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Minister's Foreword

I am pleased to present this Final Progress Report on the implementation of the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan to 2025. Since its launch in 2022, the Plan has sought to drive economic growth, innovation and sustainable enterprise development across the region.

Since the inception of the Plan, the focus has been on tapping into the distinct potential of the North-East, which includes counties Cavan, Monaghan and Louth. The Plan aimed to unlock this region's potential, ensuring it thrives economically and contributes to the broader well-being of the entire country.

The Regional Enterprise Plans are developed and led by regional stakeholders and tailored to reflect regional strengths and opportunities. They are aligned to the National Smart Specialisation Strategy for Innovation 2022-2027 and national enterprise policy priorities such as decarbonisation and digitalisation. To support balanced regional development and the implementation of the Regional Enterprise Plans, my Department, through Enterprise Ireland, has made available over €150 million in regional enterprise development funding since 2017. Schemes such as the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) and Border Enterprise Development Fund (BEDF) have seen substantial investment in enterprise centres and hubs around the country, delivering supports to businesses in line with regional strengths. In the North-East, just under €21 million was allocated for 13 projects through the REDF/BEDF. This funding was complemented by the Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme, launched in 2023.

Strategic sectors such as placemaking, digital transformation, education and offshore renewable energy have been supported through targeted investment, collaborative initiatives, and innovative programmes. A defining feature of this Plan has been the spirit of collaboration. Government agencies, local authorities, educational institutions, business representative bodies and local industry have worked together to address challenges and seize opportunities, ensuring the North-East is well positioned to compete nationally and internationally.

Over the lifetime of the Plan, the region has deepened cross-sector collaboration, demonstrated national leadership in Smart Specialisation, expanded digital transformation and upskilling initiatives, strengthened SME capability and entrepreneurship supports, and accelerated growth in emerging sectors such as offshore wind and creative industries. The Plan has also driven meaningful progress in decarbonisation and energy-innovation initiatives, reinforcing the North-East's role in supporting Ireland's wider economic and climate ambitions.

These achievements demonstrate the North-East's resilience, ambition, and capacity for innovation. While there is work to be done to further enhance the region's competitiveness, the achievements documented in this report reflect the dedication and vision of all stakeholders. I have been heartened by the collaboration on display and encourage all stakeholders to continue to work together to deliver real results for the North-East.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Chairperson Richard Hanlon, for his leadership and drive; he made a significant impact bringing his wealth of experience to bear in this voluntary role. I would also like to thank Programme Manager Gráinne Tuomey and her predecessor Caroline Brady, the members of the Steering Committee and all regional partners whose commitment has been instrumental in delivering on the actions in the Regional Enterprise Plan.

My Department commissioned an independent review of the Regional Enterprise Plan initiative in 2025, which consulted widely with regional stakeholders and provides an opportunity to take stock of our approach. Taking on board the findings of the review, we will continue to build on what has been achieved and strengthen our support for regional enterprise development into the future.



Niamh Smyth TD
Minister of State for Trade Promotion,
Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation

Chairperson's Introduction

I am pleased to present this Final Progress Report on the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan, which sets out the collective achievements delivered over the lifetime of the Plan and reflects the significant progress made in strengthening the enterprise ecosystem across the North-East region.

This report demonstrates how the actions of the Plan have complemented and built upon the work of national, regional and local enterprise stakeholders, with a strong focus on collaboration, innovation and delivery. Over the course of the Plan, the region has made tangible advances in developing a more cohesive regional identity, supporting enterprise digital and decarbonisation transitions, strengthening SME capability and leadership, and accelerating the growth of key sectors aligned with Smart Specialisation priorities.

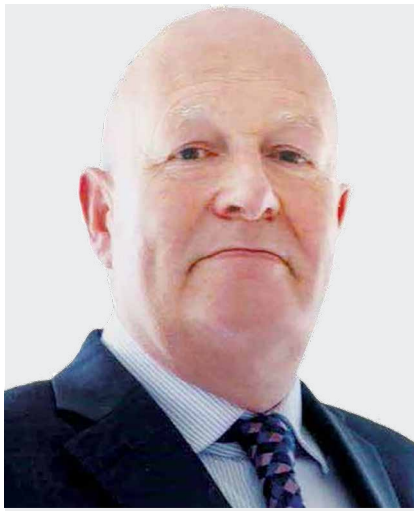
I would like to acknowledge the sustained commitment of the Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee and Working Groups, whose active engagement and leadership have been central to the successful delivery of actions set out in the Plan. This collective effort is reflected in the breadth of actions completed, the scale of investment leveraged, and the establishment of new regional structures and partnerships that will continue to deliver impact beyond the lifetime of this Plan.

The appointment of a full-time Programme Manager during the latter phase of the Plan significantly enhanced coordination, visibility and momentum, enabling the region to accelerate delivery, deepen collaboration and respond effectively to emerging opportunities. The foundations laid through the Plan — including strengthened clusters, expanded skills provision, enhanced digital and innovation infrastructure, and increased cross-border cooperation — position the North-East well for future enterprise growth.



I would like to record my sincere appreciation to the many stakeholders who contributed to the success of the Plan, including our three local authorities, enterprise and development agencies, education and skills providers, industry partners and the private sector representatives who gave their time and expertise through the Steering Committee and Working Groups. Their collaboration and shared ambition have been instrumental in shaping a more resilient, innovative and competitive North-East region.

As this Regional Enterprise Plan concludes, the progress outlined in this report provides a strong platform on which future regional enterprise initiatives can build. I look forward to seeing the continued impact of this work as the region continues to grow, adapt and thrive.



Richard Hanlon
Chair of the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan
Steering Committee



North-East Final Progress Report

This progress report documents overall implementation of the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan to end of 2025, building on the information in the North-East mid-term progress report published in April 2024. The progress report has been prepared and signed off by the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee.

North-East Highlights

STRONG REGIONAL COLLABORATION & ECOSYSTEM GROWTH:
In line with Action 1.1 the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan expanded cross-sector cooperation, with 32 working group members across 27 sectors strengthening regional partnerships. New collaborative mechanisms such as the North-East Hub Managers Network were established by the Programme Manager to support talent retention, remote working, and hub to hub cooperation. The Region increased visibility, coherent messaging and industry engagement through a dedicated North-East Regional Programme Manager LinkedIn platform generating over 44,000 impressions in its first year.

KEY ADVANCES IN SMART SPECIALISATION:
With the North-East Region focusing efforts on its sectoral strengths there have been significant developments in Smart Specialisation. Key achievements include the 2025 opening of Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence, Europe's first 3D-printed social housing units delivered in Dundalk, the expansion of FabLab Creative Spark and collaborations with FactoryXchange and Eirmersive. The Connected Health & Wellbeing Cluster has grown to 80+ members, it has achieved ESCA Bronze accreditation and expanded nationally. dConnect, DigiBio, and BioConnect continue to strengthen digital health and agritech capability, while the PRISM Immersive Technology Summit positioned the region as an all-island leader in XR, AI, and digital twins. Strong cross-agency collaboration through Regional Plan working groups has further advanced Action 1.2 embedding a cohesive innovation ecosystem that supports visibility, impact, and enterprise growth.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:

In line with Action 2.1 the Digitalisation Regional Enterprise Plan Working Group successfully delivered a high-impact flagship digital showcase From Risk to Rewards – The SME Digitalisation Journey targeting an identified gap in business owner buy-in to digitalisation. North-East Regional Plan partners launched key digital skills programmes in the region including the Regional Enterprise Development-funded dConnect and the Connected Health and Wellbeing Cluster, which delivered AI in Healthcare programmes and with other Dundalk Institute of Technology partners held a major Cyber Security for Health Conference 2025. Third-level institutes in the region and other partners continue to offer Intro to AI courses, immersive technology upskilling, and multiple Industry 4.0 programmes. In addition, PEACEPLUS funded Mini Digi Hubs and the deployment of a Mobile Digital Lab across the region and beyond provides vital support for SMEs, strengthening digital maturity, cross-border cooperation, and innovation.

SME CAPABILITY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

In line with Strategic Objective 3 of the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan newly accredited Level 7 and Level 9 Certificates in Operational Excellence and Strategic Data Analytics were developed and expanded access to advanced training. Action 3.1 of the plan supported the accreditation and approval process. Strengthened partnerships between development agencies, Regional Skills Forum, Higher Education Institutions, Chambers, and regional hubs have fostered a more aligned and collaborative regional approach. Skillnet's Innovation Exchange expanded from The Mill Hub Drogheda into Cavan Digital Hub. The largest Skillnet Innovation Exchange in the programme's history was achieved between two North-East regional companies. Entrepreneurship supports continue to contribute to Action 3.3, including the introduction of Furthr into the region in 2025, BEDF-funded THRIVE4Women initiative, Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers expansion and Local Enterprise Offices. Collectively, these initiatives enhance leadership capability and strengthen the pipeline of high-potential SMEs across the region.

