

MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND

1.

Invest in regional infrastructure

like 5G connectivity and sustainable transport links to create a business environment where manufacturers can grow and thrive to support communities and create good jobs

2.

Accelerate investment in digital and green

technologies like 5G and future transport to support the transition towards a more sustainable economy

3.

Support the region's vibrant higher education institutions

as they help deliver the skills of tomorrow to boost productivity and deliver shared economic growth across the UK

The South West's manufacturing sector accounts for **£15 BILLION OF OUTPUT**



Providing

245,000 JOBS

AVERAGE WAGES 27% HIGHER

than the rest of the economy in the region



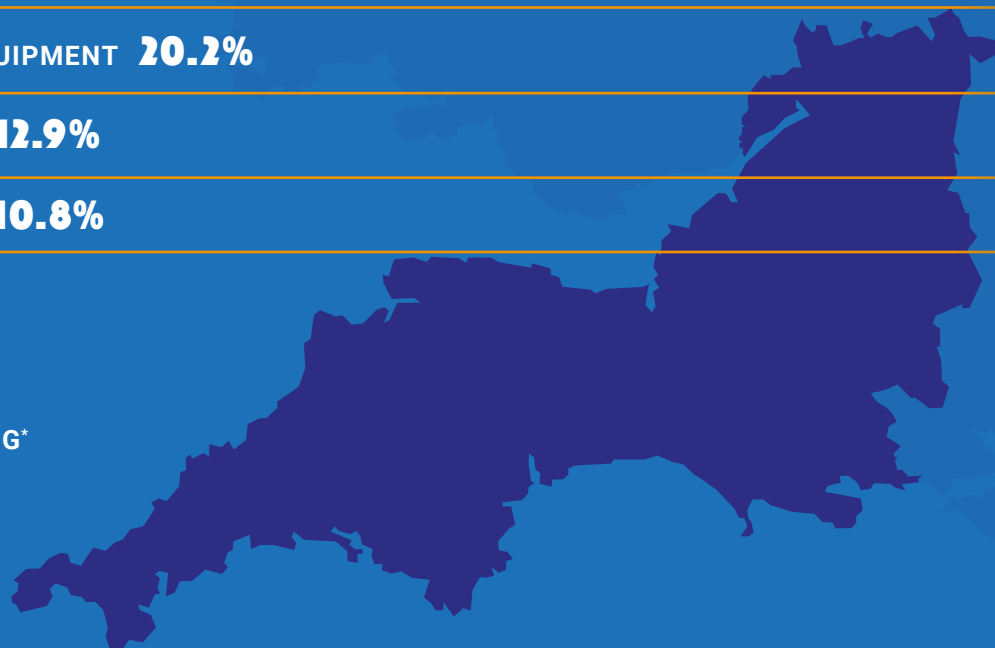
MANUFACTURING IN THE SOUTH WEST

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT **20.2%**

FOOD & DRINK **12.9%**

ELECTRONICS **10.8%**

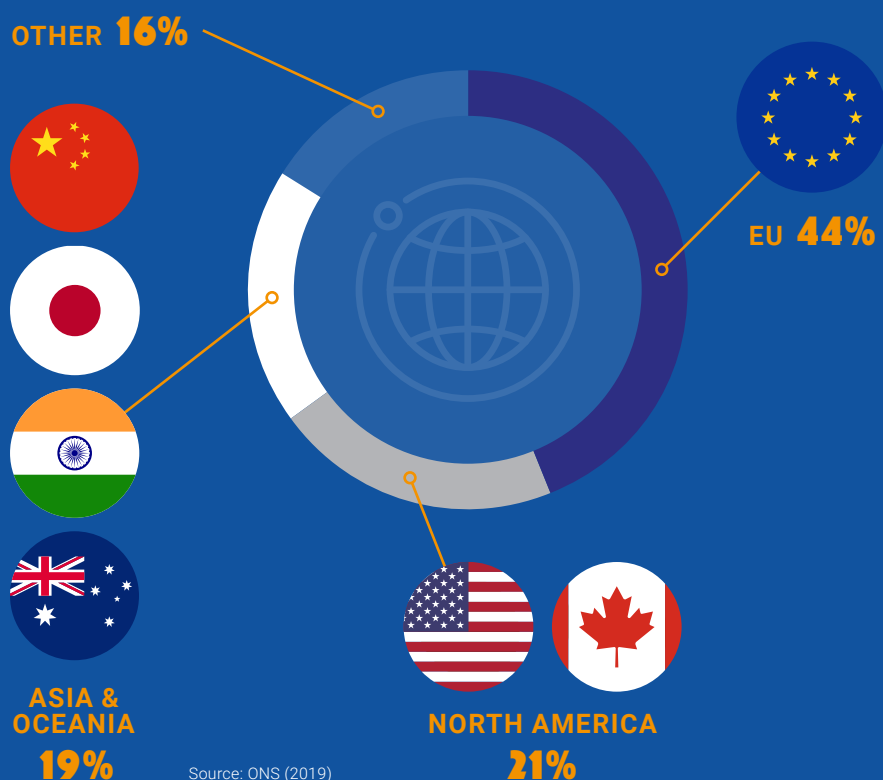
OTHER
MANUFACTURING*
56.1%



*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2019)

WHERE THE SOUTH WEST'S EXPORTS GO



Source: ONS (2019)

MANUFACTURING
ACCOUNTS FOR
11%
OF THE SOUTH WEST'S
TOTAL OUTPUT

THE SOUTH WEST'S
OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY
IS THE
5TH BEST
IN THE UK AT
89.4%

THE ROLE OF SOUTH WEST MANUFACTURERS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S LEVELLING UP AGENDA

To effectively level up across the South West, manufacturers want to see a coordinated, regional approach to drive the right changes through transport and digital infrastructure.

This would enable manufacturers to expand to new, high demand subsectors whilst bringing inward investment, prosperity and well paid jobs to communities across the region.

SOUTH WEST MANUFACTURERS' PLANS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



1. INVESTING IN PEOPLE



2. INVESTING IN PLANT AND MACHINERY



3. INVESTING IN OTHER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN THE SOUTH WEST SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



1. TRADITIONAL SECTOR CONSOLIDATION/EXPANSION



