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Enterprise Ireland welcomes applications for its Agile Innovation Fund

Enterprise Ireland's Agile Innovation Fund supports the development of new or substantially improved products, services, or processes, where the total project cost is no more than €300,000 and grant rates range from 25% - 50%.

The Fund features a streamlined online application form with fast-track approval and is open to all companies, but is particularly appropriate for those who are: (1) new to research and development (R&D), (2) operating in short, product life cycles, and (3) undertaking small/short projects.

Projects may range from solving technical challenges (R&D) to innovations in services delivery or business models ([Digital Process Innovation](#)). The fund is open to clients of Enterprise Ireland, Local Enterprise Offices and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

More: [Agile Innovation Fund - Enterprise Ireland \(enterprise-ireland.com\)](https://enterprise-ireland.com)

Stakeholder consultation on ratification by Ireland of ILO Convention 190 – Violence and Harassment, 2019

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment is seeking views from stakeholders and interested parties on the ratification by Ireland of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190).

The consultation will be open until 26 September 2022.

Submissions should be no longer than 1500 words and can either be emailed to ILOConsultation@enterprise.gov.ie or sent in hard copy to EPSCO, ILO and Council of Europe Section, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Have your say: [Stakeholder consultation on ratification by Ireland of ILO Convention 190 – Violence and Harassment, 2019 - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Second call under €100 million Brexit response scheme for agri-food sector

On 26 August 2022, the Government launched the second call for applications under the €100 million Scheme for the agri-food sector.

The Scheme, introduced by the Government at the end of 2020, has been established in recognition of the sector's unique exposure to the impact of Brexit and other global trading challenges.

Up to €30 million is available under this second call. It is open to large, medium and small enterprises, engaged in the processing and marketing of primary meat and dairy products.

Eligible companies are invited to submit applications from 12 September until 11 November at 5.30pm.

More: [Government opens second call under €100 million Brexit response scheme for agri-food sector - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Minister English to modernise the Employment Permits system

Minister English announced on 29 July 2022 that the Government will publish a new law which will help to modernise the Employment Permits system in Ireland.

The Bill, to be published in Autumn, will foster a more responsive system for Ireland's evolving labour market, introduce a new permit for seasonal employment and salary thresholds to be index-linked.

More: [Minister English to modernise the Employment Permits system - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Emergency Humanitarian Support Scheme for small businesses in New Ross and Tullow affected by flooding

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.

More: [Tánaiste announces Emergency Humanitarian Support Scheme for small businesses in New Ross and Tullow affected by flooding - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022

The Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill was published in August 2022. It has been drafted in response to the potential threat posed to security and public order from some third country investments.

The Bill when enacted will establish a screening mechanism for third country investments into Ireland for the first time.

More: [Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022 - DETE \(enterprise.gov.ie\)](#)

The publication of an Amendment to S.R. 54:2014 Code of practice for energy efficient retrofit of dwellings

This Amendment was developed by the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) Technical Committee for Retrofit of existing dwellings (NSAI/TC 40).

This Amendment revises information provided on the existing case studies A, B, and C (sections 5.5.1 to 5.5.4 of the document) for retrofitting of dwellings, including recalculation of the energy performance ratings using the Dwelling Energy Assessment Procedure (DEAP), in line with the Major Renovations requirement of Building Regulations and to support Climate Action Plan targets of 500,000 retrofits to B2.

The scope of this standard recommendation addresses the energy retrofit of the building fabric and services of detached, semi-detached and terraced dwellings of not more than three stories.

More: [NSAI announces the publication of an Amendment to S.R. 54:2014 Code of practice for energy efficient retrofit of dwellings | NSAI](#)