

# Celtic Freeport: a vision for Wales



**Ahead of the 2026 Senedd elections in May and the formation of a new Welsh Parliament, the Celtic Freeport sets out a vision for Wales centred on infrastructure-led regional growth, supporting nationally critical industries underpinned by strong governance and robust local skills pathways.**

## Overview

Our vision is to create an investment and innovation corridor to help drive major inward investment, future skills development and national decarbonisation.

The Celtic Freeport (CF) is a public-private sector partnership covering the ports of Milford Haven and Port Talbot and spans energy developments and innovation assets like ORE Catapult, fuel terminals, a power station, heavy engineering and the steel industry across South West Wales. The public sector partners are Neath Port Talbot Council and Pembrokeshire County Council supported by the UK and Welsh Governments.

CF is beginning to support the delivery of new manufacturing facilities and major port infrastructure upgrades to support the roll-out of floating offshore

wind (FLOW) in the Celtic Sea. It is also providing the backbone for a future based on the hydrogen economy, sustainable fuels, carbon capture and energy storage, cleaner steel, manufacturing and low-carbon logistics.

Landowner and education partners include: Associated British Ports, Camplas, Celtic Freeport Training Partnership, Dragon LNG, Impala, Ledwood Mechanical Engineering, Neath Port Talbot Council, NPTC Group Colleges; the Port of Milford Haven, the Regional Learning and Skills Partnership, RWE, Pembrokeshire College, Pembrokeshire County Council and the Welsh Government.

We support the Welsh Ports Group's priorities, which can be found here: <https://shorturl.at/cumyh>



**West Wales Hydrogen**  
14.2 MW green hydrogen production facility.

Invested  
**£8.4bn** ↑

New jobs  
**11,500** ↑

**Project Dragon**  
LanzaTech plans to produce sustainable aviation fuel, via sustainably sourced ethanol.

**Milford Haven CO2 Project**  
A CO2 storage and shipping initiative led by RWE and Dragon LNG.

**Dragon Renewable Energy Park**  
Three new onshore wind turbines, integrated with the existing solar farm.

**Future Port Talbot**  
ABP's port transformation into a floating offshore wind manufacturing and green energy hub.

**RWE Battery Plant**  
350 MW Battery Energy Storage System, part of Pembroke Net Zero Centre.

**Criterion Quay**  
A dedicated marshalling and O&M facility Pembroke Port supporting floating offshore wind.

**RWE Pembroke Green Hydrogen**  
110 MW green hydrogen production facility, part of Pembroke Net Zero Centre.

**Project Dragon**  
LanzaTech plans a gas fermentation facility to transform industrial waste into sustainable ethanol.

**Celtic Freeport Customs Site – Dyfed Steels**

**Camplas**  
Advanced composite manufacturing facility for high-volume glass reinforced plastic storage tanks at Briton Ferry Wharf.

# Wales' Investment and Innovation Corridor

- Low-Carbon Logistics
- Cleaner Steel
- Manufacturing
- Hydrogen
- FLOW
- Carbon Capture
- Sustainable Fuels
- Energy Storage



### What does it mean for Wales?

Over a 25-year horizon to deliver this vision, the CF is expected to drive £8.4bn in new investment into Wales, generating 11,500 new jobs, as we create new fuels production and distribution plants (hydrogen, sustainable aviation fuel, biofuels) and upgraded energy ports. Alongside this infrastructure upgrade, CF will deliver future skills pathways for young people.

**£8.4bn** investment | **11,500** new jobs



## How does floating offshore wind benefit Celtic Freeport?

Catapult green economic growth by accelerating the roll-out of FLOW

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**CELTIC FREEPORT**

- Base for **£43 BILLION** FLOW
- Up to **£1.4 BILLION** in port infrastructure and factories
- Making Wales a manufacturing **GLOBAL LEADER** in floating offshore wind
- 20 GW FLOW**  
440 km blades and 200 km towers

Manufacture | Assemble | Tow | Install | Operations & Maintenance

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## Building a hydrogen economy

A low carbon solution critical for the UK's transition to net zero

Vital for industry, power and transport decarbonisation

Celtic Freeport to support multiple hydrogen plants

Delivering a quarter of **10 GW** national target...  
equivalent to **750,000** households' annual gas use

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## What do we need to achieve our objectives?

Rooted in the partnership between the UK and Welsh Governments, with the right regulatory and financial support the CF can continue to underpin national energy security, drive economic regeneration in Wales and accelerate the country's journey to net zero. To achieve this vision, CF and its partners require support for:

- **Grid access:** Improved access to electricity through the National Grid. South West Wales urgently needs investment in transmission infrastructure to enable the development of green hydrogen, renewable energy and carbon capture projects.
- **Strong pipelines:** A strong growth pipeline of investable projects, skilled people and effective planning to ensure our ports are ready to support the roll-out of floating offshore wind in the Celtic Sea.
- **Revenue support mechanisms:** Support for hydrogen and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production through appropriate revenue stabilisation schemes.
- **CO<sub>2</sub> shipping:** The removal of regulatory barriers, including restrictions on the non-pipeline transport of carbon dioxide, alongside policy support for hard-to-abate industries.
- **Grant funding:** Support for front-end engineering and design (FEED) studies and other development funding required to progress major schemes.
- **Planning reform:** Improve resourcing and timescales for planning and marine licensing decision-making, with a presumption in favour of growth.

## Team and timeline

The set-up process is complete, with the MoU between the governments and the CF agreed in March 2026.

Two tax sites – the development areas with a suite of investment incentives available – have been designated. These are at Milford Haven and Port Talbot covering connected parcels of developable land under different ownership. A third tax site is being worked up and an announcement will be made in 2026.

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