



FROM WESTMINSTER TO WELSHPOOL – DELIVERING NET ZERO TRANSPORT REQUIRES COLLABORATION ACROSS ALL KEY AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY

- Zemo Partnership’s Summit 2024 brings together Westminster, Holyrood, Senedd and local government leads with key public sector organisations and businesses
- **Professor Sir Jim Skea CBE:** “Climate change is an urgent and critical planetary challenge, warranting immediate and determined action across all continents and all sectors of human activity. Decarbonising transport is a key part of the solution.”
- **Simon Lightwood MP, Minister for Local Transport:** “Delivering greener transport and accelerating the drive to net zero is one of this Government’s central missions.”

With a new Government in place, the UK’s transport decarbonisation transition is moving into a key delivery phase.

Now more than ever, unprecedented collaboration will be required between all tiers of government, industrial sectors and regions for the UK to achieve its net zero transport goals.

Today, the Zemo Partnership Summit 2024 brings together an unparalleled gathering of senior policymakers from national, devolved and local government, with key public sector organisations and businesses, to help inform the UK’s delivery roadmap for net zero transport.

Speakers to include:

- Professor Sir Jim Skea CBE, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Simon Lightwood MP, Minister for Local Transport, Department for Transport
- Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government
- Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Transport and North Wales, Welsh Government

- Lord Deben, Chair, The Council for Net Zero Transport
- Cllr Adam Hug, Chair, LGA Local Infrastructure and Net Zero Board & Leader, Westminster City Council
- Paul Kohler MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Transport Spokesman

The event (10am–6.30pm) in Westminster, includes speeches and panels on the topics and themes critical for the transport transition.

(Full agenda and speaker list [here](#).)

The Summit follows September's publication by Zemo Partnership of [guidance setting out seven key principles](#) to inform transport policy development. The guidance has been informed by the independent [Council for Net Zero Transport](#), chaired by Lord Deben which Zemo Partnership convenes. The Council comprises leading representatives of organisations with a key stake in transport's decarbonisation transition.

Simon Lightwood MP, Minister for Local Transport, DfT:

"Delivering greener transport and accelerating the drive to net zero is one of this Government's central missions.

"We're moving fast to deliver greener buses and trains, support the switch to electric vehicles on our roads, and secure the UK as a global leader in sustainable aviation fuel. I'm looking forward to speaking with the sector on future collaboration to achieve these goals."

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government:

"It's great to see the Zemo Partnership bringing together Government from across the UK, the public sector and businesses to outline priorities to tackle this issue.

"The Scottish Government is committed to a just transition to transport decarbonisation and a collaborative approach is the only way we can achieve this. "

Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Transport and North Wales, Welsh Government:

"Wales has been at the forefront in tackling the climate emergency, and we're committed to achieving ambitious reductions in our transport emissions.

"I'm pleased that Zemo Partnership is supporting the Welsh Government in our efforts to decarbonise Wales' fleet of commercial vehicles."

Claire Haigh, Executive Director, Zemo Partnership:

"We should celebrate the UK's global leadership on net zero and the progress that has been made so far, but there is still much work to be done. Transport emissions will need to decline much more rapidly during this decade if the UK's targets are to be achieved.

"That's why the Zemo Partnership Summit 2024 will bring together stakeholders from across the green economy, to outline a roadmap to accelerate this journey. I thank everyone for their contribution to today's event and to tackling this vital challenge and look forward to seeing the progress we as a sector have made by next year's summit."

Note to Editors

About Zemo Partnership

Zemo Partnership (www.zemo.org.uk) is an independent, non-profit partnership that has been working for over twenty years to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon, cleaner vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. With its uniquely broad cross-sectoral membership, Zemo Partnership is very well-placed to provide guidance to policymakers on net zero transport. Over 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds including automotive and fuel supply chains, vehicle users, academics, environment and consumer groups.

Prior to 2022, the organisation was known as the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP).

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