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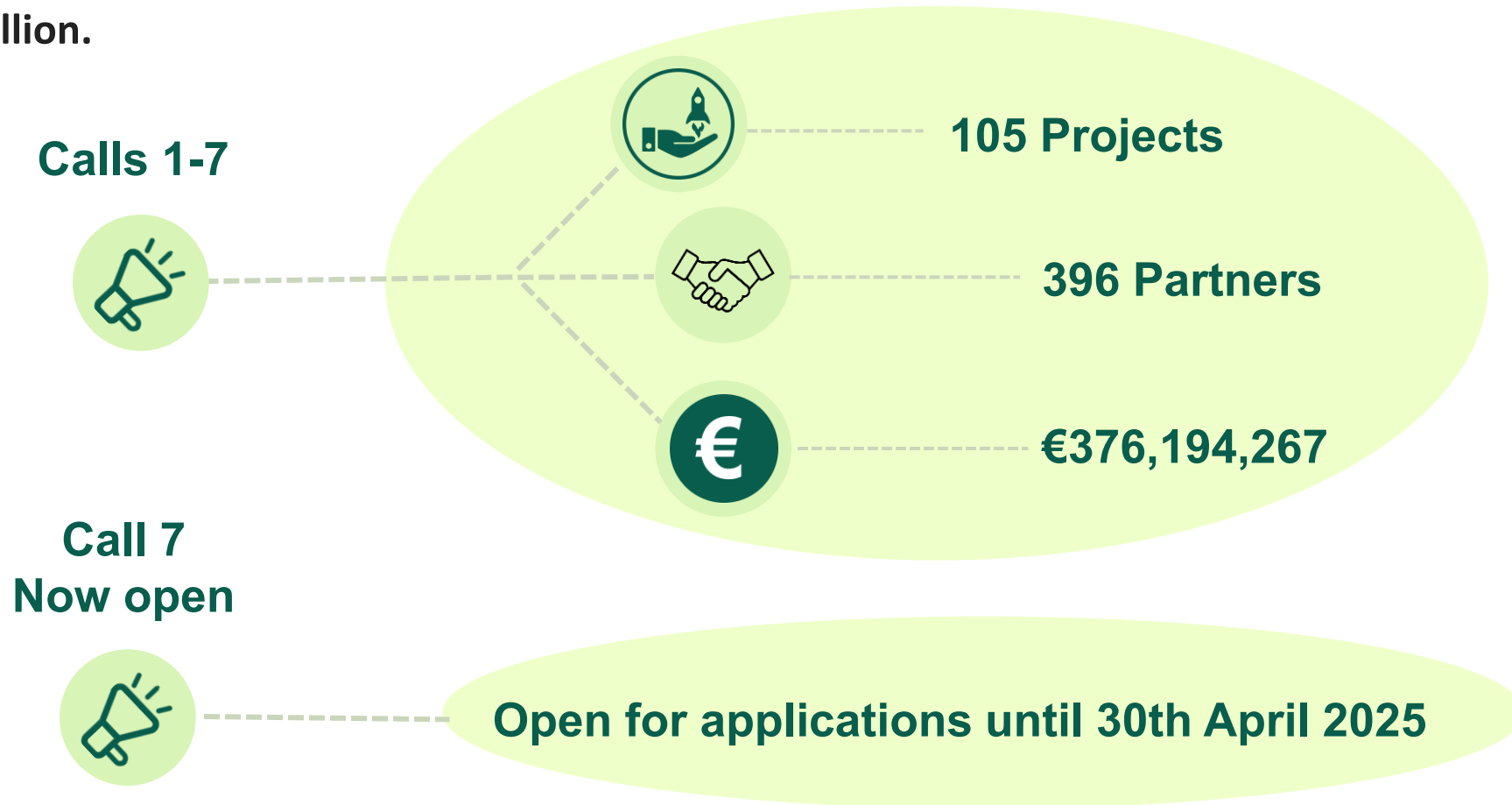
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# Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund

- The Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF) is a **€500 million** challenge-based fund.
- It is managed by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and administered by Enterprise Ireland.
- Across the first six DTIF calls to date, **105 collaborative projects with 396 partners have been allocated funding of €376 million.**





# DTIF Objectives





# Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund – Overview

**Disruptive technology** is that which has the potential to drastically alter markets and their functioning and significantly alter the way that businesses operate. While it involves a new product or process, it can also involve the emergence of a new business model.

Disruption is not about technology alone but the combination of technology and business model innovation.



# Fundable Activity

Project must be within the scope of Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development

## INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

Industrial research, means the **planned research or critical investigation aimed at the acquisition of new knowledge and skills for developing new products, processes or services or for bringing about a significant improvement in existing products, processes or services.** It comprises the creation of component parts of complex systems and may include the construction of prototypes in a laboratory environment or in an environment with simulated interfaces to existing systems as well as of pilot lines, when necessary for the industrial research and notably for generic technology validation.



## EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Experimental development, means the **acquiring, combining, shaping and using existing scientific, technological, business and other relevant knowledge and skills for the purpose of producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services.** These may also include, for instance, other activities aiming at the conceptual definition, planning and documentation of new products, processes or services. The activities may comprise producing drafts, drawings, plans and other documentation, provided that they are not intended for commercial use.



PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT





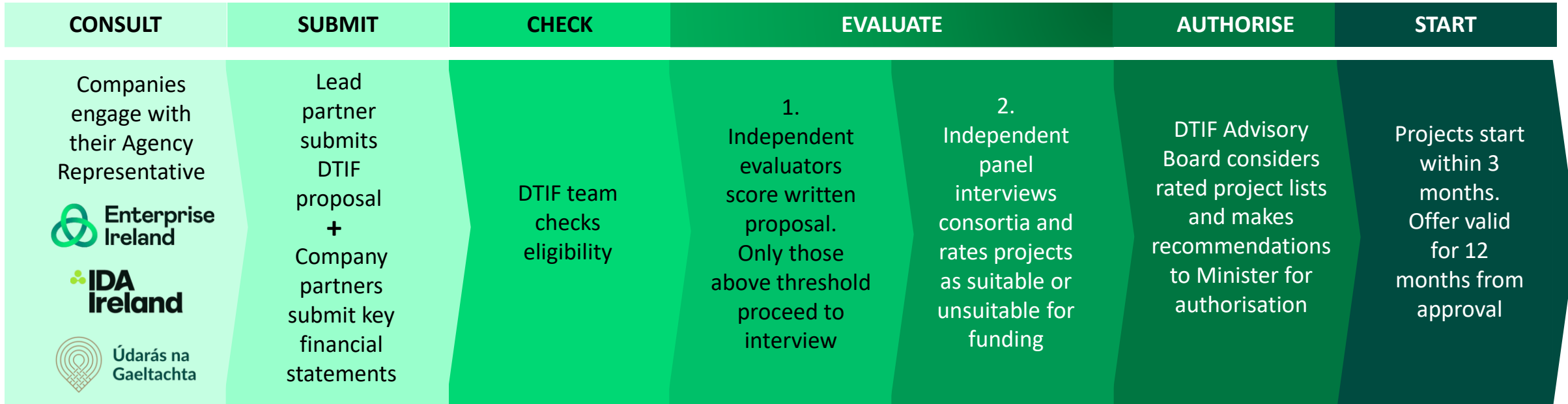
# Main changes from earlier DTIF Calls

- (i) The call opened on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 and applications will be accepted on an individual basis until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Applicants must interact with agency representatives before preparing their applications.
  
- (ii) Effective January 1st 2024, changes to the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) will be applied to DTIF projects. In respect of R&D costs, companies may choose from the Simplified Overhead Costing Approach or the Defined Overhead Approach



# DTIF Process

## APPLYING FOR THE DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES INNOVATION FUND (DTIF)



Financial status of companies assessed

**ASSESS COMPANY FINANCIALS**





# How will the proposals be scored?

Evaluation Criteria	Score Range*	Weighting %
Strength of the disruptive technology dimension	0-100	100
Excellence of the overall proposal and approach	0-100	50
Economic impact and sustainability	0-100	100
Quality and Efficiency of the collaboration	0-100	50

Eligible written applications are reviewed by a minimum of three independent international technical/commercialisation experts. Written proposals meeting the required standard result in the DTIF consortia being invited for interview with expert panels.



# Thinking about applying?

## Consortium:

- ✓ The consortium must comprise at least **3 independent partners**.
- ✓ The consortium must comprise **at least one SME** and one other enterprise partner.
- ✓ A consortium may consist of enterprises only or enterprises with one or more RPOs.
- ✓ All consortium partners collaborate to **common aims and objectives**.
- ✓ There should be a **strategic rationale** for the consortium structure.

## Funding Parameters:

- ✓ The consortium must request DTIF funding of at **least €1.5 million** over **3 years**.
- ✓ **SMEs** can claim up to **50%** of their eligible costs
- ✓ **Large companies** can claim up to **40%** of their eligible costs
- ✓ **RPOs** can claim up to **100%** of their eligible costs
- ✓ RPOs cannot receive more than **50%** of the total DTIF grant aid to the project.

