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5 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00451

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

1. *How many projects are funded through the current InnovateUK Clean Maritime Programme?*
2. *How many of these projects became "live" on 1st. September?*

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

However, the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication.

Innovate UK funding is awarded upon the completion of financial due diligence checks. Once the due diligence checks have been carried out the projects will be considered 'live' and will appear on the [Innovate UK Funded Projects](#)¹. Please note this webpage is updated monthly and the length of time taken for due diligence checks varies per project.

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Public interest in favour of disclosure

- UKRI understand that transparency and openness with regard to grant funding applications and awards is in the public interest.
- There is also a public interest in ensuring the accountability of public organisations and how they spend public funding.

Public interest in favour of withholding the information

- Allowing adequate time for due diligence checks to be completed is essential and releasing the information before these thorough checks are complete could lead to the release of potentially inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information, and is therefore not in the public interest.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

- The data is currently being collated and reviewed, we consider that premature release would give a misleading impression of the awards process and would put undue pressure on UKRI to publish outside of its scheduled timeframes.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. The information on allocated grants is likely to be available on the [Innovate UK Funded Projects](#)² by the end of December 2021.

Further information can be found on the [Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition webpage](#)³.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-maritime-demonstration-competition-cmdc>