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The Annual Knowledge Transfer Survey Report 2021

Minister Troy launched the Annual Knowledge Transfer Survey (AKTS) 2021 on Tuesday, 19 July 2022.

The AKTS is the annual scorecard for Ireland's knowledge transfer community and assesses the status of collaboration between industry and publicly funded research in Ireland as well as the levels of commercialisation of State research.

The AKTS is produced by Knowledge Transfer Ireland, the Irish body that connects businesses of all sizes to publicly funded research opportunities.

More: [Annual Knowledge Transfer Survey points to continued success between industry and public research - Knowledge Transfer Ireland](#)

Tánaiste announces new Construction Technology Centre

The Tánaiste has announced the establishment of a Construction Technology Centre to accelerate research and innovation within the construction and built environment sector.

The Construction Technology Centre will be hosted by NUI Galway who will lead a consortium that includes Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin and University College Cork working with the Irish Green Building Council. Funding of €5 million will be provided for the Centre over five years.

More: [Tánaiste announces new Construction Technology Centre - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

EU trade sanctions in response to situation in Ukraine

On 21 July 2022, the EU adopted additional sanctions in response to Russia's illegal and unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine.

The package of EU sanctions came into effect on 22 July 2022 and the major trade-related elements of the package include a ban on the purchase, import or transfer of gold, including jewellery, if it originates in Russia; a ban on Russian-flagged vessels accessing EU ports now also applies to EU locks.

More: [EU trade sanctions in response to situation in Ukraine - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](https://enterprise.gov.ie)

Ireland's Trade and Investment Report 2021

Minister Troy has published the report on Ireland's trade and investment performance for 2021, *Delivering Value for Ireland: Trade and Investment Report 2021*.

The report highlights the importance of international trade to Ireland and the role played by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, together with the enterprise agencies - Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland - in increasing exports, supporting trade and attracting inward investment.

More: [Minister Troy publishes Ireland's Trade and Investment Report - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](https://enterprise.gov.ie)

Public consultation on compulsory licensing of intellectual property rights

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on a revised framework for compulsory licensing of patents.

The intention is to get the views of interested parties on how to build a more efficient and coordinated compulsory licensing scheme in the EU.

The deadline for receipt of submissions is Wednesday, 28 September 2022.

Have your say: [Patent Consultations - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Public consultation on ecodesign for sustainable products

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment is conducting a public consultation on ecodesign for sustainable products.

The European Commission made its proposal for a Regulation on Ecodesign for Sustainable Products earlier this year. The main objectives of this proposal for a regulation are to:

- reduce the negative life cycle environmental impacts of products
- improve the functioning of the internal market
- build on existing successful ecodesign rules

Submissions should not exceed 2,500 words and should be sent to ecodesign@enterprise.gov.ie and circulareconomy@decc.gov.ie.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm Tuesday, 13 September 2022.

Have your say: [Public consultation on ecodesign for sustainable products - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)