EMERGING SECTOR ACCELERATION -
OFFSHORE WIND & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES:

Action 5.2 identified Digital Health, Creative Industries, and Offshore Wind as emerging regional growth sectors. Action 4.3 was added to the Regional Enterprise Plan to underpin the viability of offshore wind provision in the North-East. Growth of the ECO WIND Cluster strengthened regional links to national offshore renewal energy (ORE) developments, with the Cluster Chair joining the Regional Enterprise Plan ORE Working Group in 2024. Greenore Port's planning approval for a major offshore wind operations and maintenance base significantly expands ORE capacity regionally. Creative Industries development continues to accelerate, Creative Spark/ TechIreland published the North-East Creative Industries and Design Technology Sectors Report (2024), mapping 299 creative businesses and showcasing the region as a growing creative hub. Dundalk Institute of Technology School of Informatics and Creative Arts continue to expand its suite of Creative programmes. Industry wins such as ELK Animation's 2025 BBC contract, further enhance regional capability and help promote the North-East region as a creative region.

DECARBONISATION & ENERGY INNOVATION:

In line with Action 4.2 North-East Regional Enterprise Plan partner CREDIT Technology Gateway delivered 56+ industry projects across 2024-2025 supporting wind energy, energy efficiency, sustainability and digital innovation contributing to a total projects value of circa €204,000 over the two years. SEAI EXEED, Green Transition funding, and regional pilots contributed to broad enterprise engagement with low carbon transition actions.

Case Studies from the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan

1. From Risks to Reward - The SME Digitalisation Journey, Flagship Event



Robotic Dog created in AMTCE

Since the formation of the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan (NEREP) digitalisation has been a defining enabler of regional competitiveness. Over the course of the timeframe of the Regional Enterprise Plan 2022-2025 a phenomenal amount of digitisation supports became available in the North-East through EI, IDA, LEOs, Regional Skills, DkIT, incubator spaces etc.

The NEREP Digitalisation Working Group when contemplating what more could be done it considered a previously held industry workshop, this indicated that while companies were adapting to include digital strategies, there was still potentially a management/leadership knowledge upskill requirement.

Responding to this priority, the NEREP Digitalisation Working Group developed the *From Risks to Reward - The SME Digitalisation Journey*; a flagship showcase to demonstrate how technology adoption can deliver real world business enhancement and highlight the supports available to enterprises across the region.

Hosted in collaboration with the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence (AMTCE), the event attracted approximately 70 business leaders, stakeholders, and support agencies, following a promotional campaign on LinkedIn highlighting the strong regional appetite for practical, experience led learning.

Expertly facilitated and compered by Bernadette McGahon, Working Group Chair and Industry Research & Development Group (IRDG) Director, the showcase centred on peer led learning through sector diverse case studies. Four SME leaders generously shared their digitalisation journeys:

- Brendan Tumilty, Truform Laser Dies Ltd., Louth
- Kieran Callaghan, Callaghan Electrical, Cavan
- Mike Treanor, Mullan Lighting, Monaghan
- John Smith, Finnegan's Farm, Meath

Representing manufacturing, construction, design, and agri enterprise, the speakers offered authentic insights into how digitalisation has supported innovation, operational efficiency, accelerated growth, reduced waste, staff upskilling and retention, and improved customer satisfaction. Collectively, their experiences demonstrated that strategic technology adoption can deliver exponential returns when aligned with clear business objectives.

Speakers were candid that digitalisation is not without risk a theme reinforced by Eoin Byrne of Cyber Ireland, who presented compelling data on cyber threats to SMEs and highlighted the growing urgency both operational and legislative of robust cyber security practices.

These messages were echoed by Richard Hanlon FCIPD CDir, NEREP Chairperson and cyber security expert, who emphasised the importance of embedding resilience and governance alongside digital investment.

The event strongly reinforced the region's joined up approach to enterprise support. Key representatives from the regional stakeholders presented including Ray Murphy, North-East Regional Skills Manager, outlining his role as a single, impartial contact point for businesses seeking skills development, including digitalisation training. Bridgin Durnin provided an overview of the National Enterprise Hub, demonstrating how businesses can be signposted to digitalisation grants and supports through the LEOs, EI, IDA Ireland, Cyber Ireland, and others.

Gráinne Tuomey, North-East Regional Enterprise Programme Manager, concluded with a preview of upcoming initiatives, including the all-island PRISM immersive tech summit, AMTCE training programmes, and a new collaboration between Creative Spark Dundalk and FactoryXChange.

The event concluded with a guided tour of the AMTCE's smart factory, offering attendees direct exposure to cobots, robotics, and advanced manufacturing systems. The showcase successfully translated NEREP digitalisation objectives into tangible inspiration and action, reinforcing momentum as the plan concludes.

2. Creation of a North-East Hub Network enhancing Regional Collaboration



L to R: Karen Duffy (Ardee Nest), Dora Mac Elwain (Mtek Monaghan), Fionnuala Rogers (Drogheda Digital Hub), Sarah Daly (Creative Spark), Gráinne Tuomey (NE REPM), Leanne Connell (Cavan Digital Hub) – missing from pic, Ronan Whitty (The Mill)

In June 2025 the North-East Regional Enterprise Programme Manager (NEREPM) consulted with a select number of hub managers across the region regarding establishing a network of trusted allies to ideate, share information on relevant schemes and funds, and knowledge sharing. Importantly, an initiative designed to complement, not duplicate, the existing Connected Hubs framework, with the hypothesis that a smaller, trusted cohort would foster deeper relationships, honest dialogue, and practical collaboration.

Hub Managers from Cavan (5), Monaghan, Drogheda (2) and Dundalk, and the Regional Enterprise Plan Programme Manager met in June 2025.

At the time four Managers were from firmly established, high performing hubs, while one represented the Border Enterprise Development Fund (BEDF) funded Drogheda Digital Hub yet to open. The inclusion of a newer hub manager was intentional, offering early exposure to best practice and peer support. Pre-existing professional connections among some of the participants helped create an atmosphere of trust and openness from the outset.

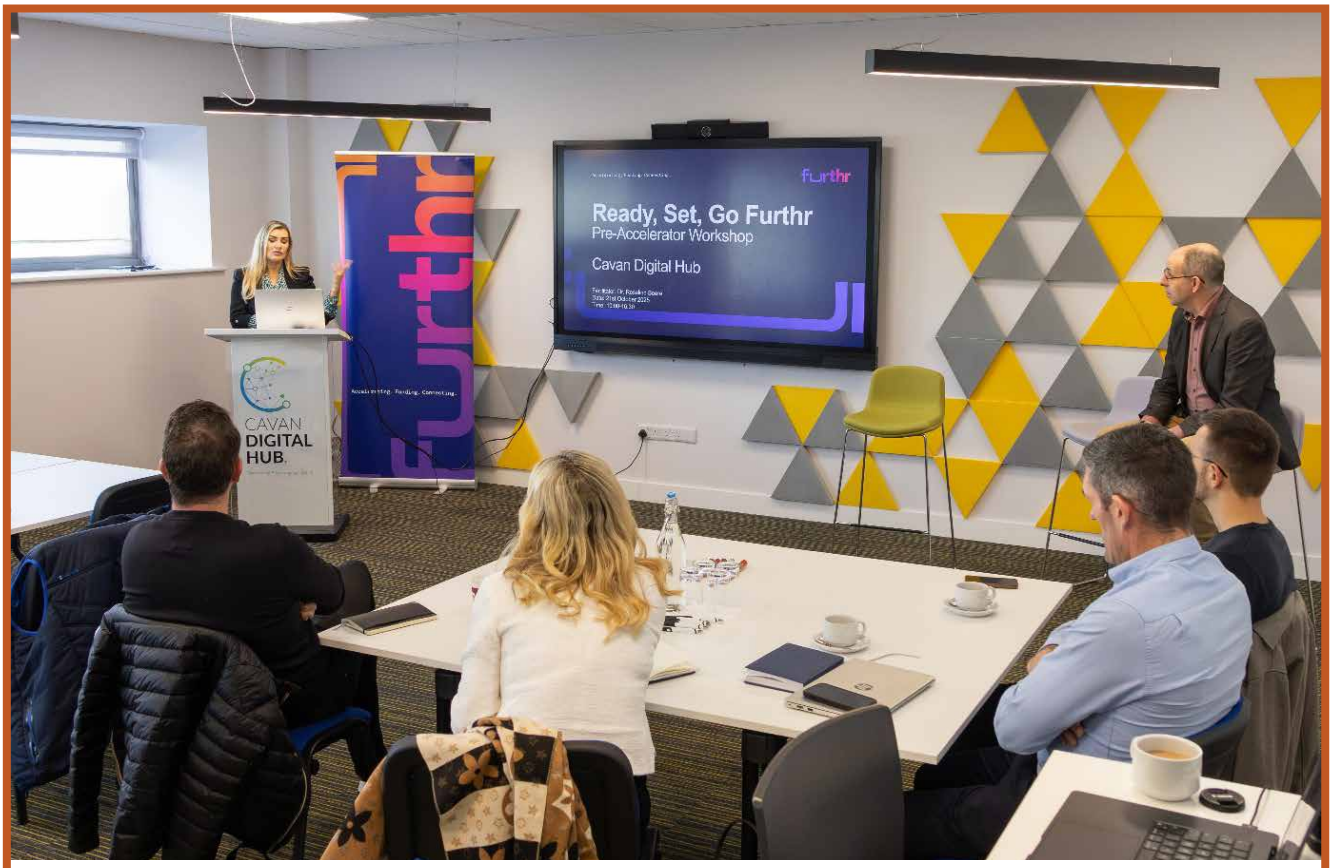
The group agreed on the value of a regional network in parallel to Connected Hubs and decided to keep membership deliberately tight. They also agreed to host the initial meetings onsite in rotation at each hub. It was suggested that for the network to work it had to be predominantly led by the hub managers, with the NEREP Programme Manager role steering and updating any items of interest.

