

Net Zero Accelerator – FAQs

What is the Net Zero Accelerator?

The Net Zero Accelerator is an initiative to identify and understand strategic net zero and low-carbon projects across Northern Ireland. It is designed to identify a pipeline of strategic, investable, low carbon capital projects and determine the most appropriate intervention to accelerate their deployment.

Is this a funding programme?

No. At this stage the Net Zero Accelerator is a scoping and market engagement exercise. Submission of information does not constitute an application for funding.

Who can submit a project?

Organisations with a defined project promoter or delivery vehicle that are developing a project in Northern Ireland aligned with net zero or low-carbon energy objectives.

What types of projects are eligible?

Examples include industrial electrification, energy storage, energy system flexibility, low-carbon generation, low-carbon infrastructure, hydrogen, renewable energy integration and industrial decarbonisation projects.

Does my project need to be located in Northern Ireland?

Yes. Projects should be located in, or planned for, Northern Ireland.

How developed does my project need to be?

Projects should have progressed beyond the early concept stage and have a clear development pathway.

Is there a minimum project size?

Current scoping documents reference projects with significant capital investment requirements. Project promoters should review the latest guidance before applying.

What information will I be asked to provide?

You will be asked for high-level information on the project, development status, expected impacts, barriers, delivery timescales and funding requirements.

Will commercially sensitive information be protected?

Information will be handled in line with normal public sector governance and data protection requirements.

What happens after submission?

Projects may be included within a pipeline for future programme design, considered for follow-up engagement, or signposted to other relevant support mechanisms.

Does submitting guarantee future funding?

No. There is no entitlement to future funding or support as a result of submitting information.

Can clusters or collaborative projects apply?

Yes. Both individual and cluster-based projects may be considered where there is a clearly identified project promoter.