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Welcome to the BEIS Bulletin from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

This bulletin in particular spotlights BEIS policy areas announced at COP26



**End of coal in sight as UK secures ambitious commitments at COP26 summit**

The UK has secured a 190-strong coalition of countries and organisations at COP26, with countries such as Poland, Vietnam, Egypt, Chile and Morocco announcing commitments to phase out coal power. [Find out more.](#)



**COP26 sees UK businesses lead the world in climate change commitments**

Britain’s largest businesses are leading the way in the global transition to net zero emissions, with over half of FTSE100 companies now committed to eliminating their contribution to climate change by 2050. [Find out more.](#)

**Heroes of Net Zero competition.**

More than 160 businesses entered our competition celebrating the micro and small businesses taking the most innovative actions to go green and cut their own greenhouse gas emissions to become a net zero business by 2050.

The winners were announced at an awards ceremony hosted at COP26 and presented by the Net Zero Business Champion, Andrew Griffith MP.



### **Micro business winner: Design Abled**

This PPE designer and manufacturer impressed the judges for supporting the UK to stay safe in the pandemic, while continuing to make cutting their emissions central to their entire operation.



### **Small business winner: VMI.TV**

This camera rental company were awarded for taking a set of decisive and diverse actions, increasing productivity and profitability while putting the environment first.

[Find out more about the finalists](#)  
[Sign up to your own Net Zero target](#)

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## **Help to Grow | Learn new skills, reach more customers and boost your profits**

Help to Grow is a £520 million scheme to help owners of small and medium-sized business take their business to the next level. There are two Government backed programmes designed to help business leaders:



**Help to Grow: Management** offers senior business leaders management and leadership training, delivered by Business Schools across the UK.



**Help to Grow: Digital** offers businesses free, impartial advice on how technology can boost business, delivered through a new online platform.

[Learn more about how Help to Grow can make a difference to your business.](#)

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## **Other news:**

- [Ministers renew efforts to increase opportunities for talented women at the top of UK business](#)
- [Over 100 leaders make landmark pledge to end deforestation at COP26](#)

- [The Department for Levelling Up has announced £200 million funding for 477 projects across the UK to provide skills training for the unemployed and investment in businesses developing low carbon technology.](#)
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### **Useful links:**

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