

## Businesses encouraged to join the renewables sector

- **Inward investment could bring millions of pounds to East Ayrshire firms**
- **Support for businesses in thriving renewables sector**

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More than thirty businesses from East Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and surrounding areas took the time to attend one of two events to find out how they could potentially prosper from working with one of Europe's leading renewable energy companies.

Earlier this week, a Meet the Buyer session at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, on Wednesday 12 September, hosted by innogy, provided an opportunity for firms to find out how to tender for work during the construction and operation phases of onshore wind farms.

Attendees heard that local spending constitutes a significant proportion of innogy's investment in onshore wind farm construction. In one example, from a wind farm constructed in the Highlands, fifty-five per cent, equating to about £8.7 million, of the civil engineering contracts went to businesses within 30 kilometres of the construction site.

Karen Fox, innogy's onshore wind Development Manager Scotland, said: "We are delighted with the success of our two recent events. It was a great opportunity to share examples of innogy's commitment to local inward investment and to get feedback on the most effective way of ensuring local firms are in a strong position to take part in our tendering process.

"If consented, developments such as Ashmark Hill, near New Cumnock, could present a real opportunity for firms in the area to expand into the renewable energy sector and for the local economy to benefit from innogy's investment in local businesses."

For more information on the proposed Ashmark Hill Community Wind Farm visit:

[www.innogy.com/ashmark-hill](http://www.innogy.com/ashmark-hill)

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Poland. In renewable power generation, the company is also active in other regions, e.g. Spain, Italy and the USA, with a total capacity of 3.9 gigawatts. As a leader of innovation in future-oriented fields like eMobility, we are represented in the international hot-spots of the technology industry such as Silicon Valley, Tel Aviv and Berlin. We combine the extensive expertise of our energy technicians and engineers with digital technology partners, from start-ups to major corporates.