

European Regional Development Fund

Investment for Growth and Jobs
Programme for Northern
Ireland | 2014 - 2020



How is the Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme structured?

The Programme recognises the importance of focusing funding on a concentrated suite of activities to maximise impact. This approach ensures that the focus is on Programme delivery and results.

PRIORITY AXIS 1 (€212.033m)

*Strengthening Research,
Technological Development and
Innovation*

Objective 1

Increase NI Business
Expenditure on Research &
Development

Objective 2

Engage more NI businesses
in Research and
Development

Funded Activities

Grants for R&D
Design Support

PRIORITY AXIS 2 (€215.984m)

*Enhancing the Competitiveness of
SMEs*

Objective 3

Increase the number of
High Growth SMEs in
Northern Ireland

Objective 4

Increase employment in
Northern Ireland's micro
and small businesses

Funded Activities

Access to finance for SMEs
SME Growth Investment

PRIORITY AXIS 3 (€75.180m)

*Supporting the shift towards a Low
Carbon Economy*

Objective 5

Improve energy efficiency
rating of social housing
stock

Objective 6

Reduce journey times on
key Belfast Rapid Transit
(BRT) corridors into City
Centre

Funded Activities

Energy efficiency
improvement works on NI
social housing stock & BRT
(Depot & ticketing projects)

What is the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)?

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is the main EU Structural and Investment (ESI) Fund used to support economic development in countries and regions across Europe.

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.



Key priorities and achievements!

Priority 1: Research, Technological Development & Innovation

€112m ERDF has been delivered through Invest NI - Provision of grants for R&D and support for Design. 1173 enterprises have benefitted from this assistance



Priority 2: SME Competitiveness (Invest NI)

€115m ERDF has been delivered through Invest NI via Financial Instruments, Selective Financial Assistance, Local Economic Development - Providing a suite of Access to Finance and SME growth initiatives. 263 enterprises have been supported



Priority 3: Supporting the shift towards a Low Carbon Economy

€36.1m ERDF support for the Belfast Rapid Transit System has been delivered through the Department for Infrastructure (support for new depot and ticketing machines)



Communicating successes!



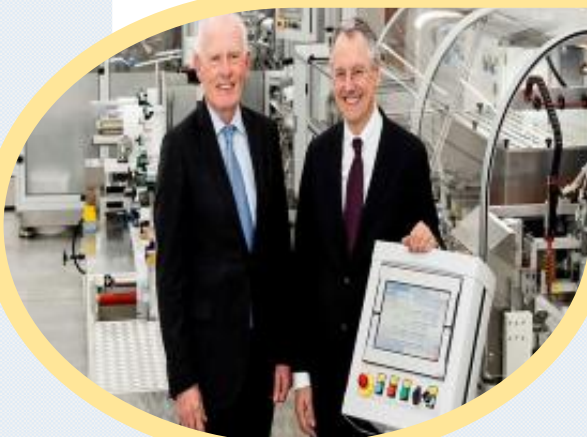
Investment of £470k has been offered to Clandeboye Estate under Priority 2 of the IGJ programme.

This significant investment towards a new factory and machinery will assist this company to quadruple its production capacity and double its workforce, and will enable the company to increase export sales and expand in GB market

Belfast software company Eventmap has invested over £1.6million as part of an ambitious growth strategy. Invest NI has offered the company technical assistance, skills development and support for R&D, over several years. The latest offer provides £140,000 of R&D support under Priority 1 which will create 20 new jobs, while also bringing new export opportunities



£435k of R&D support under Priority 1 will help Omagh based company, Naturelle Consumer Products create 50 new jobs, purchase new equipment and provide support to extend its factory and onsite analytical laboratory. Once in place, the new roles will generate over 1.2 million of additional salaries for the Northern Ireland economy



For further information on the ERDF IGJ programme, please [click here](#)