From June to end 2025, three meetings have been held, across the region in the Mill Enterprise Hub Drogheda, Creative Spark Dundalk and Cavan Digital Hub.

Each meeting not only provided for robust agendas allowing for peer to peer learning a tour of the host hub also took place, with presentations on operational practices. Discussions were open and practical, with conversations around licencing, fees, and health & safety, internal operations, and external collaborations.

On foot of the *North-East Hub Network* initial meetings, a collaborative regional thought process has strengthened, with Cavan Digital Hub inviting Furthr to deliver a programme in the NE Region. In October 2025, Furthr hosted its *Ready, Set, Go Furthr Workshop* to early founders in the Cavan Digital Hub marking the first time Furthr delivered the programme outside the Guinness Enterprise. The plan moving forward is the programme will be delivered in each county in the North-East Region quarterly on a rotating basis.

A promotional video featuring the pilot regional event has been created to attract the participants to the next pre-accelerator workshops planned for the Mill in Q1, 2026 and MTEK in Monaghan thereafter: Ready, Set, Go Furthr - On The Road - Cavan Digital Hub on Vimeo



Ready, Set, Go Furthr Pre-accelerator Workshop in Cavan Digital Hub

The North-East Hub Managers Network established by the North-East Regional Enterprise Programme Manager demonstrates how a small, trust based regional peer network can deliver tangible collaboration outcomes, enhance hub capability, and strengthen regional enterprise ecosystems. Early indicators suggest strong potential for continued growth, including further collaborative funding applications and innovation led regional initiatives.

3. Evolution of the ECO Wind Cluster and the Offshore Wind Opportunity for Ireland's North-East

Ireland's strategic location and natural resources present significant opportunities for the indigenous development of offshore wind energy. Not only would this strengthen national energy security and support sustainable economic growth in an increasingly uncertain global environment, but results also suggest that by 2030, 2.5 - 4.5GW of domestic offshore wind development could create between 11,424 and 20,563 supply chain jobs and generate between €763 million and €1.4 billion in gross value added. With a proven track record in advancing wind energy initiatives, the North-East region is well positioned to capitalise on this opportunity.

Within the region is a fast-emerging ecosystem of research capability, supply chain expertise, and regionally coordinated collaboration through the ECO WIND Cluster and the CREDIT Technology Gateway at DkIT. The ECO Wind Cluster is an industry-led response to Ireland's rapidly emerging offshore wind sector in the North-East Region with collaborative research central to its development model. The Cluster is a well-developed and significant Offshore Renewable energy (ORE) group, contributing to research and development at national, UK and European levels.

Although ECO Wind Cluster members contributed to the REP Working Group under Strategic Objective 4 (supporting enterprises to embed climate action and transition to a low carbon economy), the role of offshore wind and the specific potential of the ECO Wind Cluster in the North-East were not explicitly recognised.

To address this, in 2024, a new action was added to the Plan to promote offshore wind off the North-East coast as a key driver of regional decarbonisation and high value job creation through to 2030. The Chair of the ECO Wind Cluster joined the REP Working Group on Strategic Objective 4 placing offshore wind as a strong component of climate action and low carbon transition.

Counties of Cavan, Louth and Monaghan possess an established service ecosystem well suited to offshore wind supply chains. Monaghan based Windhoist Ireland, played a significant role in developing turbine installation and heavy lift capability in the North-East and expanded into the UK - these skills remain embedded in the regional workforce and supply ecosystem.

Established companies from the North-East region are rapidly expanding their global footprint and attracting investment indicating a strong market confidence in the ability of the North-East companies to deliver: Prime examples of this are Cavan's Galetech Group which is progressing a 1,000 MW development pipeline across Ireland and the UK, and Louth's XOCEAN (ocean data specialists) which raised a further €115 million investment in 2025 to further advance their global footprint.

Strong road connectivity to East Coast ports and cross-border access to Northern Ireland enhance the region's attractiveness as a base for engineering services, digital monitoring, and back-office marine operations. Greenore Port was granted a 10-year planning permission in 2024 for a major development to support offshore wind operations and maintenance (O&M) in the Irish Sea. To ensure the requisite skills are in place, the regional third level institutions are rapidly advancing provision of advanced manufacturing and renewable energy along with transferrable skillsets such as robotic welding.



REP Programme Managers at Oweninny Wind Farm

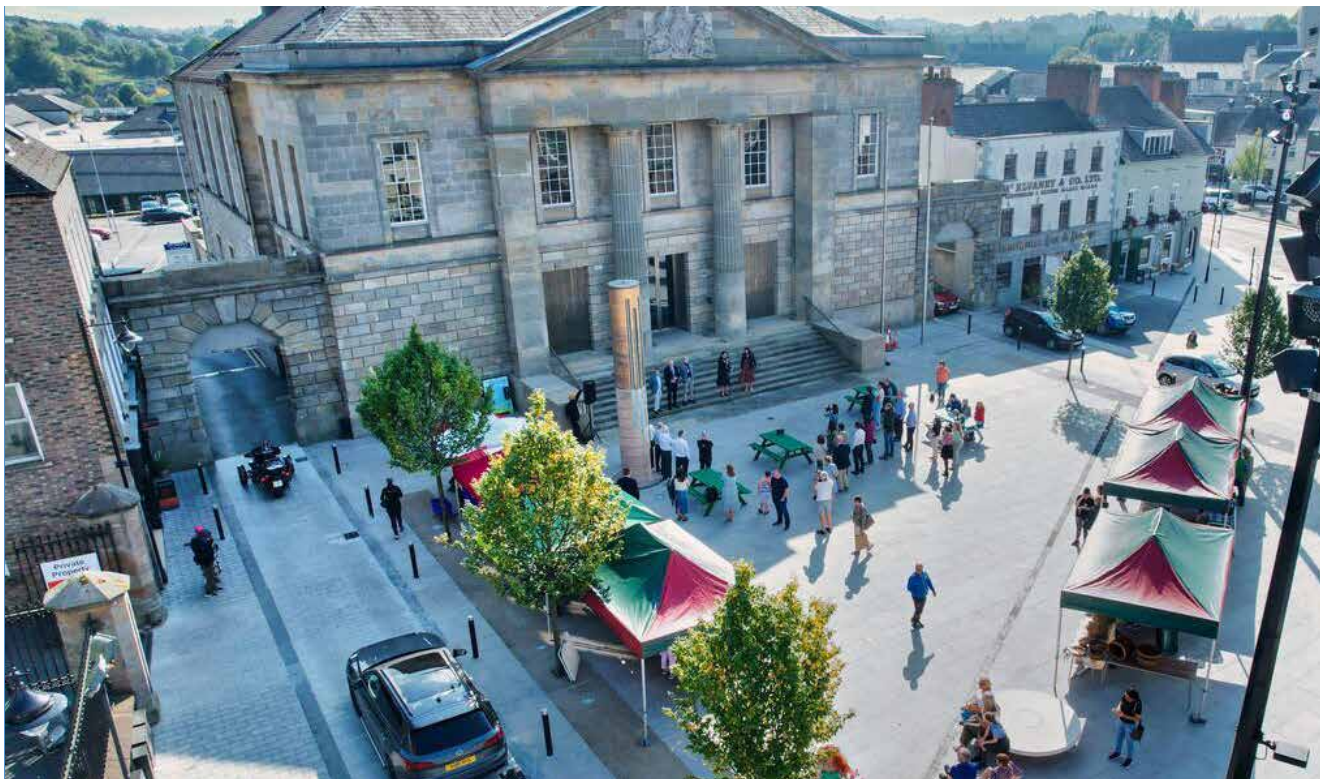
Since formation in 2021 the ECO WIND Cluster has rapidly expanded, positioning the East Coast as a viable offshore wind location and linking the region to national offshore renewable energy (ORE) opportunities. By 2023 - 2024, the ECO Wind Cluster formalised its governance, establishing a steering committee, defined workstreams and a structured engagement model aligned with national offshore wind policy. A flagship network event in March 2025 brought together 28 Cluster partners as well as cross-border Enterprise Development Agencies to showcase the partnerships and potential of the region.

