

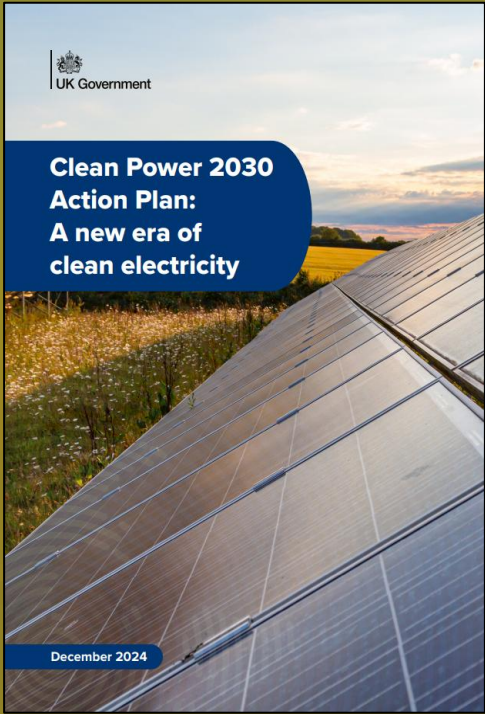
# *Transforming the UK Energy Landscape*

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# Current Progress



Clean Power 2030  
Nearly a year in

**Contracts for Difference: UK Government confirms boost in payments to offshore wind developers**

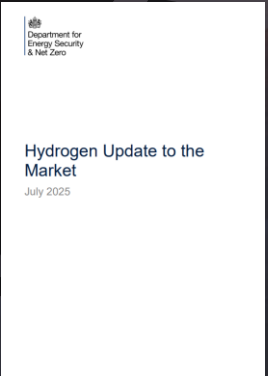
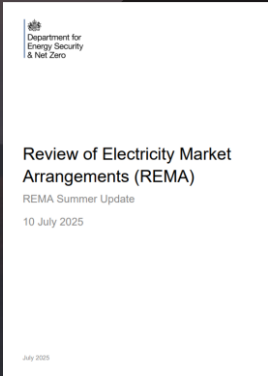
The UK Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has confirmed that more than £6bn will be spent on offshore wind in the industry's next renewable energy auction round.

**UK's AR7 for Offshore**

DESNZ has announced that it will be launching the seventh round of the Contracts for Difference (CfD) auction for offshore wind (AR7) renewables auction. The auction will be open for applications from 10am on 11 July 2025. The auction will be for a capacity of up to 1.24 GW, with delivery years of 2028/29, 2029/30, or 2030/31. The auction will be available, with delivery years 2028/29 or 2029/30, to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. The auction will be for offshore wind projects and GBP 271 per MWh.

In Pot 3, there will be a maximum of 30 GW on both offshore wind Scotland projects and offshore wind projects, said the government.

Allocation Round 7



**Notice Hydrogen Allocation Round 2 (HAR2): shortlisted projects**

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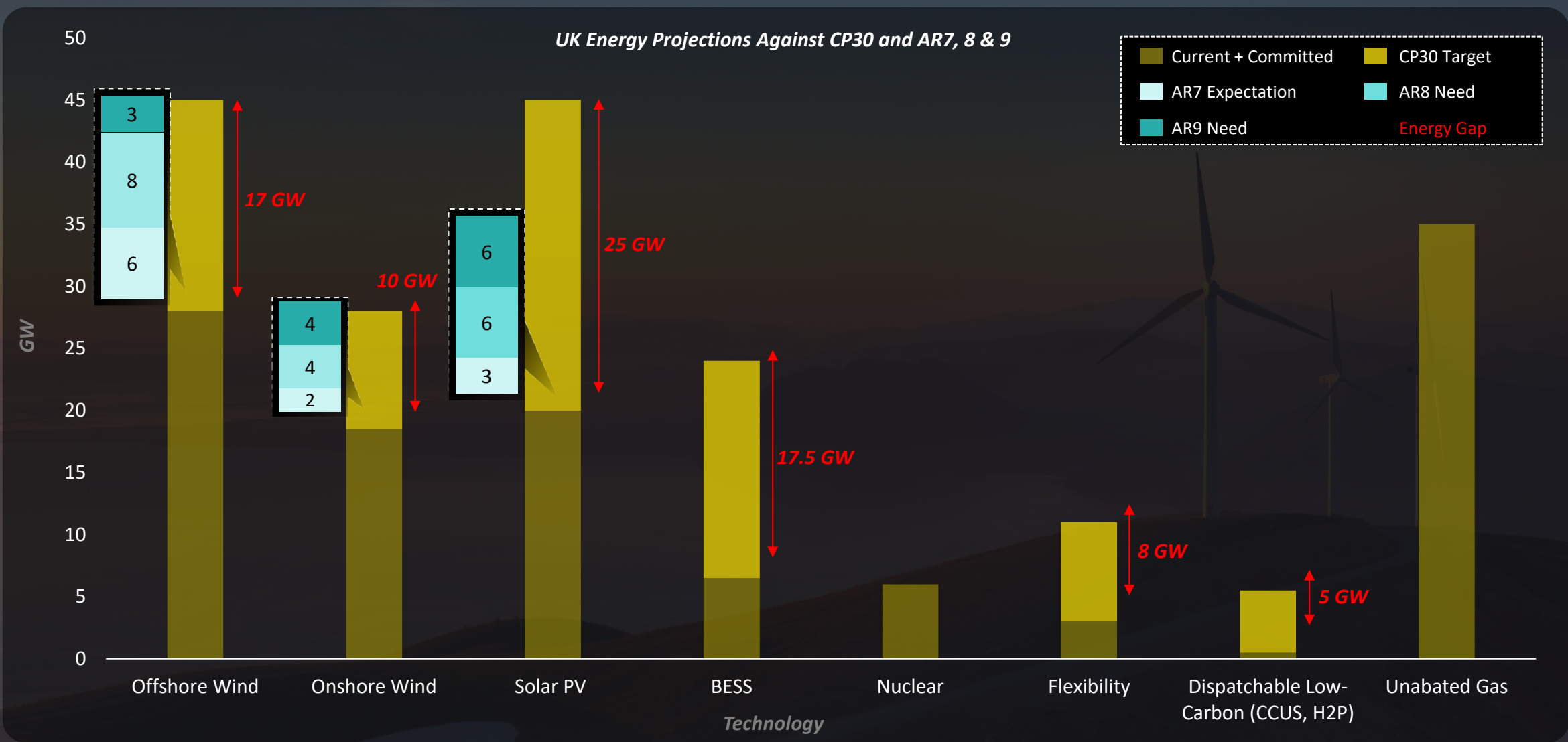
Since HAR2 applications closed in Spring 2024, government has conducted a comprehensive assessment process to produce a shortlist of projects that are invited to the next stage of the HAR2 process. The shortlist contains the following 27 electrolytic projects across England, Scotland, and Wales:

**United Kingdom**

Map showing the locations of shortlisted projects across the United Kingdom, including England, Scotland, and Wales. The map includes labels for various regions and cities.

Hydrogen Allocation  
Round 2

# Gap to 2030



Source: EY Analysis (rounded values)



# Key System Opportunities

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