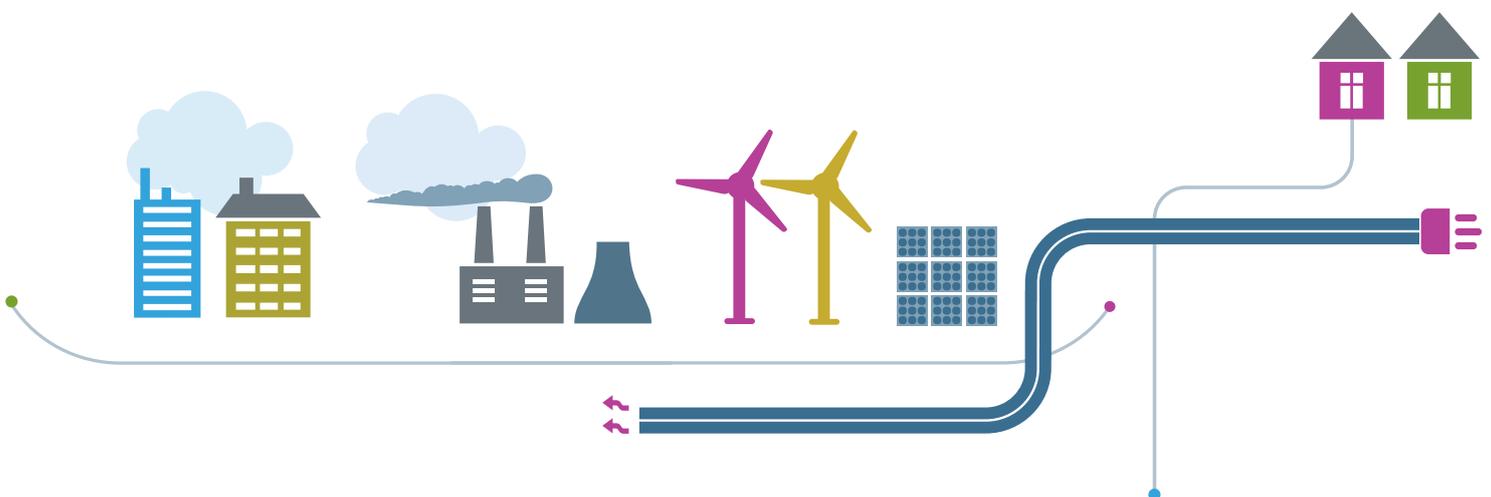


BEAMA AND GAMBICA GENERAL ELECTION 2015 MANIFESTO

Together, BEAMA and GAMBICA represent the electrotechnical industry – an industry that contributes annual revenues of £21bn to the UK economy.

Electrical products and systems, manufactured by our members, are transporting, distributing and managing electricity to and in buildings to maintain a 100% service level to homes and businesses – **what our members do is essential to our economy.**

