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Models of Engagement / Funding

Engagement / Funding

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LEO	Enterprise Ireland	IDA	State	SFI	European Commission
	Innovation Voucher	€10k-€25k		SFI Centres / Spokes Co-funded	Horizon Europe RIA/IA up to and over €1m
Innovation Partners		Up to €200k			Horizon Europe MSCA Multiple Options
Innovation Feasibility		€9k			Horizon Europe CSA €150k-€300k
EI RD&I Fund	€50k-€500k+				Digital Europe up to and over €1m
		IDA RD&I Fund Max €7.5m			EU Cascade Funding €100k-€250k
		IDA Collaboration Mechanism Max €7.5m			EIC Work Programme Multiple options
	DTIF Min €1.5m				EDIH See next slide
	EDIH				
LEO Feasibility Grant Study 50% up to €15k					
LEO Priming Grant 50% €150k					
LEO Business Expansion Grant 50% €150k					

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	European Commission	Enterprise Ireland	Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation	Intertrade Ireland	SETU
European Digital Innovation Hubs	Discovery and Assessment	€2.5k		Intertrade Ireland Innovation Boost 50% €47k -€68k	Consultancy directly paid
	Technical Analysis	€10.5k			
	Current state of play for your region	€10.5k			
	Current state of play for your locality		€14.5k		
	Needs Assessment		€10.5k		
	Proof of concept analysis on users and technology capabilities and combinations		€45k		
	Understanding the funding landscape for your SME or PSO		€3k		
	Navigating the basic requirements of engaging software engineering consultant / contractor		€6.5k		
	Requirements feasibility investigation		€10.5k		
	Digital Innovation Consultation Clinic		€2.5k		

Innovation Vouchers



Funding Body

- Enterprise Ireland / IDA Ireland

Amounts

- x3 €10,000 voucher
- x1 matched voucher (€10k, EI €10k company)

Open to

- SME
- HPSU
- Large Industry

Case studies

- [Walton case studies](#)

Purpose

- Access third-level expertise.
- New product /process /service/business model development
- New service delivery and customer interface
- New service development
- Training in innovation management
- Innovation/technology audit

IP model

- Client company owns IP

URL

- [Enterprise Ireland](#)

Innovation Partnership



Funding Body

- Enterprise Ireland / IDA Ireland

Amounts

- Typically, up to €200k (with exceptions)
- + 100% capital funding if needed

Open to

- SME
- HPSU
- Large Industry

Purpose

- Develop high-risk, high-innovation project in collaboration with academic partner

IP model

- SETU own IP
- Licence options are available

URL

[Enterprise Ireland](#)

Innovation Feasibility



Funding Body

- Enterprise Ireland / IDA Ireland

Amounts

- €9,000 for academic partner

Open to

- Academic institution on behalf of company eligible for innovation partnership

Purpose

- To undertake feasibility study for potential innovation partner projects

IP model

- SETU own IP
- Licence options are available

URL

[Enterprise Ireland](#)

EI RD&I Fund



Funding Body

- Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- Up to: €50k LEO | €500k+ Large EI companies
- Adding SETU as partner on consultancy basis, makes the proposal more attractive (max consultancy funding is €900 per day).
- Companies can apply as a consortium if applicable.

Open to

- Academic institution on behalf of company eligible for innovation partnership

URL

[Enterprise Ireland](#)

Purpose

- Incentivise company investment in new product or service development to enhance the competitiveness of Irish industry.
- Incentivise the implementation of new process or organisational innovations that could lead to more market offerings from Irish companies.
- Support the development of advanced manufacturing or development processes involving technical uncertainty.
- Build RD&I skills capability in Irish enterprises which enable the development of new products, processes and services.

IP model

- Company owns IP

IDA Collaboration Mechanism



Funding Body

- IDA Ireland / State Funded

Amounts

- Max €7.5m (more possible with Government approval)
- Research consultancy (e.g. SETU) up to 10% of project cost

Open to

- IDA client companies

Purpose

- Industrial research collaboration (TRL 2-4): Contribution -50% from all companies
- Experimental development collaboration (TRL 5-8): Contribution – 40% large, 50% SMEs

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [IDA Ireland](#)

IDA RD&I Fund



Funding Body

- IDA Ireland

Amounts

- Max €7.5m (more possible with Government approval)
- Research consultancy (e.g. SETU) up to 10% of project cost

Open to

- IDA client companies

Purpose

- Fundamental Research (TRL 1),
- Industrial Research (TRL 2-4) ,
- Experimental Development (TRL 5-8),
- RD&I Feasibility Study,
- Process and organisational innovation.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [IDA Ireland](#)

Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF)



Funding Body

- Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- Projects need to be €1.5m at a minimum, over three years.
- Needs at least 1 SME and 1 enterprise partner
- (the type of eligible research to be carried out by all partners, must include 'industrial research' and/or 'experimental development', that is, within Technology Readiness Levels 3-9)

