

Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme 2014-2020

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What is the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)?

ERDF is one of a number of European Union Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds.

The ESI funds have been specifically designed to reduce structural imbalances in economic performance within and between EU member countries.

In the UK funds are administered at a regional level to address regional issues. Part of the ERDF funding that Northern Ireland receives is delivered through the Investment for Growth and Jobs (IGJ) Programme.



Eligible area of the Investment Jobs and Growth Programme

Programme Value is €522m.

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Objectives

The strategic objective of the Programme is to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion, and high levels of employment and productivity.

The Programme aims to:

- stimulate innovation, R&D and creativity
- encourage business growth
- compete in the global economy

The programme has three key priorities:

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Key priorities and achievements

Priority 1 - Research, Technological Development & Innovation

€128.6m ERDF has been delivered through Invest NI - Provision of grants for R&D and support for Design. 228 unique business have benefited from this assistance

Priority 2 - SME Competitiveness (Invest NI)

€92.7m ERDF has been delivered through Invest NI - Financial Instruments, Selective Financial Assistance, Local Economic Development - Providing a suite of Access to Finance and SME growth initiatives. 311 investments have been made from Financial Instruments

Priority 3 - Energy from Renewable Sources (DfI and DfC)

€36.1m ERDF Rapid Transit and Energy Efficiency in Social Housing has been delivered through Department for Infrastructure (Belfast Rapid Transit scheme, support for new depot and ticketing machines), and Department for Communities (improvement of energy efficiency in social housing).



Case study
Financial instruments for Research, technological development and Innovation for Romanian SMEs

Brussels, Thursday, 30 November 2017

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Press Releases

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

[Invest NI announce two new Equity Funds for investments in innovative SMEs](#)

[Aryl set to innovate smartphone industry with Northern Ireland center](#)

[UAE and Qatar export success leads to new jobs at Derry-based Joule](#)

Further Reading

[Annual Implementation Report 2019](#)

Read the full version of the Annual Implementation Report for 2019

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

Read a summary of the Programme and its role within Northern Ireland

Case Studies

Neurovalens

Belfast based health tech company Neurovalens, a global leader of neuro-technology products, is embarking on the development of a ground-breaking medical device for the treatment of obesity.

[Dr. Jason McKeown on how Access to Finance has helped Neurovalens grow](#)

Creative Composites

Creative Composites Ltd is investing £11million in new machinery and expansion of its facilities to capitalise on growth opportunities for composite components. 132 new jobs are also being created as part of the expansion, half of which are already in place. The new jobs being recruited include production operatives, engineering and managerial positions. Once all the jobs are in place they will generate over £2.7million annually in additional salaries to the local economy.

[Neurovalens embarks on second ground-breaking R&D project and creates 22 new jobs](#)

The company specialises in combining neuroscience and technology to tackle global health challenges such as obesity, diabetes and sleep disorders. The investment in research and development will be accompanied by the creation of 22 jobs to support business-wide growth.

The Managing Authority regularly updates the dedicated [Programme Website](#) highlighting the benefit that ERDF funding makes in Northern Ireland