental principles and core concepts
- Develop transferable skills in leadership, business and research management
- Foster innovative, internationally leading research
- Work in partnership with industry to provide industrial experience and maintain relevance
- Call launched early 2018; shortlisted 200 (main call); decisions by end of 2018; launch February 2019







stage



# **Building Leadership - Fellowships**

- Support for three stages:
  - Postdoctoral
  - Early Career
  - Established Career
- A '**person specification**' is used to describe the desired attributes for each career

Post-doctoral Fellowships	Early career Fellowships	Established career Fellowships
Bioenergy	Bioenergy	
End-use Energy Demand	End-use Energy Demand	End-use Energy Demand
	Carbon Capture and Storage	Carbon Capture and Storage
Energy Networks	Energy Networks	
Energy Storage	Energy Storage	Energy storage
Nuclear Fission	Nuclear Fission	
Solar Energy	Solar Energy	
	Offshore Renewable	Offshore Renewable
	Hydrogen and Alternative Vectors	Hydrogen and Alternative Vectors
Energy Systems Integration	Energy Systems Integration	Energy Systems Integration

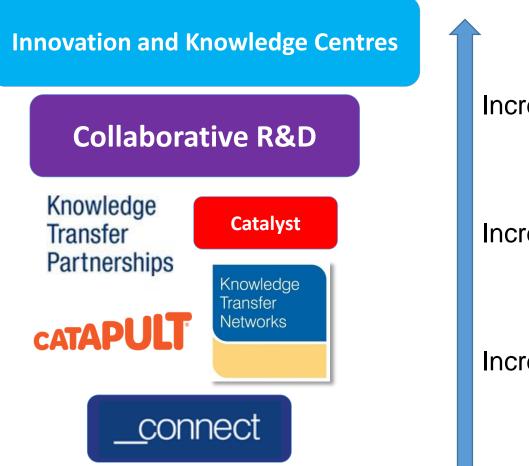








### Research Councils' Energy Programme: Joint working across UKRI– a broad collaborative spectrum



#### Increasing alignment

Increasing level of activity

#### Increasingly common objectives



## **Energy Catalyst**

- The Energy Catalyst is a programme that supports UK-based businesses to develop highly innovative, market-focused energy technologies.
- Recent calls have focussed on DFID and EPSRC funding
- Projects can involve universities, SMEs and large companies
- There are three stages of award:
  - Early stage technical feasibility
  - Mid stage technology development
  - Late stage technology validation

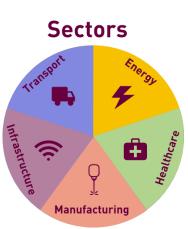
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#### **Research-Business Partnerships for a Prosperous Nation**

- Prosperity Partnerships engage large international businesses and smaller companies in long-term, low TRL, user-inspired EPS research
- Support for existing, strategic, research-based partnerships between businesses and universities
- Opportunity for co-investment in large-scale collaborative research programmes in low TRL research









#### **Delivering Enhanced Through-Life Nuclear Asset Management**

- A £2.2M award to the University of Strathclyde, working in partnership with Babcock, BAM Nutall, Bruce Power, EDF Energy, Kinectrics and The Weir Group
- Complements and expands research undertaken in the context of the Advanced Nuclear Research Centre at the University of Strathclyde, which already had considerable engagement from the project partners

#### A New Partnership in Offshore Wind

- A **£3.9M** award to the University of Sheffield, working in partnership with **Siemens Gamesa**, Ørsted, Durham University, University of Hull
- To address the fundamental research problems that will help to reduce the levelised cost of electricity from offshore wind
- To enable the UK to remain at the forefront of offshore wind technologies and to support UK supply chain growth

All-perovskite Multi-junction Solar Cells – University of Oxford & Oxford PV Smart Pumping for Subsurface Engineering – Strathclyde University & The Weir Group









Partners: Ørsted, Durham University, University of Hull





- Provide opportunities for **excellent UK researchers** to • flourish in global research collaborations
- Enhance the **value and impact** of research through • international collaboration
- Show our commitment to key global responsibilities in a world where challenges cross national boundaries
- Increase our influence in international research strategy  $\bullet$ and policy development.



## **Global Challenges Research Fund**

# The UK's place in the world

Global Challenges Research Fund

- Focus areas:
  - Equitable access to sustainable development
  - Sustainable economies and societies
  - Human rights, good governance and social justice

Global research: e.g. ALMA





## **International Engagement – Where?**

Focused on Priority Countries: China, India, USA, Europe





## Working together within UKRI: International engagement – China

- Over £30 million invested over last 6 years with matched Chinese effort.
- Initiatives in: renewable energies, grid- scale storage, CCS, cleaner fossil fuels, smart grids, vehicles to grid, low-carbon cities with NSFC, off-shore renewables, Low Carbon Manufacturing