Open to

- EI, IDA, Udaras Clients + RPO

Purpose

- High risk/high innovation projects addressing the six National Research Priority Areas: ICT, health and wellbeing, food, energy, climate action and sustainability, manufacturing and materials, and services and business processes

IP model

- Intellectual Property (IP) for any collaboration involving RPOs should be in line with the National IP Protocol 2016. Other partnerships will need to have an IP agreement in place by the time of project approval for funding. Please consult [Knowledge Transfer Ireland \(KTI\)](#) for guides to managing IP in Ireland

URL

- [Enterprise Ireland](#)

SFI Centres / Spokes

Funding Body

- Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)

Amounts

- Co-funded project (50%) to hire postdoc/Phd students into the HEI to undertake projects on behalf of industry
- SME can use in-kind to cover max 25% of their contribution to the project
- Large industry partner must pay 65.6% of overhead on project to be state aid compliant

Open to

- Any company

Purpose

- Enables companies to embark on cutting edge projects in contribution with SETU
- Ideal scenario is a company identifies a project

IP model

- Framework agreement in place, however licence options are available, and the IP will be transferred to the company on completion of the 'spoke' project.
- Payment schedule and BIK for the project must be completed.

URL

- [Science Foundation Ireland \(SFI\)](#)

Consultancy

Funding Body

- Directly paid to SETU by client company

Amounts

- SETU / Walton consultancy rates apply

Open to

- Any company

Purpose

- Multi-topic RD&I activities

IP model

- Company owns IP

Horizon Europe RIA/IA



Funding Body

- European Commission

Amounts

- Up to and over €1m depending on need and expertise (typically €150k - €300k for SME)

Open to

- Any company

Purpose

- Access third-level expertise.
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- Innovation/technology audit

IP model

- Client company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [European Commission](#)

Horizon Europe MSCA



Funding Body

- European Commission

Amounts

- Multiple funding options available

Open to

- Any company

Purpose

- To model postdoctoral development

IP model

- No IP issue, postdoctoral researcher will operate policies of host organisation

URL

- [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions \(MSCA\)](#)

Horizon Europe CSA



Funding Body

- European Commission

Amounts

- Typically €150k - €300k for SME

Open to

- Any company

Purpose

- EU Actions designed to strengthen the European Research Area, through coordination and support activities (including, for example, standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising, communication and networking activities, policy dialogues, mutual learning or studies). The EU funding covers up to 100% of the project costs.

IP model

- Client company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

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- [Coordination and support action](#)

EIC Pathfinder



Funding Body

- European Innovation Council (EIC)

Amounts

- Up to €4 million per project, with exceptional funding up to €50 million for specific challenges

Open to

- Researchers, start-ups, SMEs, and other organizations with breakthrough ideas.

Purpose

- Support early-stage development of breakthrough technologies.
- New product /process /service/business model development
- Enable high-risk projects with transformative potential.
- Create new markets and address societal challenges.

IP model

- Results are owned by the beneficiaries, with shared access for collaboration.

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- https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-funding-opportunities/eic-pathfinder_en

EIC Transition



Funding Body

- European Innovation Council (EIC)

Amounts

- Up to €2.5 million per project, with flexibility for additional funding based on project needs.

Open to

- Single applicants (start-ups, SMEs) or small consortia with 2-5 partners focused on market-driven innovation.

Purpose

- Accelerate the transition of innovative technologies to market readiness.
- Bridge the gap between lab research and commercial application.
- Support market-oriented innovation activities with societal impact

IP model

- Results are owned by the beneficiaries, with shared access for collaboration.

URL

- https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-funding-opportunities/eic-transition_en

EIC Accelerator



Funding Body

- European Innovation Council (EIC)

Amounts

- Blended finance up to €17.5 million, combining grants up to €2.5 million with equity investment.

Open to

- Single SMEs, start-ups, and spin-offs from any sector, aiming to scale up groundbreaking innovations

Purpose

- Support SMEs and start-ups in scaling groundbreaking innovations.
- Foster market-creating innovations addressing global challenges.
- Accelerate commercialization and societal impact of innovations

IP model

- Results are owned by the beneficiaries, with shared access for collaboration.

URL

- https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-funding-opportunities/eic-accelerator_en

Digital Europe

Funding Body

- European Commission

Amounts

- Up to and over €1m depending on need and expertise (typically €150k - €300k for SME)

Open to

- Any company

DIGITALEUROPE

Purpose

- Multi-topic RD&I activities – focus on capital equipment. 50% funded by EU.

