

New Vision and Goals for SOWEC to reflect the growing opportunities of offshore wind development

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The Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC) has today published its updated Goals and Vision, which reflect the changes and developments witnessed in the Scottish offshore wind sector over the past two years.

In 2019 SOWEC agreed its initial Vision and Goals, which were intended to represent ambitious and deliverable objectives, and the newly agreed changes will keep to this aim, while taking in to account the evolving nature of the sector.

A developer led team undertook a comprehensive review, the findings were discussed with SOWEC group leads earlier this year and have now been formally agreed.

The SOWEC Vision is now: **A world-class offshore wind sector that underpins the transition to net zero by 2045 and maximises the value to Scotland.**

A number of changes were also agreed to the Goals of SOWEC, among them:

- The target for floating and fixed offshore wind deployment in Scotland was increased to 11GW by 2030
- An aim of developing a highly skilled and diverse workforce, support new entrants, expand apprenticeships and enable transitioning from existing sectors
- A goal to inspire the future talent pipeline and increasing the representation of women and BAME workers.

The new Goals and Vision can be read in full here: [Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council \(offshorewindscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.offshorewindscotland.org.uk)

The changes also reflect the recent work led by Sir Jim McDonald to transform how Scottish companies secure work in offshore wind.

The independent Strategic Investment Assessment (SIA) report was commissioned by SOWEC, an industry-government group co-chaired by Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise Ivan McKee MSP and industry leader Brian McFarlane of SSE Renewables. The full details of the SIA can be found [here](#).