### International - India

Department of Science and Technology Government of India

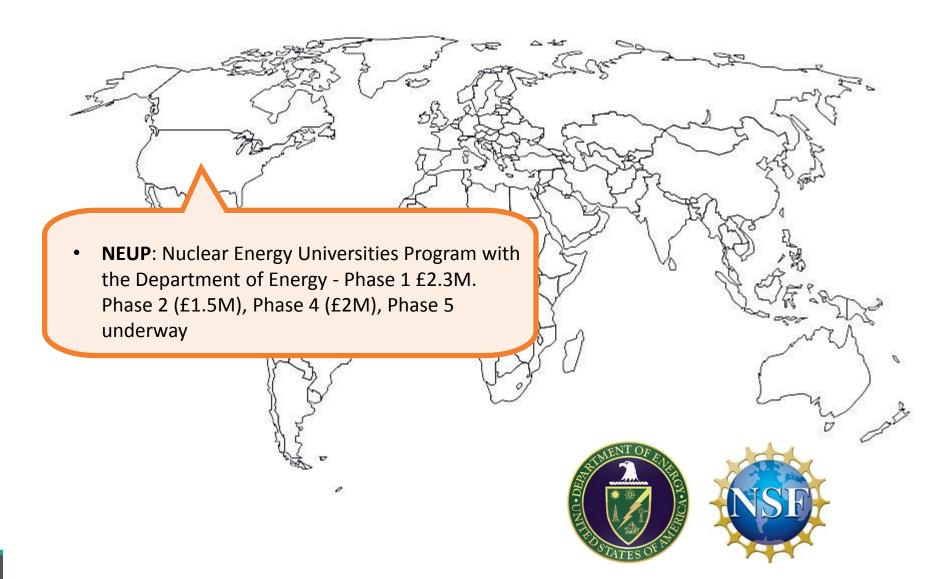


- **£20M invested** over last 4 years with matched Indian effort **Initiatives in:** solar energy, smart grids & storage, fuel cells, bridging the urban rural divide and civil nuclear
- Developing collaboration with India in civil nuclear (with agreement from FCO) and joining Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnerships (GCNEP)



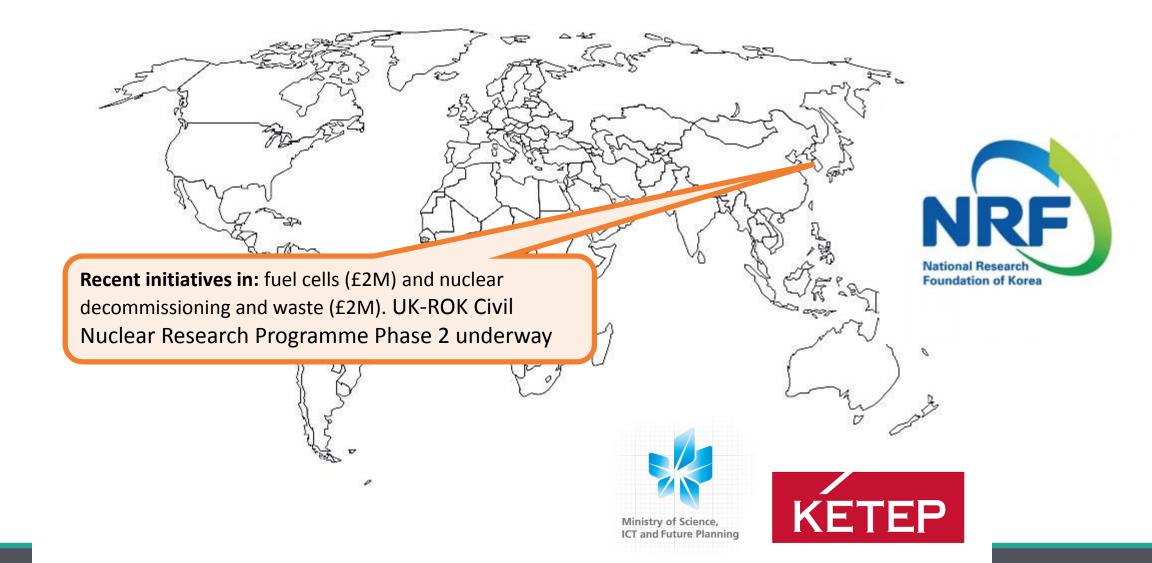
### **International - USA**





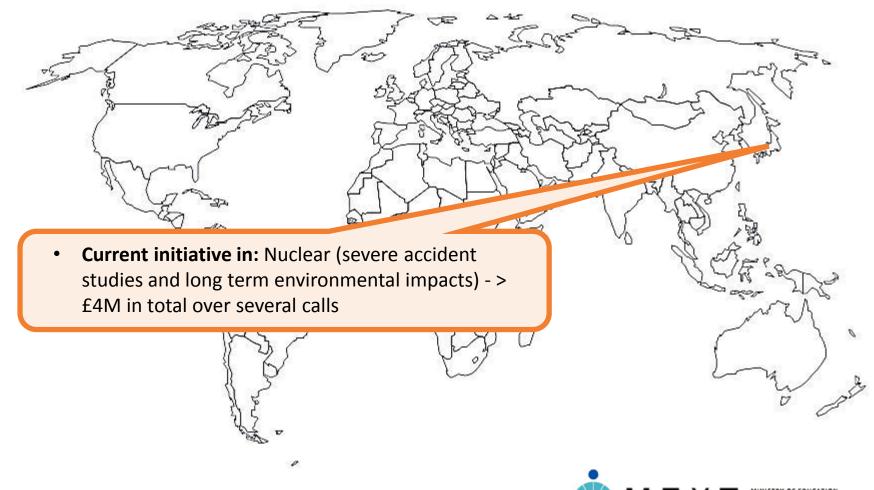


## International – New partners: Republic of Korea





## International - New partners: Japan



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## Any questions?