Overview of the Regional Enterprise Plans

Balanced regional enterprise development is a Government priority; the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment and its agencies contribute to this agenda in several ways, including through the nine Regional Enterprise Plans (REPs).

The Regional Enterprise Plans 2022-2025 were bottom-up plans developed and led by regional stakeholders, which focused on collaborative initiatives to strengthen the enterprise ecosystem in each region. They were considered complementary to the ongoing work of key enterprise stakeholders including IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland. The REPs aimed to help drive economic growth and sustain better standards of living throughout Ireland. Each plan was underpinned by an understanding of the unique local strengths and assets in that region.

The REPs were aligned to national policy priorities including the National Smart Specialisation Strategy for Innovation 2022-2027, green growth and digitalisation. Each plan included several strategic objectives and actions under each of these. Some REP actions focused on delivery of enterprise centres and hubs in the regions and associated programmatic supports to businesses. Since 2017, the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment has allocated over €150 million to regional enterprise development through a range of schemes administered by Enterprise Ireland, some of which have funded key REP projects.



The nine REP regions are the North-East (Cavan, Monaghan, Louth), North-West (Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim), West (Galway, Mayo, Roscommon), Mid-West (Limerick, Clare, Tipperary), South-West (Cork, Kerry), South-East (Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford), Midlands (Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath), Mid-East (Meath, Kildare, Wicklow) and Dublin.

The REPs evolved from the Regional Action Plans for Jobs in place from 2015 to 2017. The first set of REPs launched in 2018 and covered the period to 2020.

The latest plans launched in 2022 and were originally to run until the end of 2024; following a one-year extension to support implementation and enable an independent review of the REP initiative, the plans came to an end in December 2025. Mid-term progress reports for each of the REPs were published in April 2024 and are available on the Department's website.

At regional level, each REP is implemented by a Steering Committee made up of regional stakeholders and chaired by an enterprise champion, typically a senior private sector businessperson. A full-time REP Programme Manager, hosted in a local authority, drives implementation on the ground. The Department oversees implementation of the REP initiative at the national level; this includes hosting the REP National Oversight Group (NOG), co-chaired by the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, and Ministers of State. The NOG provides overall strategic direction for the REP initiative and typically met twice annually to review progress, share insights and guide future planning.



Smart Specialisation

In July 2022, the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment (DETE) published Ireland's National Smart Specialisation Strategy for Innovation 2022–2027 (S3). Its goal is to drive innovation-led and sustainable regional growth by leveraging local sectoral strengths and emerging opportunities through collaboration among businesses, research institutions, public authorities, and civil society. S3 links DETE's Regional Enterprise Plans (REPs) and the Regional Assemblies' Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSESs) with national innovation strategies, ensuring alignment in Research, Development and Innovation (RD&I) policy and planning both regionally and nationally.

Ireland's Smart Specialisation Strategy fulfils a European Commission requirement for Ireland to access structural funding under European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Policy Objective 1: A Smarter Europe. The preparation of the strategy itself represents a key strategic outcome under Ireland's ERDF Programmes 2021-2027.

Launched in November 2022, the Regional Development Monitor (RDM) is a joint initiative of Ireland's three Regional Assemblies and the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO). The RDM provides an online mapping viewer with socio-economic and environmental indicators, enabling stakeholders to track progress under themes such as:

- Green Region
- Liveable Region
- Creative and Innovative Region

This tool supports evidence-based decision-making and promotes transparency in regional development. The Regional Development Monitor also includes a Smart Specialisation dashboard to enable better monitoring of progress.

The first progress report on Ireland's Smart Specialisation Strategy was published in March 2025 and progress under the eight goals of the strategy were highlighted.

- Goal 1: Linking national and regional enterprise and innovation policy
- Goal 2: Enabling "A Smarter Europe"
- Goal 3: Improving research and innovation capacity in Ireland's regions
- Goal 4: Encouraging more regionally dispersed RD&I
- Goal 5: Advancing the twin green and digital transformation
- Goal 6: Skills for innovation
- Goal 7: Reinforcing sectoral strengths
- Goal 8: Monitoring progress on regional innovation, and building international connections

Each of the Regional Assemblies sit on the National Smart Specialisation Implementation Group which has overall responsibility for the delivery of the Strategy's national and regional strategic priorities. In ensuring delivery of regional priorities, the Regional Assemblies also sit on the steering committees for the REPs. Working with the REPs is an important vehicle in translating S3 into regional and local impact.



Smart Specialisation in the North-East Region:

The North-East Region is leading the way on Smart Specialisation and consistently delivers targeted digitalisation initiatives aligned with Smart Specialisation priorities of Advanced Manufacturing, Digital Health, Immersive Technologies and supporting green transformation for enterprises.

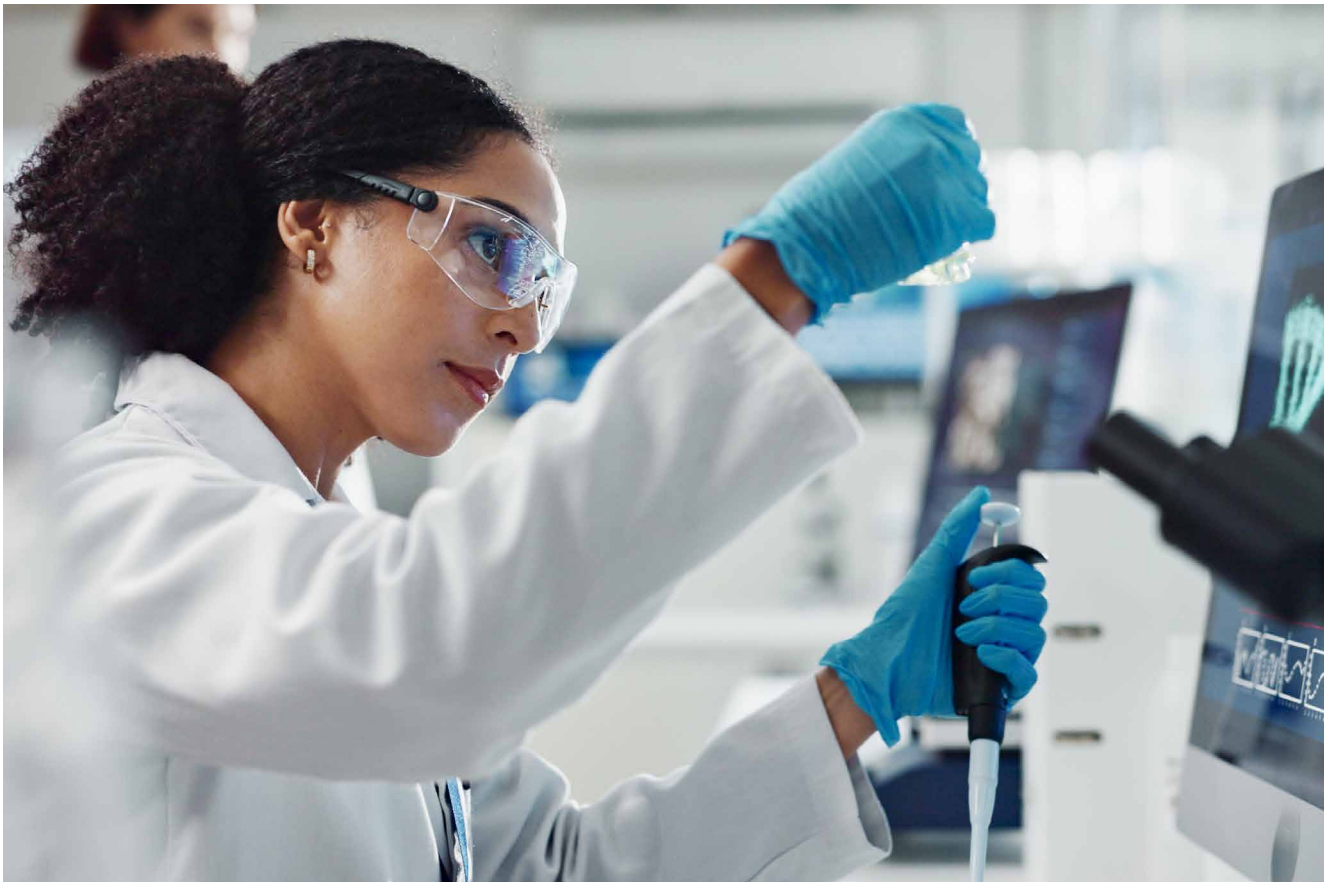
Europe's first 3D constructed social houses were built in the North-East Region and allocated to tenants in 2025.

The Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre of Excellence (ATMCE), supported by Enterprise Ireland through the Border Enterprise Development Fund, officially opened in Dundalk in March 2025 and launched the 2025 All-Island Industry 4.0 Future Skills Report in June. The Report identified that one of the key areas that needs greater support and collaboration is in the upskilling of the ecosystem. To that end, the AMTCE runs a suite of 'Skills to Advance' training through SOLAS, concentrating on identified advanced manufacturing skill shortages across manufacturing, construction, pharma and food sectors and including training in 3D Construction.

The Enterprise FabLab, supported by Enterprise Ireland through the Regional Enterprise Development Fund, is a technical prototyping platform at Creative Spark in Dundalk with more than 200 sq. metres of fully equipped space, digital fabrication machinery and power tools. In 2025 Creative Spark partnered with FactoryXchange whose aim is to deliver services and supports to future-proof Irish manufacturing jobs over the next three years.

The Enterprise Ireland supported Connected Health and Wellbeing Cluster (CHWC) is shaping the future of digital health across Ireland now supporting over 80 members, and hosting keynote events bringing together world leaders in digital health. The Cluster was recently awarded Bronze accreditation by ESCA in relation to successful cluster management. The CHWC is launching a South Chapter in Waterford in January 2026. The Chapter operates as a regional extension of the Cluster's National priorities ensuring organisations in the South can fully access collaboration, expertise and innovation opportunities.

dConnect Digital Health Innovation Hub, supported by Enterprise Ireland, is Ireland's first dedicated digital health innovation hub is committed to driving collaboration in the burgeoning sector of digital health.



The Digibio Healthtech Innovation Programme, also supported by Enterprise Ireland, is hosted and managed by Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT) with core partner RCSI managing the clinical training and clinical immersive environment access, with additional partners DCU, Trinity College Dublin and Tyndall National Institute providing additional immersive access, technical training and mentorship.

A HSE Technology and Transformation partnership with DkIT through the Corporate Partnership Programme was announced in 2025. This collaboration marks an important step in advancing knowledge, skills, and talent development in healthcare technology, ensuring a more connected, patient-centred healthcare system for Ireland.

Agritech initiatives in the North-East align strongly with Smart Specialisation priorities by linking applied education, bioeconomy innovation and SME engagement to support sustainable, digitally enabled food systems and place based regional innovation.

BioConnect in Monaghan, supported by Enterprise Ireland through the Regional Enterprise Development Fund, is carrying out pivotal anaerobic waste research with a major food producer, a significant contributor to the S3 priority of green transformation for enterprises.

The combination of Ballyhaise Agricultural College, DKIT, AMTCE and FET provision across Cavan, Monaghan and Louth provides the foundations for a fully integrated agri-food and agritech innovation ecosystem, capable of supporting Smart Specialisation through applied education, advanced digital skills, SME engagement and sustainable food systems.

The North-East region has prioritised workforce development through targeted AI and digital skills programmes, ensuring SMEs and individuals can adapt to emerging technologies. Key initiatives include:

- Intro to AI Programme (CMETB and North-East Regional Skills Forum, 2024)
- AI in Healthcare Programme (InterTradeIreland-funded, 2025): hosted by dConnect at DkIT.
- Digitalisation Workshops and Flagship Events: AMTCE led sessions on robotics, 3D printing, and immersive technologies.
- Eirmersive collaborated with DkIT to host PRISM Immersive Technology Summit,
- Creative Spark also collaborated with Eirmersive to host SPARX XR Design Sprint Showcase. The showcase highlighted experimental prototypes, insights, and ideas exploring the intersection of immersive media and digital fabrication.

Creative Spark collaborates with the National College of Art and Design (NCAD) to deliver a Professional Diploma in Digital Making from Creative Futures Academy (CFA).

Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) Training: AMTCE collaborates with Skillnet MMC and Harcourt Technologies Ltd to integrate AI and advanced manufacturing techniques into construction including 3D printing. AMTCE offers a suite of MMC training courses, showcasing the Graduates of full-time Robotic Welding Operator class to industry leads at an event in Q4, 2025. Smart Specialisation in the North-East focuses on leveraging regional strengths in Advanced Manufacturing, Digital Health, and Immersive Technologies.



Strategic Objective 1:
Develop a strong and coherent messaging proposition for the North-East Region highlighting its unique attributes for investment including talent, sectoral strengths and placemaking and quality of life

Action 1.1: Coordinate and promote a coherent messaging proposition for the North-East Region

Action Leader: Regional Enterprise Plan Programme Manager
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2025
Final Status: Action complete

Action Update:
Action 1.1 recognised that the North-East regional counties, Cavan, Louth and Monaghan, does not have a single defining unique selling point that captures the region as a whole. The Strategic Objective 1 Regional Enterprise Plan Working Group (REP WG) agreed that the diversity, scale and breadth of enterprise activity across the area present challenges in developing one cohesive messaging proposition. However, the group identified strong potential to establish several complementary regional messaging propositions.

The IDA Regional Business Development Manager for the North-East, joint lead of the REP WG, highlighted the IDA's existing *Why Ireland: The North-East* value proposition, which clearly articulates the region's advantages for enterprise. This message emphasises the North-East as a compelling choice for inward investment. In 2025 Hanley Energy, founded locally, announced acquisition by US based company Jabil for €725 million, while Overhaul secured $105 (€90) million in Series C funding which further reinforced this positioning.

As the revised National Planning Framework aligns the development of Cavan and Monaghan with the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC), a request was submitted on behalf of the Working Group by the REP PM to the DBEC Board in January 2025 to consider opportunities for alignment. While core DBEC membership remains fixed, there is significant potential for collaborative activities, especially given DBEC's ongoing work promoting North-East regional clusters, gateways and third-level partnerships.

A lack of visibility around the regional structure of the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan was noted by the REP WG. To help address this a dedicated LinkedIn page was launched by the REP PM in November 2024 to elevate the region's profile, showcase local industries, and highlight supports available to both emerging and established enterprises. Within its first year, the page generated more than 44,000 impressions and reached over 12,500 LinkedIn members.

The North-East's location as both a border region and an East / West access point provides unique opportunities not available to other regions. With Shared Island Funding approaching €2 billion to 2035 and annual cross-border trade valued at €10.6 billion in 2024, the border counties of Cavan, Louth and Monaghan, already home to strong cross-border partnerships, are well positioned to benefit. Early in 2025, the three counties secured €23 million in Shared Island funding to advance three major cross-border tourism projects; namely Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark (Cavan, Fermanagh); Carlingford Lough (Louth, Down); and Sliabh Beagh (Monaghan, Tyrone, Fermanagh). These investments are expected to act as catalysts for tourism and broader economic development. The REP PM has engaged with tourism officials to support increasing visitor flow across both county and cross-border routes by exploring stronger linkages between the three projects.

Although the region benefits from input across multiple high-level stakeholders and two Regional Assemblies, obtaining county or region-specific data remains challenging. The REP PM has also engaged with the Regional Development Monitor to explore options for more granular regional data, which is currently under review.

Finally, the announcement in Q4 2025 of DKiT partnering with Queen's University to create the first all-Ireland University represents a major milestone for the region. This development will significantly enhance the North-East's attractiveness, both domestically and internationally, strengthening its long-term enterprise and talent proposition.

