

# MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

## FOR WALES

The Welsh manufacturing sector accounts for

£12 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing 147,000 JOBS



AVERAGE WAGES 28% 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.

**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 Wales, embracing Net Zero, digitalisation and upskilling employees.

3.

**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.

# MANUFACTURING IN WALES

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT **16%**

CHEMICALS **13.7%**

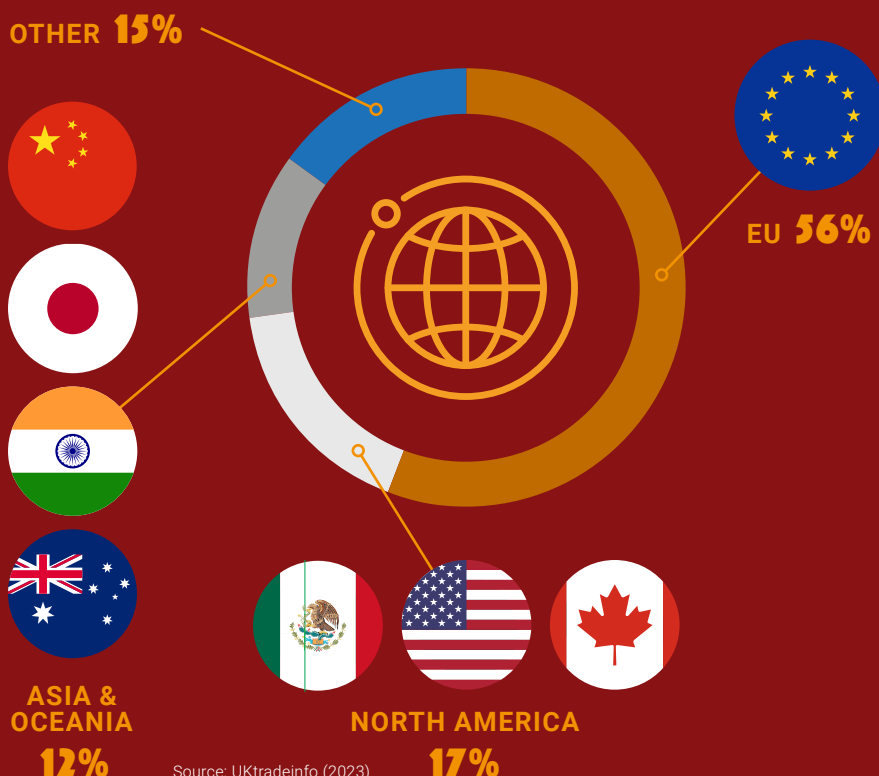
FOOD & DRINK **13.4%**

OTHER  
MANUFACTURING\*  
**56.9%**

\*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2019)

## WHERE WELSH EXPORTS GO



MANUFACTURING  
ACCOUNTS FOR  
**17%**  
OF WELSH  
TOTAL OUTPUT

WELSH  
OVERALL  
PRODUCTIVITY  
IS THE  
**9<sup>TH</sup> BEST**  
IN THE UK AT  
**82.3%**

## WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN WALES ARE PLANNING TO INVEST IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



**1. EXISTING  
WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT  
AND TRAINING**



**2. EXPANSION  
OF PRODUCTION  
CAPACITY**



**3. APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING  
AND NEW RECRUITS**

## WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN WALES SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



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



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

**3. ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE  
AND MACHINE  
LEARNING  
APPLICATIONS**



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Manufacturing has always had a crucial presence in the economy of Wales, and it's vital to continue building on the region's strength. Manufacturers in Wales 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 Wales.

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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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