

### **UK Governmental policy on greener maritime sector**

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The UK government is committed to achieving a decarbonised, sustainable maritime industry that continues to deliver for the global economy. Our approach to decarbonisation comprises both Research and Development funding and investment (such as UK SHORE) and a comprehensive policy and regulatory programme. The UK's 2021 Transport Decarbonisation Plan sets out an ambitious policy development programme to accelerate maritime decarbonisation in the sector, including consultations on proposals to extend the UK Emissions Trading Scheme to domestic maritime and establishing an ambitious 'Course to Zero' for the UK domestic maritime sector.

At last year's COP26 hosted in Glasgow, we joined a coalition of high ambition states and launched two key initiatives aimed at supporting industry's efforts to transition to low and zero emissions operations:

Operation Zero, focusing on an offshore renewable energy sector serviced by zero emissions vessels;

The Clydebank Declaration on Green Corridors, bringing together states to unlock zero emissions trade routes.

The UK maritime sector is capitalising on this huge and disruptive change. Building on our existing strength and expertise, and our rich maritime history, we are investing heavily into achieving a sector-wide transformation rooted in clean growth, digitisation and automation. The National Shipbuilding Strategy alone has committed £4bn investment in the next three years. We don't just produce world-class equipment – we also offer access to legal and technical advice and expertise, research and development, and a host of other services such as vessel certification and specialist maritime insurance. Our future-focused approach makes the UK a great partner for helping you solve your maritime challenges. No country alone can achieve the changes we all want and need to see going forward – it's essential we work together, building on our existing relationship and the strong economic ties between the UK and South Korea.