IP model

- Client company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [Digital Europe](#)

EDIH - Discovery and Assessment



Funding Body

- European Commission / Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €2500

Open to

- SME
- Public Bodies
- HPSU

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- This service will allow you to meet with the team, discover and experience the capabilities of new technologies and discuss the impact they could have on your business. You will begin your DMA journey with us as part of the process and to advance conversations on the statement of work (SoW) for stage 2.
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EDIH - Technical Analysis



Funding Body

- European Commission / Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €10,500

Open to

- SME
- Public Bodies
- HPSU

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- This service offers an insight into the current capabilities of the proposed technology with identification of considerations such as regulatory, technical limitations (hardware and/or software) or resource requirements for adopting the technology.
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EDIH: Current state of play for your region



Funding Body

- European Commission / Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €10,500

Open to

- PSO

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- This service will allow you will have a greater understanding of what digital strategies are at play to support your decisions in your PSOs digital positioning to support SMEs and Communities
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EDIH: Current state of play for your locality



Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €14,500

Open to

- PSO

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- This service will allow you to meet with the team, discuss the locality in which your PSO is geographically located and its very specific locations of interest (marked on NUT2 map).
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)



EDIH - Needs Assessment

Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €10,500

Open to

- PSO
- SME
- Soletrader and charity

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- Unlock the digital potential (advanced) of your SME or PSO, by engaging with ENTIRE on a 360 needs assessment (national landscape analysis, EU horizon scanning and analysis, mind map of network etc.) we will set you and your SME or PSO on the right path to ensure that your technology uptake has the greatest impact for your business.
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EDIH - Proof of concept analysis on users, technology capabilities and combinations



Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €6,500

Open to

- PSO
- SME
- Soletrader and charity

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- Through experimental research, this service sets out to prove the concept of your solution, checking the technical feasibility of supporting future and further development to a fully capable software solution, complete with templates for continuous Integration, testing, and deployment/delivery as well as estimated future development costs and timeline.
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)



EDIH - Understanding the funding landscape for your SME or PSO

Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €3,000

Open to

- PSO
- SME
- Soletrader and charity

Case Studies

- [Walton Case studies](#)

Purpose

- Based on considerable success, knowledge and experience securing funding, the team at Walton Institute share their knowledge and funding expertise available to support your innovation investment with grants from across Ireland and abroad. Outcome of service A tailored report on innovation funding relevant to your organisation, and any associated / respective funding templates and guidance on scope.
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)



EDIH - Navigating the basic requirements of engaging software engineering consultant / contractor

Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €6,500

Open to

- PSO
- SME
- Soletrader and charity

Purpose

- Understanding the software engineering / SCM needs of your organisation by engaging with ENTIRE's software engineering experts
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EDIH - Requirements feasibility investigation



Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €10,500

Open to

- PSO
- SME
- Soletrader and charity

Purpose

- Understanding in theory if your idea can be realised by engaging with ENTIRE's Software Engineering Experts.
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EDIH - Digital Innovation Consultation Clinic



Funding Body

- European Commission / Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Recovery and Resilience Fund).
- Funding facilitator Enterprise Ireland

Amounts

- €2,500

Open to

- PSO
- SME
- Soletrader and charity

Purpose

- Delivery over 3-4 months (dependent on scope)
- Eligibility criteria linked to De Minimis for an SME, registered charity, sole trader or PSO. Once eligible, there is no application.

IP model

- Company owns IP

URL

- [ENTIRE EDIH](#)

EU Cascade Funding



Funding Body

- EU Cascade Funding

Amounts

- Typically €100k-€250k, for 6-9month project

Open to

- Any company

Purpose

- Multi-topic RD&I activities. Focus on leveraging results/outputs from existing EU funded projects

IP model

- Company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [EU Cascade Funding](#)

LEO Feasibility Study Grant



Funding Body

- Local Enterprise Office

Amounts

- 50% of spend to a maximum of €15,000

Open to

- Sole trader / companies

Purpose

- Assistance towards technical development/Prototype/Innovation Costs/Validating Proposition. Includes hiring of expertise from third level colleges (cannot be double funded) i.e. matched funding cannot be via innovation voucher for example.

IP model

- Company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [Local Enterprise Office](#)

LEO Priming Grant (<18 months)



Funding Body

- Local Enterprise Office

Amounts

- €50% of the investment or €150,000, whichever is lesser

Open to

- Startups,
- Micro-enterprises

Purpose

- Consultancy and innovation costs. Third level can be used as consultancy

IP model

- Company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [Local Enterprise Office](#)

LEO Business Expansion Grant (>18 months)



Funding Body

- Local Enterprise Office

Amounts

- €50% of the investment or €150,000, whichever is lesser

Open to

- Startups
- Micro-enterprises

Purpose

- Consultancy and innovation costs. Third level can be used as consultancy

IP model

- Company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [Local Enterprise Office](#)

Intertrade Ireland Innovation Boost



Funding Body

- Intertrade Ireland

Amounts

- €68k (18months) / €47k (12 months)
- Academic partner funded 100%
- 50% project manager cost covered
- Company matches 50%

Open to

- Indigenous (to Ireland)
- SME (manufacturing or trading services, north or south)

Purpose

- Cross border collaboration

IP model

- Company owns IP, shares during project lifetime, subject to consortium agreement

URL

- [Intertrade Ireland](#)