Action 1.2: Strengthen collaboration and the development of strategic partnerships among existing industry/enterprise fora across the North-East Region

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4, 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
With thirty-two working group members across twenty-seven sectors including cross-border members, encompassing a variety of both public and private sectors, clusters, hubs and technology gateways, the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan brings together a vast array of knowledge and expertise, working together for the betterment of the region.

To promote the region and to expand network connections, the REP PM has participated in forums, external working groups, events, and workshops. This has allowed greater industry engagement and information sharing to be brought back to the working groups, expanding knowledge, expertise, and introducing potential mutual allies that could benefit from sharing skillsets and expertise.

The REP PM also actively fosters collaboration with Regional Skills Forums, third-level institutions, established hubs, and industry clusters like Border Region Manufacturing Cluster to drive joint initiatives. The NE is a rapidly growing region across various enterprises. The EI supported Connected Health and Wellbeing Cluster continues to grow both in members and status and is becoming recognised as an all-island network and gaining European recognition, having expanded its collaborative links, partnering with European Connected Health Alliance as the lead Irish partner.

Similarly, the East Coast Offshore Wind Cluster (ECO Wind) has rapidly expanded membership and status, setting the east coast as a viable option for offshore wind. Managers of these clusters joined the REP working group in 2024.

Monaghan County Council leads an Innovation Cluster, comprising of cross-border collaboration of five local authorities (Monaghan County Council, Cavan County Council, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Mid Ulster District Council). The North-East Region is now represented on the Department of Enterprise Tourism and Employment and Regional Enterprise Plans Offshore Renewable Energy Working Group, with promotion of the east coast and particularly the ECO Wind Cluster a goal of the REP PM.

Cavan and Monaghan County Councils commissioned a report on *The Supply of Enterprise Space in Cavan and Monaghan* and proposed a serviced land initiative to tackle the lack of enterprise lands in both counties. The potential success of a serviced land initiative was supported by a pilot scheme in Monaghan whereby the council had secured land and sought an expression of interest on sites; fourteen viable expressions of interest were received for five sites.

The addition of new working group members from AMTCE, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), etc. has strengthened the capacity of the NEREP. Efforts are ongoing to expand network connections, meeting with various stakeholders within the region, including exploring cross-regional opportunities. The North-East Regional Enterprise Plan has helped strengthen and grow strategic partnerships across a variety of industry and enterprise sectors and will continue to do so.

Action 1.3: Deliver initiatives that will support the retention of talent in the region, particularly those who relocated to take advantage of remote working opportunities

Amended Action 1.3: Deliver initiatives that will support the retention of talent in the region

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
With most workplaces having transitioned to remote working during COVID-19, supported by a large number of hubs in the region and high-quality broadband connectivity, the core infrastructure for remote working is in place. It was therefore agreed at a working group meeting in 2024 on Strategic Objective 1, that the group's focus should shift towards talent retention and that this action should be re-worded to reflect that focus.

The North-East is well served by a wide range of organisations dedicated to attracting, skilling and upskilling talent; empowering individuals and businesses; and supporting the growth, maintenance and scaling of enterprise. These include the three LEOs, the regional hubs, EI IDA, educational institutions at all levels, the Regional Skills Forums and the Department of Social Protection offices and services. The North-East location provides a significant advantage through its access of cross-border initiatives and collaborations. These include the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC), the Fintech Corridor, and a range of groups operating on an all-island basis such as Cooperation Ireland, InterTrade Ireland (ITI), Women in Business Northern Ireland, Cross-border Partnership Employment Services, and Intreo. Many of these organisations either participate in working groups or actively collaborate with the NEREP. This cross-border engagement continues to expand, supported by the increased Shared Island Fund of €2 billion to 2035.

In June 2025, a miniature Hub Network was established by the REP PM, to explore collaboration between hubs in the region and complement the workings of the Connected Hubs Network. There have been multiple meetings of the North-East Hub Managers Network (NEHMN) bringing together six established high performing Hubs and one new Hub from across the region sharing learnings, solutions, and developing collaborations. On foot of this Furthr has now expanded to offer in-person workshops within the region.

The Drogheda Digital Hub, supported by €587,600 in Border Enterprise Development Fund (BEDF) funding and additional investment from Louth County Council, officially opened in December 2025. The North-East region has access to excellent educational facilities.

Funded initially through BEDF the AMTCE is a national state of the art training facility ideally placed to accelerate the benefits of Industry 4.0 technology adoption.

Both the AMTCE and DkIT are industry responsive, targeting skill gaps and industry needs. From microburst courses to Graduate Programmes, all levels of skillsets are covered within the region.

The HEA study on 2024 graduates shows that DkIT achieved the highest graduate response of all HEA-designated higher education institutions in the Republic of Ireland, with 73.7% of graduates participating – reflecting the institutes strong, ongoing commitment to learner and graduate engagement. The study also highlights that over half of DkIT's 2024 graduates are now employed within the North-East region, and when neighbouring County Meath is included, this figure rises to 60%.

While this action is regarded as complete it is foreseen that activity to retain talent in the North-East region will continue to grow. The Q4 2025 announcement of the collaboration of DkIT and Queens to an all-island University will not only attract more talent to the region but also increase the attractiveness of the region to industry, further helping retain this new talent stream.





Strategic Objective 2:
Position the North-East Region as an exemplar in guiding and supporting digital transition for enterprise

Action 2.1 (i) Enable enterprise across the North-East Region adapt to and maximise opportunities from digitalisation through: The promotion of digital readiness assessments

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2022
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
The NEREP facilitated an industry engagement workshop in September 2022 to examine barriers to digitalisation, resulting in a small number of actions and recommendations. The workshop highlighted that, although companies were necessarily adapting and incorporating digital strategies, there remained a potential need for management and leadership knowledge upskilling in this area.

The Monaghan, Cavan and Louth LEOs along with EI and IDA continued to promote Digital Readiness Assessments and digital vouchers. All agencies have since reported increased uptake of targeted interventions that support SME digital transition. Action 2.1(i) is therefore deemed complete.

Action 2.1(ii) Enable enterprise across the North-East Region adapt to and maximise opportunities from digitalisation through: Availing of targeted interventions to support their digital transition

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
At a -Digitalisation Working Group meeting in February 2025, members noted the substantial expansion of digitisation supports across the region since the plan began. It was agreed that supports available through EI, IDA, LEOs, Regional Skills, DkIT and various incubator spaces collectively meet the objectives of Actions 2.1(i) and potentially 2.1(ii). Building on the management upskilling needs identified at the earlier workshop, the group explored practical measures to help senior managers lead digital transition within their enterprises.

This work led to the organisation of a flagship showcase, *From Risk to Rewards – The SME Digitalisation Journey*, held in September 2025. Targeted at senior managers, the event attracted 70 attendees and promoted digitalisation and cyber security through cross-sector case studies, information on available supports, and signposting to further training and funding opportunities. Follow-on events were then planned for delivery in Cavan Digital Hub and Monaghan Mtek.

The AMTCE, now an active member of the NEREP working groups, hosted this flagship event along with several NEREP workshops. Serving as a national enablement centre, the AMTCE allows SMEs to see, test and upskill in advanced digital and manufacturing technologies. In September 2025, the Mid-East and North-East REP Programme Managers jointly hosted the DETE Programme Manager Workshop at the AMTCE, showcasing the centre to DETE, EI and REP Programme Managers nationwide.

Digital supports continue to be rolled out across the region by LEOs, EI, education providers, hubs, Chambers, Skillnets, academic institutions and private sector organisations. The North-East Regional Skills Manager remains active in supporting industry to address digital skills gaps and works closely with third-level institutions on digital literacy initiatives, including *Boost Skills*, *Boost Business* (2023) and *Intro to AI* with CMETB in 2024. The latter enhanced workplace digital literacy through the North-East Regional Literacy Coalition.

In Q4 2025, a partnership of Eirmersive, Queens University, DkIT and Digital Catapult – with support from Louth LEO, delivered PRISM, a flagship all-island immersive technology summit. The event highlighted how XR and AI technologies can drive competitive advantage in sectors such as construction, manufacturing, health tech and energy. The new Mobile Digital Lab (MDL), part of the Mini Digi Hub Programme, was showcased at PRISM.

Following the event, the ITI funded PRISM Manufacturing Programme was launched, which will work with manufacturing SMEs throughout 2026 on deep tech applications including immersive tools, Digital Twin technology and AI to enhance manufacturing efficiency.

