

MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

FOR THE NORTH EAST

The North East manufacturing sector accounts for

£8.5 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing 104,000 JOBS



AVERAGE WAGES 21% HIGHER



than the rest of the economy in the region

1.

Support manufacturers in the region to **deliver the jobs of the future** through the development of regional skills programmes. These initiatives provide manufacturers with the skills they need and can launch the career of students in a high paying exciting sector.

2.

Upgrade transportation networks including roads and public transit. The quality of infrastructure can be a large barrier to accessing labour and skills, the lifeblood of the manufacturing sector. As well as this manufacturers more than other make use of road and rail networks for logistical purposes.

3.

Support the ever growing industrial diversification of the region through policies which allow the transformation of the manufacturing sector to take advantage of the vibrant new and emerging industries throughout the North East, embracing Net Zero, digitalisation and upskilling employees.

MANUFACTURING IN THE NORTH EAST

PHARMACEUTICALS **17.9%**

METAL PRODUCTS **12.8%**

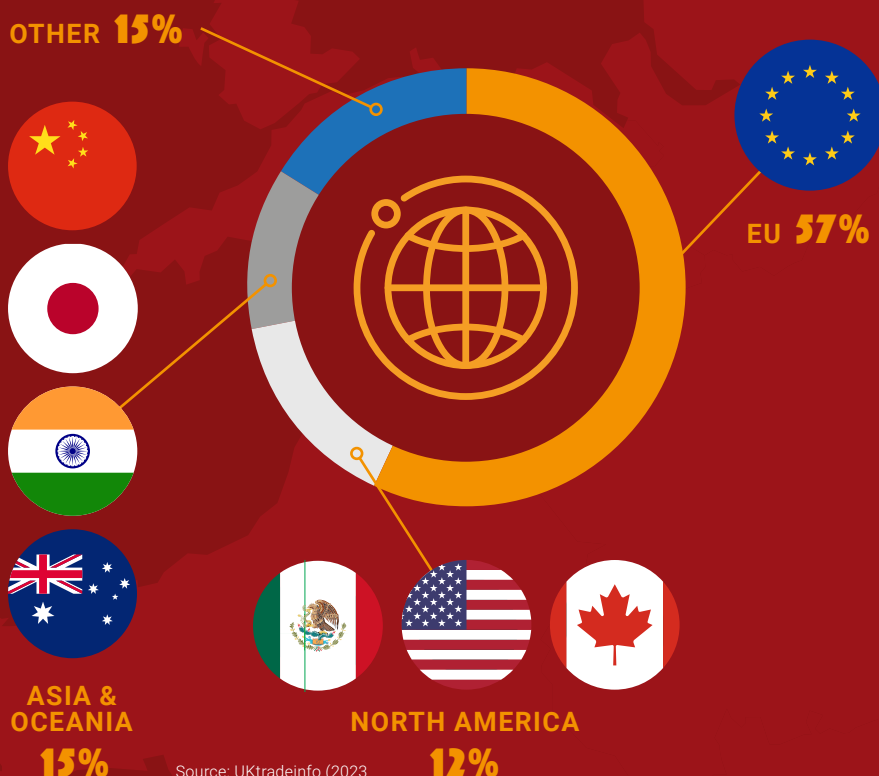
MACHINERY EQUIPMENT **11.9%**

OTHER
MANUFACTURING*
57.4%

*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2019)

WHERE NORTH EAST EXPORTS GO



MANUFACTURING
ACCOUNTS FOR
15%
OF THE NORTH EAST'S
TOTAL OUTPUT

THE NORTH EAST'S
**OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY**
IS THE
8TH BEST
IN THE UK AT
85.9%

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN THE NORTH EAST SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE.



**1. EXISTING
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT
AND TRAINING**



**2. DIGITALISATION
AND AUTOMATION**



**3. EXPANSION OF
PRODUCTION CAPACITY**

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN THE NORTH EAST SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



**1. RENEWABLE ENERGY
TECHNOLOGY (E.G. SOLAR, WIND)**



**2. ELECTRIC
VEHICLES AND
ASSOCIATED
COMPONENTS**

**3. SUSTAINABLE
AND ECO-
FRIENDLY
PRODUCTS**



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Manufacturing has always had a crucial presence in the economy of the North East, and it's vital to continue building on the region's strength. Manufacturers in the North East can drive growth by creating well-paid, skilled jobs, and it's essential to seize future opportunities provided through the shift to net zero.

Building upon this, regional infrastructure and skill programmes must be improved. Greater collaboration between business, education, and government will be essential in encouraging innovation and providing manufacturers with the skills they need to take advantage of emerging industries throughout the North East..



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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.

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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