2. TRADING WITH NEW COUNTRIES

3. AUTONOMOUS ROBOTICS, VEHICLES AND AI



JIM DAVISON, REGION DIRECTOR - SOUTH WEST

"Manufacturing plays a huge role in the economy of the South West and it is vital that the future Mayor of the West of England harnesses the strength and vibrancy of the sector.

"The region benefits from a hugely diverse manufacturing base which drives growth and the creation of well paid, skilled jobs across all age groups . Our sector delivers world leading business to the region across aviation, marine and defence alongside food and drink and advanced manufacturing.

"Building upon this, the Mayor must ensure that the region's infrastructure is upgraded to boost future inward investment, and delivers an investment acceleration in digital and green technologies that will help create the upskilled and innovative jobs of the future. I look forward to working with the Mayor to ensure a successful partnership can be built and that provides a long-term vision with manufacturing at the heart of it. "



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Make UK is backing manufacturing – helping our sector to engineer a digital, global and green future. From the first industrial revolution to the emergence of the fourth, the manufacturing sector has been the UK's economic engine and the world's workshop.

Over the last year we have had:

- 350 political engagements, including 160 with government
- 15 meetings with key EU member states and the European Parliament influencing UK-EU negotiations
- Almost eight and half thousand mentions in the media with 59 broadcast interviews.

The manufacturers we represent employ 1.2 million people who have created the new technologies of today and are designing the innovations of tomorrow. By investing in their people, they continue to compete on a global stage, providing the solutions to the world's biggest challenges.

Together, manufacturing is changing, adapting and transforming to meet the future needs of the UK economy. A forward-thinking, bold and versatile sector, manufacturers are engineering their own future.

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