In May 2025, DkIT – featuring the Connected Health and Wellbeing Cluster, dConnect and DigiBio – hosted an *Innovative Healthcare Showcase*, bringing together leaders and innovators in digital health. At the event, DkIT announced a Memorandum of Understanding with the HSE Technology and Transformation team to support the national Digital Care 2030 Strategy.

The region also led Ireland's first 3D printed housing project, delivered in 2024 in Grange, Dundalk. In June 2025, Skillnet MMC, LMETB and HTL launched a new collaboration at HTL's Drogheda facility, while AMTCE continued to expand 3D printing training into 2026.

The North-East now benefits from extensive and continuously expanding digitalisation supports for enterprise.



Strategic Objective 3: Strengthen the Regional SME Ecosystem through collaboration, capability and capacity building

Action 3.1: Develop an operational excellence support programme for SMEs

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2024
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
Operational excellence is a core foundation for business success, supporting efficiency, quality, continuous improvement, and strong day-to-day performance. It enhances productivity, customer satisfaction, cost reduction, and overall profitability. The Working Group for Strategic Objective 3 deemed Action 3.1 complete at the end of 2024.

This followed the launch of a Level 7 Diploma in Operational Excellence developed and validated by DkIT, with the NEREP helping to leverage accreditation. DkIT also expanded a suite of highly subsidised upskilling programmes to encourage SME participation.

These included a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Level 6 Certificate; a Level 7 Certificate in Data Analytics for Business, with fees reduced by 70% to €150 and due to be offered free from January 2026 under the South-East Higher Education/Further Education/Industry Cross-Border Alliance (SECBA) programme;

a Level 7 Supply Chain Management Certificate, with fees reduced by 83% to €255; and a Level 6 Management Fundamentals Certificate, with fees reduced by 80% to €185. In addition, DkIT introduced a Level 9 Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Data Analytics for Business in 2024, open for entry until September 2026. This Springboard HCIfunded conversion programme equips participants with highly employable skills in analytics, strategic management, and leadership.

The AMTCE also developed two industry-aligned courses with Innopharma Education: a QQI Level 6 Certificate in Operational Excellence and a QQI Level 6 Certificate in Supply Chain. The AMTCE continues expanding its course suite, many funded under SOLAS Skills to Advance, making them flexible, cost-effective, and well-suited to SME operational excellence programmes.

The 2025 All-Island Industry 4.0 Future Skills Report launched at the AMTCE, highlights growing skills shortages in advanced manufacturing that threaten innovation and competitiveness. It offers coordinated solutions including curriculum reform, apprenticeships, micro-credentials, digital tools, and strengthened cross-sector partnerships. The AMTCE is identified as a central hub for Industry 4.0 skills development, bridging education, industry, and government.

In 2025, nearly €10 million PEACEPLUS funding was awarded to the DkIT-led SECBA (South-East Higher Education/Further Education/Industry Cross-Border Alliance) project. The initiative aims to bridge gaps between educational outputs and rapidly evolving industry needs, offering learning pathways relevant to high-growth sectors including business, sport, software, and biopharma.

A further €6 million PEACEPLUS allocation to the Mini Digi Hubs project will establish a digital mini hub in Monaghan and a Mobile Digital Lab at DkIT. These facilities will support collaboration, creativity, and digital innovation, extending SME access to emerging technologies.

While Action 3.1 is considered complete, the region continues to expand supports that advance operational excellence and strengthen SME capability.

Action 3.2: Improve linkages between SMEs and multinational/large enterprise in the North-East while supporting the development of enterprise leadership, management, and entrepreneurial skills

This action was split at end of 2024 to the following (3.2 and 3.3):

Action 3.2: Improve linkages between SMEs and multinational/ large enterprise in the North-East

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2024
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
The NEREP prioritised creating structured, sustainable mechanisms for collaboration between small medium enterprises (SMEs) and multinational corporations (MNCs). Action 3.2 focused on embedding innovation partnerships, cluster development and mentoring frameworks to strengthen supply-chain linkages and internationalisation opportunities. This action is now complete, with outcomes that will continue beyond the plan.

A masterclass and mentoring initiatives were delivered by the NEREP working group in 2022 with Kingspan, Wuxi and Combilift, and involving several LEO client companies. This programme concluded when key contributors moved on during a gap in the REP PM role. However, the LEOs continue to deliver mentoring programmes that match experienced practitioners with small business owners and managers.

The Innovation Exchange – a national Skillnet Ireland initiative, appointed the Mill Enterprise Centre as North-East Partner in 2023, enabling SMEs to pitch solution concepts directly to MNCs. In 2025, the Mill collaborated with Cavan Digital Hub, extending Innovation Exchange activity into Cavan, with two programmes held there. The largest Innovation Exchange to date was secured between two North-East companies based in Cavan and Monaghan. The Mill has also hosted hybrid trade events with US State representatives, developing export pathways and building a contact base, spanning all 50 states.

Regional clusters continue to expand and strengthen their role as conduits for collaboration, innovation and mentoring. The Connected Health & Wellbeing Cluster, supported by EI, now includes 80 members: from start-ups and SMEs to MNCs, healthcare providers and academic institutions facilitating innovation through diverse expertise. The Border Region Manufacturing Cluster (BORMAC) also supported by EI, is active across the region and cross border area, focusing on collaboration, matchmaking and connections with Irish and international clusters.

Led by DkIT and Monaghan based Enerview Solutions, the East Coast Offshore (ECO) Wind Cluster continues to grow, with an industry-led events calendar and active exploration of funding opportunities. Cluster leads regularly present on the viability of delivering Offshore Wind on the East Coast, including at the 2025 National Energy Summit.

In 2025, Ireland hosted the Competitiveness Institute (TCI) Global Conference coordinated by ITI in partnership with Invest Northern Ireland and EI and supported through the Shared Island Enterprise Scheme. The conference included cluster tours, with visits to DkIT and the Connected Health & Wellbeing Cluster, as well as to XOcean in Louth, a world leader in ocean data provision, and member of the ECO Wind Cluster.

Regional hubs continue to enhance SME - MNC collaboration. Through Creative Spark's FabLab and FactoryXChange, RCSI SIM collaborated with SMEs and education partners to develop 3D-printed anatomical models for surgical training, delivering advanced prototyping capabilities normally associated with larger organisations.

In January 2025, a Cross-Border Trade Hub networking event was hosted by InterTrade Ireland in partnership with Enterprising Monaghan and Creative Spark's FabLab at M:TEK.

These examples demonstrate the breadth and growth of supports enabling SME - MNC collaboration in the North-East. While Action 3.2 is complete, the ecosystem underpinning these linkages remains active and continues to strengthen.

Action 3.3 Support the development of enterprise leadership, management, and entrepreneurial skills

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
From primary school age through adulthood, the region continues to expand opportunities that develop and sustain an entrepreneurial mindset.

Third-level institutes provide school visits, programmes, and competitions introducing primary pupils to STEM, while both DkIT and AMTCE offer structured transition year programmes annually. LEOs consistently promote entrepreneurship and support new business start-ups through initiatives such as the Student Enterprise Programme, Local Enterprise Week and National Women's Enterprise Day. The 2025 National Enterprise Award went to Monaghan-based digital health company Spryt.

EI's New Frontiers programme for the North-East, managed by DkIT in partnership with DCU Invent, attracted 52 Phase 1 participants and 11 Phase 2 start-ups in 2025. The award-winning women's entrepreneurship programme THRIVE4Women, supported by EI, continues to expand from DkIT and will open a new programme in the Drogheda Digital Hub in 2026.

DkIT has broadened its entrepreneurship education offering through high-level programmes developed with regional partners, including the Master of Business in Responsible Entrepreneurship and the Masters in Management and Leadership.

Creative Spark, which has hosted an Enterprise FabLab and co-working facilities since 2023, supported Ireland's first Fab Academy diploma participant in 2024. Its EI-funded mobile FabLab extends outreach regionally and beyond. In 2025, Creative Spark partnered with FactoryXChange to support digital transformation and later collaborated with Eirmersive to grow AI, VR and XR skills in creative tech.

Industry Research and Development Group (IRDG), a key partner in the Regional Enterprise Plan, continues supporting innovation leadership and design thinking and launched the IRDG Innovation Skillnet in 2023.

The working group on Strategic Objective 3 explored how to increase participation from Cavan and Monaghan in structured entrepreneurship programmes, noting lower uptake than in Louth. A regional focus group convened in May 2025, bringing together DkIT New Frontiers team, LEO Heads and hub managers, examined solutions, including enabling remote attendance through the hubs. The New Frontiers team presented their findings at Cavan Digital Hub during Enterprise Week in March 2025, featuring case studies from Cavan alumni.

