

# Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme 2014-2020

Citizens Summary 2016



## Programme Overview

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is the main EU Structural and Investment Fund used to support economic development in countries and regions across Europe. Part of the ERDF funding that Northern Ireland receives is delivered through the Investment for Growth and Jobs (IGJ) Programme.

In Northern Ireland the IGJ Programme supports **Research, Technological Development and Innovation, Enhancing the Competitiveness of SMEs** and **Supporting the Shift towards a Low Carbon Economy**.

The Programme value is £427.8m.

## Performance and Progress in 2016

The Programme aims to increase economic growth in Northern Ireland and has contributed to the following:

- Companies engaged in R&D for the first time has increased from a baseline of 495 in 2012 to 714 in 2016;
- The number of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) classified as high growth companies has increased from a baseline of 695 in 2013 to 845 in 2016; and
- Employment within micro and small businesses has increased from a baseline of 297k in 2013 to 313k in 2016.

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## Offers and investments made to 31 December 2016

Scheme	Programme Contributions (offers/investments) £m	Number of offers of support
Grant for R&D	116.9	134
Design Service	0.439	275
Financial Instruments	31.2	112
Selective Financial Assistance	8.1	58
Local Economic Development	0.848	2
Low Carbon*	0	0

\*Expenditure for low carbon is still under consideration

The total Programme value also includes a Technical Assistance budget to support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Programme.

### Press Releases

Invest NI publishes press releases to promote ERDF funded activity, a selection of which can be accessed through the following links:

[New jobs announced for Ballymena](#)

[Investment and jobs announced at Antrim based Texthelp](#)

[New US deals for Coleraine based Spataleest](#)

### Case Studies

Case studies are regularly published on the Programme website, highlighting the benefit that ERDF funding makes in Northern Ireland. Click on the link below to see how the companies featured have used ERDF funding to improve their business:

[Investment for Growth and Jobs Case Studies](#)

### Further Reading

[Annual Implementation Report 2016](#)

Read the full version of the Annual Implementation Report for 2016

[The Northern Ireland ERDF IGJ Programme Citizens Summary 2014-2020](#)

Read the background to the Programme and its role within Northern Ireland