

MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

FOR THE EAST OF ENGLAND

The East of England manufacturing sector accounts for

£18 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing **228,000 JOBS**



AVERAGE WAGES 26% HIGHER

than the rest of the economy in the region



1.

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 the East of England, embracing Net Zero, digitalisation and upskilling employees.

2.

Upgrade transportation networks such as roads and public transit by utilising local industry to deliver this. 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.

3.

Support manufacturers in the region to **deliver the jobs of the future** through the development of regional skills programmes and incentivise employers. These initiatives provide manufacturers with the skills they need and can launch the career of students in a high paying exciting sector.

MANUFACTURING IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND

FOOD & DRINK **13.4%**

MACHINERY EQUIPMENT **11.8%**

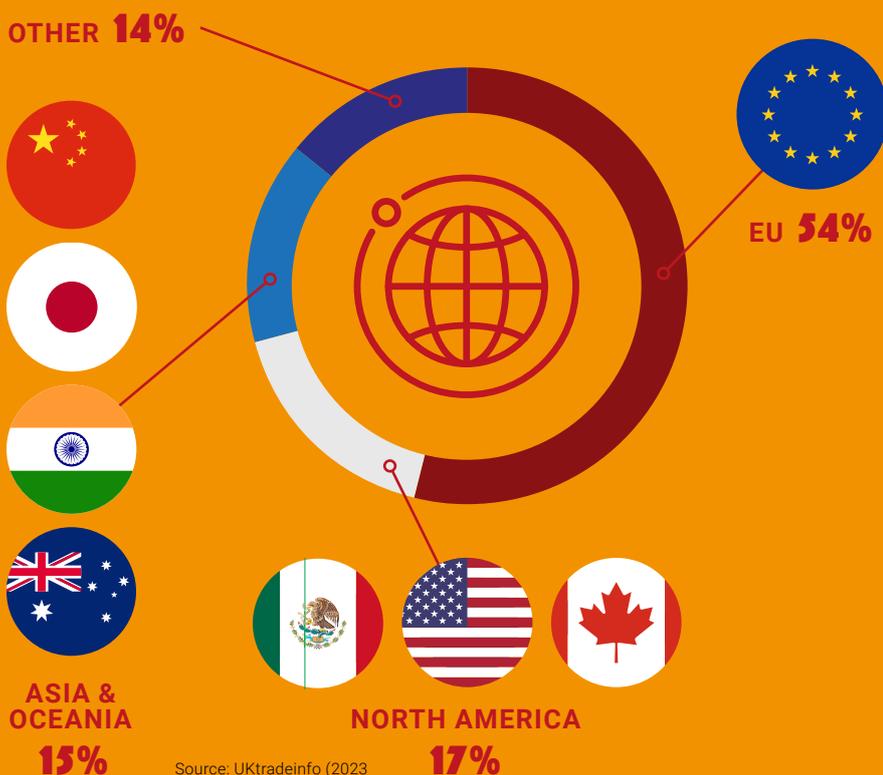
PHARMACEUTICALS **10.8%**

OTHER
MANUFACTURING*
64%

*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2019)

WHERE EAST OF ENGLAND EXPORTS GO



Source: UKtradeinfo (2023)

MANUFACTURING
ACCOUNTS FOR
10.9%
OF THE EAST OF ENGLAND'S
TOTAL OUTPUT

THE EAST OF ENGLAND'S
OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY
IS THE
2ND BEST
IN THE UK AT
109.9%

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND ARE PLANNING TO INVEST IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



1. EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY
(BY ADOPTING AUTOMATION AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY)



2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



3. EXISTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



1. SUSTAINABLE AND ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS



3. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS

2. RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY
(SUCH AS WIND, HYDROGEN, NUCLEAR, JET ZERO)



CHRIS CORKAN, MAKE UK REGION DIRECTOR – MIDLANDS AND EAST OF ENGLAND

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

Manufacturers in the East of England can drive growth by creating well-paid, skilled jobs, and it is vital that future opportunities provided through the shift to net zero are taken.

Building upon this, regional infrastructure and skills programmes must be improved. Greater collaboration between business, education, and government agencies will be essential in encouraging innovation and providing manufacturers with the skills they need to take advantage of emerging industries throughout the East of England.



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Make UK is backing manufacturing – helping our sector to engineer a digital, global and green future. From the first industrial revolution to the emergence of the fourth, the manufacturing sector has been the UK's economic engine and the world's workshop.

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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