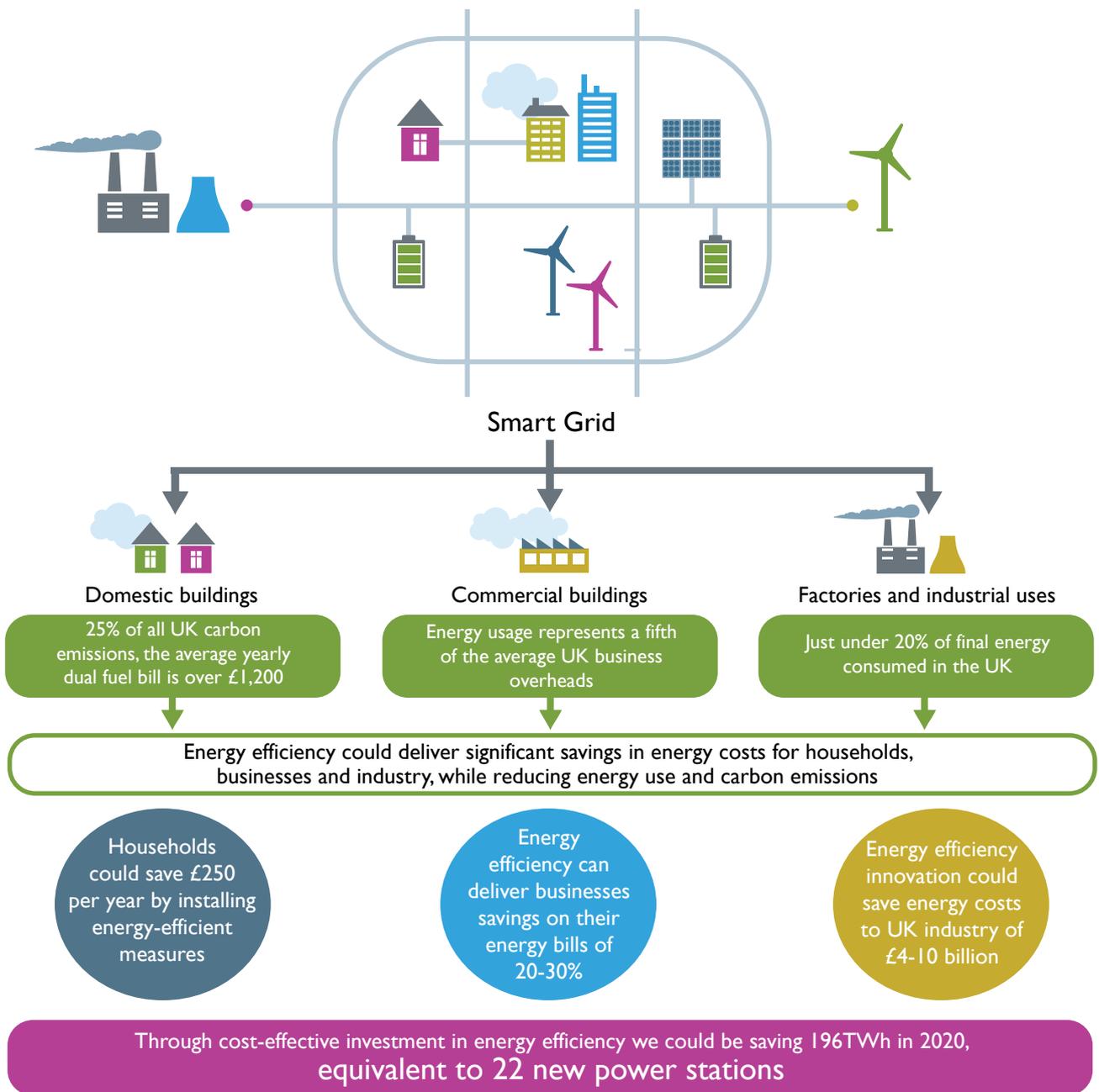
This manifesto focuses on the issues that the industry, in partnership with Government, must address. It proposes policies, which will benefit the country by **growing investment, creating jobs and exporting more UK products.**



ENERGY EFFICIENCY: THE CHEAPEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE ENERGY POLICY

Greater energy efficiency is the cheapest energy policy. Our members are at the forefront of delivering this. Energy efficient homes and businesses have the potential to:

- **reduce our carbon emissions;**
- **reduce our energy use;** and
- **deliver major savings** for households, businesses and industry.



MANIFESTO PLEDGES

Industry has come together to develop a national strategic plan for how the sector could deliver a more energy efficient UK. But there needs to be coordinated agreement between industry and Government to maximise this further – in the form of an agreed Industry Strategy – currently being worked on with the industry group ESCO.

Continued government backing will give our members the certainty they need to release £100 millions of investment, making UK businesses, many of them SMEs, global leaders in energy efficiency technology and products.

During this election our industry is asking for support in six important areas:

1 Government and Industry collaboration

Government and business must work together to place manufacturing at the forefront of rebalancing the economy.



2 Implementation of regulations

To give industry certainty we need to play a greater role in defining the scope and application of regulations and standards, together with government.



3 Engineering skills gap

The education system needs to have a greater focus on technology and science based skills to provide the industry with the talent it needs.



4 Procurement

Public procurement must support UK companies of all sizes. Making the process accessible to SMEs will be central in fostering growth and creating new export opportunities.



5 Smart Infrastructure policy

We want to work in partnership with government to develop a smart energy infrastructure. This will give industry confidence to invest for the long term.



6 UK in Europe

The continuing membership of the UK in the European Union, with access to its single market, is essential for our industry.



ABOUT US

About BEAMA

BEAMA, the leading association for the manufacturers of electrical and related equipment in the UK.

Member companies comprise over 220, ranging in size and include large multinationals, as well as SMEs and start-ups. The current employment in the UK is approximately 35,000. Our membership includes manufacturers of all the electrical products for energy networks and all building types including companies that manufacture products required for the Smart Meter roll out many products covered by the Green Deal and integrated solutions for the smarter buildings of the future communications.

The total output of the industry represented by BEAMA is £14 billion.

About GAMBICA

GAMBICA is the trade association for Instrumentation, Control, Automation and Laboratory Technology in the UK. Its membership is made up of over 200 companies including the major multinationals in the sector as well as smaller and medium sized companies.

The total output of the industry represented by GAMBICA is close to £7 billion.

About ESCO

The ESCO Executive comprises the leading trade associations and other representative bodies providing a forum for the electronic systems community to share experience, best practice and resource to address common issues and a two way communication channel with Government departments and agencies to enable them to better support our community where appropriate.



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