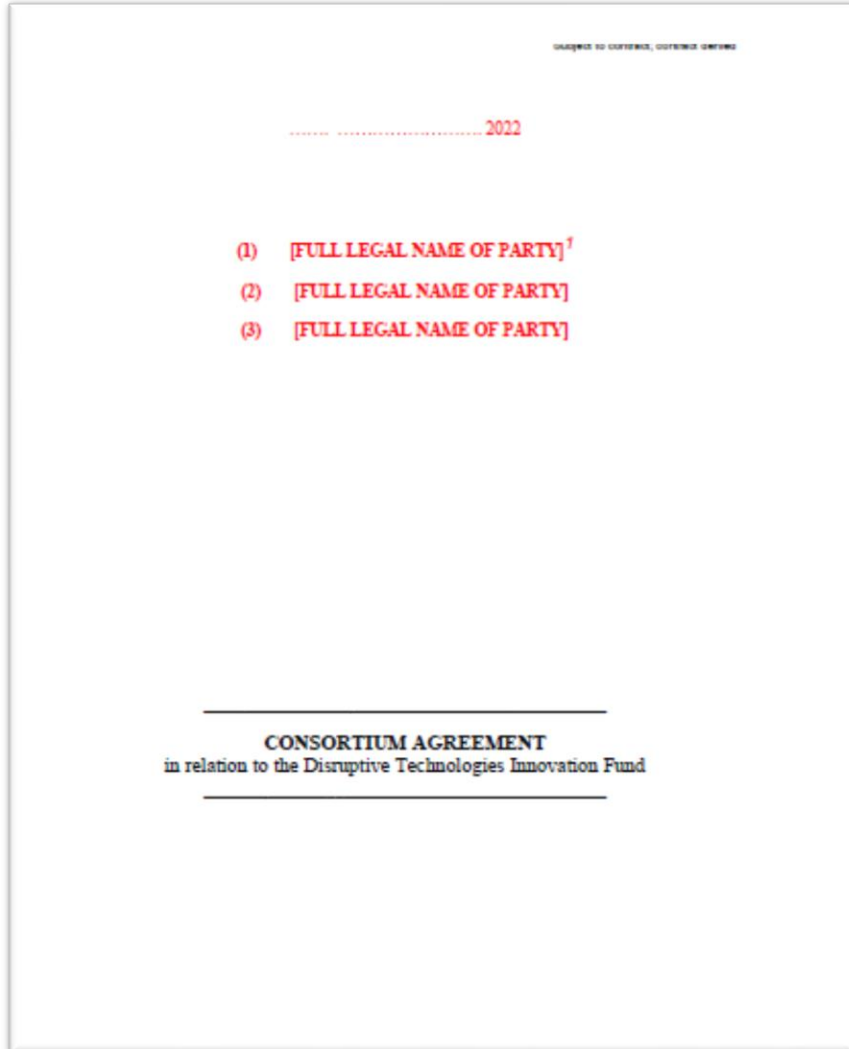


## To Note:

- **Enterprises cannot be Undertakings in Difficulty** - According to the EU definition (see Call 7 Guide for Applicants for more details)
- **Early-stage companies** – Must have the operational and financial capacity to participate
- **Pre-finance** – Allowed for small companies where necessary and applicants must have sufficient non-committed assets to cover liability
- **Clinical Trials** – Clinical trial activity may be funded under DTIF up to pilot study (Phase 2a) and in line with the EU State Aid definition of ‘industrial research’



# Consortium agreement



Each project partner in a collaborative partnership will be required to complete a Consortium Agreement

Template provided now to show you what you will need to consider

Note that use of this template will be mandatory, with modifications to be made for specific business reasons on an exceptional basis only



# Call 7 Documents are now available on the DETE website



DETE DTIF homepage:

[Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](https://enterprise.gov.ie)

Guidance documents:

[Guide for applicants \(PDF, 636KB\)](#)

[Indicative application form \(DOC, 85KB\)](#)

[Consortium agreement template \(DOC, 294KB\)](#)

[UiD questionnaire \(XLS, 122KB\)](#)

Submission link:

<https://submit.link/2CW>



# Q&A

QUESTIONS

Q & A

ANSWERS

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## Appendix - DTIF Call 7 Eligibility Criteria

1. The consortium is requesting funding from DTIF of at least €1.5 million over 3 years.
2. The consortium comprises at least 3 independent partners seeking funding from the DTIF including at least one SME and one other enterprise partner.
3. The application is based on the key parameters that SMEs can claim up to 50% of their eligible costs; large companies can claim up to 40% of their eligible costs; RPOs can claim up to 100% of eligible costs; RPOs cannot receive more than 50% of the DTIF grant aid in any collaboration.
4. To drawdown funding under DTIF, applicants must be a current client of Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland or Údarás na Gaeltachta or an eligible RPO.
5. . All project partners must be based in Ireland.



## Appendix - DTIF Call 7 Eligibility Criteria cont'd.

6. 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
7. All company partners must provide financial information to demonstrate that they are not Undertakings in Difficulty (UiD)
8. The application has been received via the online application system before the closing date of 30 April 2025.
9. The application is complete i.e. all sections of the application form completed and all company partners have provided financial information as set out in the DTIF Call 7 UiD questionnaire in excel format (available on the Department’s website) to the DTIF Financial Mailbox DTIFFinance@enterpriseireland.com before the closing date of 30 April 2025.
10. Where an RPO is part of a consortium, the participation of researchers has been approved by an authorized signatory for the RPO (e.g. Vice-President/Dean of Research).