



A letter from Scotland

All Energy wrap | Glasgow

A strangely muted All Energy in Glasgow this year.

The backdrop is one of against political turmoil within the country which will likely spook investors looking to support the energy transition. Whatever the actualities of the case, the optics don't inspire long term confidence as mega and giga projects require cross party and long-term support to succeed.



Scotland, touted as a potential ‘Saudi Arabia offshore wind’ and world leading hydrogen locale is suddenly looking less attractive.



Mixing with the movers and shakers for UK in Glasgow, it's clear that although things may well need shaking up – but, behind the PR gloss how little actual movement there's been since last year's conflagration.

The pantomime villains for the sector include the Grid - an attribution which I was slightly surprised that after being involved with work around the [holistic network grid](#) shared last year and also the [Whitby](#) initiative at Ellesmere port where speakers opined of a naive and top down approach by Cadent to stakeholders - leading to delays and an unexpected pushback from the community.

The usual run of talks, reports and presentations were almost a carbon copy of last year's. As we've already discovered with the three-year delay around Scotwind is that the world is not standing still. Since last year's event, for example, the Americans have announced their own declaration of intent in the form of the: [floating-wind-shot](#)

Standing still is not really an option. Let's hope that the prize, it doesn't last it did with the computers and elsewhere doesn't slip through the UK fingers through torpor.

On a more positive note there was some nice technology on display





With new kit coming through.



There is a feeling that once this infrastructure out there and running and people have confidence that the sector will move from the boutique to the industrial





Anecdotal examples of people waiting for Hydrogen buses rather than take diesels in certain parts of the UK. Let's see whether that grassroots support enables the sector flourish in the UK going forwards.

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