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**NZTC offering up to £500K per technology project in latest funding competition**

* Net Zero Technology Centre launches its 2023 open innovation programme with a focus on digital solutions.
* Six-week funding window opening on 9th January 2023.
* Potential for selected technologies to secure up to £500K NZTC funding with the potential of additional match funding from industry.

The Net Zero Technology Centre has today (9th January) launched its 2023 Open Innovation Programme aimed at developing and deploying data and digital technologies that will reduce offshore emissions, accelerate clean energy production, and enable delivery of the UK’s net zero ambitions.

Businesses from across the globe can apply for up to £500K NZTC funding, with the potential of additional match funding from industry to support their technology development and deployment projects. The projects must support the transition towards net zero with an obligation of trialling and deploying technology within the UK continental shelf. As well as funding, the projects will also gain access to data, facilities, and technical expertise from industry. Six technology focus areas have been identified for the funding competition:

1. Integrated data platforms
2. Visual simulations
3. Predictive automation
4. Ultimate remote operations
5. Trials/demos for today's robots
6. Robotic manipulation capability

**Myrtle Dawes, Solution Centre Director, Net Zero Technology Centre** commented: “Our 2023 Open Innovation Programme builds on the success of our 2022 programme, which awarded over £20 million to 23 game-changing net zero technologies made up of £8 million from NZTC and over £12 million co-funded by industry.

“The 2023 funding competition will focus on digitally based solutions to create an integrated energy system recognising the pivotal role they play on our journey to net zero. We are asking for key use cases that demonstrate delivery of emissions reduction and clean energy innovations that will deliver our overall net zero ambition.”

**Scottish Government Business Minister Ivan McKee** said: “The launch of the Open Innovation Programme is welcome news not just for the region but for Scotland as a whole. Through the Aberdeen City Region Deal, the Scottish Government is investing £90 million in the Net Zero Technology Centre.

“The Scottish Government is fully committed to reach net-zero by 2045, and programmes like this play an important role in reaching these targets. The Open Innovation Programme will aid our transition to net-zero and attract new jobs to the region, helping us boost economic growth.”

**UK Government Minister for Scotland Malcolm Offord** said:"It's fantastic to see the launch of the Open Innovation Programme. This funding will help to develop new and affordable technology solutions taking us closer to delivering a net-zero economy.

"The UK Government is investing £90 million in the Net Zero Technology Centre and the launch of this programme highlights the importance of our investment in accelerating energy transition while bringing new jobs to the region."

**For more information visit** [**www.netzerotc.com/funding**](https://theogtc.sharepoint.com/Supporting%20Processes/7.11%20Marketing%20%26%20External%20Communications/Campaigns%20and%20projects/2022/Funding%20windows/FW2/Press%20release/www.netzerotc.com/funding)

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**Notes to editors**

**Net Zero Technology Centre**

* Our purpose is to develop and deploy technology to accelerate an affordable net zero energy industry.
* The Net Zero Technology Centre was created as part of the Aberdeen City Region Deal, with £180 million of UK and Scottish government funding to maximise the potential of the North Sea.
* Since our inception in 2017, we have been advocates of the role of technology in decarbonising the oil and gas industry.
* More than £220 million has been co-invested with industry in technologies from effective well plugging and abandonment, asset integrity to autonomous robotics and renewable power systems. We have screened over 1,640 exciting new technologies, completed or progressed 175 field trials, over 33 technologies have been commercialised, 45 tech start-ups supported and we have helped generate £10-£15 billion GVA potential for the UK economy.
* Please click [here](http://www.netzerotc.com/) for further details about the Net Zero Technology Centre.

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