

COUNTRY PROFILE

SCOTLAND

Sustainable Construction is unique – a true enabler of all other sectors and the wider economy. As one of Scotland's largest sectors, its performance is of major economic importance.

Turnover: £22.6bn

GVA: £9,511m

Exports: £130m

Employs: 189,100

Companies: 31,000+

The sector's aims are to develop domestic capabilities in new build, retrofit and infrastructure markets, improve international competitiveness and ultimately, becoming a significant global player in niche areas.

- For every £1 spent on construction output, a further £2.94 is generated in the economy.
- The Construction sector equates to around 10% of Scotland's economy. (GDP,GVA,Jobs)
- Sales of low carbon building technologies are projected to increase from £1.1b to around £1.9b in 2020.

Scotland's construction industry is rich with a range of demonstration/monitoring facilities, universities, prototyping/training facilities, commercial facilities, key industry assets and case studies. Construction Scotland is the leadership organisation for Scotland's construction industry. The [Industry Map](#) on their website shows how much is available across the whole country.

Scottish Enterprise (SE) is part of the Construction Scotland Industry Leadership Group which is made up of motivated "front-line" business leaders. Their "Building for the Future" strategy identifies innovation and low carbon opportunities.

Scottish Enterprise is Scotland's main economic development agency and a non-departmental public body of the Scottish Government. They work with partners in the public and private sectors to identify and exploit the best opportunities to deliver a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy.

SE is the consortium leader delivering the Enterprise Europe Network services across Scotland in partnership with the Highland Council. Scottish Enterprise delivers cross sector sustainable development across their priority industries. They offer such support to Construction businesses as:

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- **Regional Selective Assistance (RSA)** - Funding for investment projects that will create or safeguard jobs in Scotland
- **Collaborate for success** - Grow your business by working with others. SE can help you find the right business partner to cut costs and increase efficiency.
- **Business improvement workshops** - Learn how to increase profits and productivity at free workshops held across Scotland.

Scottish Enterprise builds collaboration with key relationships with industry and Public Sector to align priorities, develop strategies and add value to the industry and economy across all areas. E.g.: Planning and Skills.

Examples

- Ecobuild London 2013-16: Pavilion hosting apx. 15 companies promoting Scotland's capabilities to an international audience.
- Construction Scotland Innovation Centre: Ongoing support of the £23m initiative: Collaboration between 12 universities and Public Sector to focus on providing new products and services, aiming to improve business awareness of opportunities, access to support & increase sector innovation performance.
- AMCH (Application of Innovative Methods to Construct higher home volumes) - Exploring how homes could be built for the UK market using full offsite production and automated methods of construction, potentially in a similar way to how Japanese house building manufacturers use highly automated production methods to build steel-frame based modular homes

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