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Global Business Innovation Programme Taiwan - Offshore Renewable Energy

The Global Business Innovation Programme, organised by Innovate UK and delivered by Innovate UK EDGE, consists of a preparation phase, 5-day innovation visit focused on Offshore Renewable Energy, a post-visit exploitation workshop and follow-up support of approximately 12 months from an Innovate UK EDGE Innovation and Growth Specialist, helping your business maximise the opportunities identified, including developing innovation projects with partners in the territory. This initiative will be delivered physically.

Innovate UK is committed to ensure that anyone, from any background, has an equal opportunity to be successful.

Focus Areas:

We are currently accepting applications from innovative companies in the fixed and floating offshore wind and associated infrastructure sectors to join this initiative.

We welcome applications from companies developing new technologies in the offshore wind sector, with a focus on innovations that enable or improve installation, operation & maintenance, data management, and whole system integration with the electricity network. We are also looking for companies with expertise in robotics, remote inspection technologies, and strategic or operational planning and modelling.

Why Taiwan:

Taiwan is seen as an important emerging market for the growth of low carbon energy sources such as offshore wind. The Taiwanese Bureau of Energy recently announced plans to auction 15 GW of offshore wind capacity over the next 15 years across 36 zones.

In 2018, British Office Taipei and the Taiwan Offshore Wind Turbine Foundation and Marine Engineering Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the cooperation on offshore wind development in Taiwan, and in 2021 The Offshore Renewable Catapult signed an agreement with the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) in Taiwan to collaborate on large-scale offshore wind research and innovation projects for the Taiwanese offshore wind market.

Benefits:

- Explore Offshore Renewable Energy opportunities in Taiwan.
- A better understanding of the challenges and opportunities of doing business in Taiwan.
- Find potential innovation collaborators and partners and develop your network in the UK and globally.
- Improve your company value proposition to international partners and investors.

KEY DATES:

Applications
Close:
15 November
2021

Pre-Visit
Workshop:
15 - 16 December
2021

Market Visit:
From
15 - 21 January
2022

Post-Visit
Workshop:
18 May 2022



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WHAT TO EXPECT:

The Global Business Innovation Programme is structured around three main phases and each business will have a designated Innovate UK EDGE Innovation and Growth Specialist to support them for the duration of the offering, including developing an action plan to capitalise on the opportunities identified. The three main phases of the Global Business Innovation Programme are:-

- **Getting ready for the market:** Pre-activity briefing workshop to build knowledge and understanding of the market and potential opportunities, including how to do business, cultural aspects, how to protect your IP and training on how to improve your pitch and articulate your value proposition. (1 day workshop)
- **Market activities:** Explore the innovation opportunities first-hand through meeting with key companies and research organisations and potential collaborators and partners through pre-arranged meetings and organised matchmaking. (5 days of market related activity)
- **Exploiting the opportunity:** An exploitation workshop and one-to-one support from a Innovate UK EDGE Innovation and Growth Specialist to follow up and take advantage of the opportunities identified. (1 day workshop and as a guide, around 5 days working with an Innovate UK EDGE Adviser over a 12-month period)

INNOVATION VISIT - EXAMPLE ITINERARY (subject to change):

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
December	Access to virtual conference	15 - 21 January	Market visit to Taiwan
15 December (PM)	Workshop, ORE Catapult, Blyth	March	Access to virtual conference
16 December (AM)	Workshop, ORE Catapult, Blyth	18 May	GBIP Workshop (virtual)

TO APPLY FOR THIS INITIATIVE, YOU MUST:

Be a UK based innovation-led company with ambitions to grow and internationalise.

Be a company with fewer than 500 employees.

Be able to attend and complete all activities.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Innovate UK and Innovate UK EDGE will fund and organise flights, accommodation, in-market travel, and conference fees for successful applicants. Innovate UK will also pay for any reasonable adjustments throughout the initiative. Only one representative from each company will be funded. On acceptance to the initiative a commitment fee of £500 will be obtained from each delegate, which will be refunded on completion of the full activities and agreed action plan. Non-completion after formal acceptance may result in forfeiting some or all the commitment fee.

HOW TO APPLY?

The Global Business Innovation Programme has a competitive application process where only the best applications will be successful following an evaluation process. All applications must be made online through the Innovate UK EDGE website and received no later than 9am on 15 November 2021. To support potential applicants, a briefing will take place on 2 November 2021.

Please note: Successful applicants will be expected to fully comply with any conditions of travel to Taiwan and any local regulations on face coverings and social distancing. You might be required to provide proof of vaccination; valid travel medical insurance and a negative COVID-19 test ahead of travelling. The safety of our delegation is a priority. If the COVID-19 situation does not allow us to travel, a virtual visit may be considered.

Innovate UK recognises that the innovation sector is not as diverse as the UK demographic, and is committed to improving the diversity of who we support. As such, we welcome applications from those under-represented across the sector.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE:

To fill in the online application form or register for the briefing event, please visit the [Innovate UK EDGE website](#). For more information, assistance with your application or to discuss accessibility needs, please contact Bradley Rowley at bradley.rowley@innovateukedge.ukri.org or call +44 (0)7810 561490.