

Innovation Strategies for System-Level Transformation Workshop 1: Policy Design and Mobilising Stakeholders

On Friday 22nd March we held the first workshop exploring Innovation strategies for System Level transformation. The focus of this first workshop was looking at key things to consider when progressing policy design, and how to engage and mobilise the right stakeholders. Participants from across Scotland were involved, including from the enterprise agencies, from innovation centres, from Scottish Funding council, from economic development consultancies, local authorities and researchers from a diverse range of disciplines.



In addition, online participation welcomed input from Sweden, the Basque country and Denmark. As an input to the workshops Case studies had been gathered from Scotland and Internationally. These were displayed as an exhibition at the workshop, and “lightening talks” drew out some key learning.

We had cases from:

- Net Zero Industrial Cluster Exchange (NICE) from EPRC
- System Demonstrators for Climate Neutral Cities from Lund University
- Vision Denmark from Aalborg University
- Connecting Nature from Glasgow City Council
- Transforming CSIC to BE-ST from Built Environment Smarter Transformation
- Scottish Funding Council Innovation Centre Programme from SFC
- Cross-cutting Tractor-effect Initiatives from the Basque Government
- Contribution of Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Plan to SDGs from Basque Government
- Scotland Can-Do Innovation from Scottish Enterprise

The workshop explored the **essentials** we need to include and the **pitfalls** we need to avoid. In addition, the participants discussed what makes a policy intervention truly **transformational**. The next Workshop is on 16th April and will explore Policy Implementation and Evidencing Change.