Skillnet Innovation Exchange, led regionally by The Mill Enterprise Hub, extended its reach to Cavan Digital Hub in June 2025. Regional Skillnets - including Dundalk Chamber, M1 Drogheda Chamber, Midland Border East, and Positive2Work - continue offering subsidised training aligned to business needs.

Building on the regional messaging developed by the North-East Hub Managers Network, Cavan Digital Hub invited FURTHR to deliver its 'Ready, Steady, Go Furthr' programme in Q4 2025, with plans to roll it out across all North-East regional counties on a rotating basis and also into Meath.

The North-East Regional Skills Forum, comprising LEOs, enterprise bodies, education providers, employers and the NEREP Programme Manager, continues to identify and advocate for regional skills needs. The REP PM remains active in connecting stakeholders, sharing information and supporting programme visibility for potential entrepreneurs across the region. This action is deemed closed, although associated activities will continue across the region.



Strategic Objective 4:
Support enterprise to mainstream climate action and transition to low carbon into their business planning and delivery

Action 4.1: Complete an assessment of enterprise's knowledge and understanding of decarbonisation requirements and develop appropriate response to issues and opportunities emerging from the assessment

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
The REP has consistently prioritised sustainability and decarbonisation aligning with national commitments to reach net zero emissions by 2050 and achieve a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Action 4.1 focused on assessing enterprise knowledge of decarbonisation and developing appropriate responses to emerging issues and opportunities. While early progress was made, challenges in funding and stakeholder engagement affected timelines, and the action closed at the end of 2025 with future focus recommendations.

In Q1 2023, an initial assessment of enterprise understanding of decarbonisation was completed and presented to the working group. When the group was re-established in Q4 2024, members agreed that the original KPMG report required updating to reflect evolving policy, data and regional priorities. The group identified several key actions, including revising the report, exploring funding options, and mapping the region's highest-level carbon contributors.

A range of potential funding avenues were explored, government funding streams including Smart Regions, LEADER, and the National Enterprise Hub. However, none provided a suitable mechanism to finance the update. The European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) report identified the region's major carbon contributors; however, the group's ability to influence these sources was limited. Challenges in convening the working group, coupled with the absence of dedicated funding contributed to slower progress with the action closing at year-end 2025. Progress achieved includes completion of the initial assessment and presentation to stakeholders; receipt of updated EU ETS data; identification of systemic funding gaps for decarbonisation work; and strengthening of collaboration among regional stakeholders. A Sustainability Event has been proposed for 2026 featuring SEAI EXEED, AMTCE, DKIT CREATE.

While Action 4.1 focused specifically on the assessment report which is complete, substantial progress has also been made more broadly across the region on energy-reduction measures,

Numerous supports continue to assist enterprises including SEAI EXEED, the CREDIT Gateway, EI's Green Transition Fund, training delivered through the LEOs, Skillnet networks and local hubs and higher-education providers. These supports offer ongoing opportunities for regional enterprises to reduce their energy consumption.

Research initiatives such as BioConnect's anaerobic digestion project and networks like the North-East Lean Network continue to foster industry collaboration, drive innovation and progress in sustainability across the region.

Action 4.2: Leverage the opportunities presented by CREDIT Technology Gateway to promote energy efficiency in the region

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4, 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
As one of 17 national EI Technology Gateways, the CREDIT Technology Gateway provides technological expertise in the field of Wind Energy, Zero Carbon and Energy Integration to generate solutions for the close to market needs of Irish industry and business sector.

In 2024, CREDIT Technology Gateway delivered 26 industry projects regionally and nationally covering EI Innovation Voucher and Innovation Partnership, IRI Innovation BOOST programmes (Explore and Plan), Direct Consultancy and a number of bespoke training programmes across numerous companies and businesses.

Several signature projects were completed as part of this work. These included a Green Rebel feasibility study under the EI Innovation Partnership Programme, which explored automated detection of marine megafauna from high-resolution digital aerial imagery in offshore wind farms; Trave Innovations undertook an EI Innovation Voucher project focused on wearable technology for the construction industry; Galetech Energy Developments also completed an Innovation Voucher project examining yawerror detection and quantification in operational wind farms. In addition, CJ Research progressed an Innovation Voucher project investigating the development of a proprietary thruster engine propulsion system for space applications.

In 2025, the CREDIT Technology Gateway delivered 30 industry projects across the regional and nationally, encompassing EI Innovation Voucher and Innovation Partnership programmes, InterTrade Ireland's Innovation BOOST initiatives (Explore and Plan), direct consultancy engagements, and a suite of bespoke training programmes for a wide range of companies and businesses. Signature projects included an EI Innovation Partnership Programme Feasibility Study with Enerview Solutions, examining the use of robotics in preventative maintenance for PV solar farms.

CREDIT also delivered an Innovation Voucher project with Rivendell Technical focused on developing a firmware solution for the marketing and promotional sector, as well as an Innovation Voucher project with Natures Best exploring sustainable alternatives to chemical disinfection in fresh produce. In addition,

an Innovation Voucher project collaboration with Ethel Farm Limited explored the development of a remote sheep monitoring system to support lambing operations. Individual Case Studies can be found https://technologygateway.ie/case-studies/.

The team at CREDIT Technology Gateway also exhibited, showcased and presented at several tailored workshops and industry seminars throughout 2024 and 2025. Their outreach including participation at European Wind in Bilbao May 2024 and Copenhagen May 2025, as well as the All Energy in Glasgow in both May 2024 and 2025. The Gateway also maintained a strong presence at the Wind Energy Ireland Expo in October 2024 and 2025, and at the National Manufacturing Exhibition in Ireland in May of both years. Additional engagements included contributions to Monaghan Climate Action Week October 2024 and 2025, the SEAI Energy Show at the RDS in Dublin March 2024 and 2025, the National Ploughing Championships in Laois September 2024 and 2025, and participation at MedTech Ireland during September/October of both years.

CREDIT Technology Gateway is fast becoming a vital part of Ireland's energy and renewables research and innovation landscape, actively supporting business and industry to become more competitive facilitated through problem solving, targeted research and development (R&D), innovation and enabling faster adoption of emerging technologies and processes to create new markets.

While this action is deemed complete; looking ahead, CREDIT will continue to support SMEs and industry clusters, including the ECO Wind Cluster, by providing technical expertise and fostering partnerships that advance Ireland's transition to a low-carbon economy. The Manager of the CREDIT Technology Gateway sits on a REP WG, and ongoing promotion of the Gateway, particularly its capabilities in advancing decarbonisation and supporting offshore wind development remains a priority.

Action 4.3: Promote the East Coast of the North-East Region as a viable Offshore Wind location and examine cross-regional opportunities

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4, 2025
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
Following the appointment of the interim REP PM in 2024, the new PM joined the Regional Enterprise Plan /Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment's Offshore Wind Working Group. This was advantageous given the significant research and resources invested by DkIT, CREDIT Technology

Gateway, and a rapidly developing East Coast Offshore Wind (ECO) Cluster. An action was then added to the plan to reinforce the opportunity that exists within the region to support wind energy off the North-East Coastline.

In March 2025, the ECO WIND Cluster, a key partner in the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan hosted a showcase meeting at Creative Spark Hub with 28 companies and government representatives. Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult - the UK's leading government funded innovation organisation - presented on the viability to break water in the Irish Sea and highlighted commercial opportunities for Irish firms, particularly in turbine decommissioning and recycling.

The Regional Development Centre (RDC) at DkIT, home to EI's CREDIT Technology Gateway, continues to provide deep expertise in wind energy and zero-carbon technologies. CREDIT's research consistently demonstrates the viability of offshore wind in the region. In 2025, the ECO WIND Cluster manager relocated to the RDC to strengthen collaboration and deepen alignment between industry, academia, and innovation activity.

In October 2025 the Marine Ireland Industry Network, and the Northern Ireland Maritime and Offshore group hosted a two-day *Cross-Border Marine Industry Networking Event and Tour* in the North-East Region. CREDIT and the ECO WIND Cluster contributed as speakers and attendees participated in site visits to XOCEAN Rathcor Technical Centre and Greenore Port in Louth, as well as Seasource Kilkeel Harbour and MJM Marine in Down. Participants were also briefed on Greenore Port's approved planning permission for a major Operations & Maintenance base for offshore wind, highlighting the significant potential for regional job creation.

The ECO WIND Cluster actively represents the region at national and international wind energy events, often as invited speakers, with members contributing to research and academia. CREDIT Technology Gateway's offshore wind and energy-transition research is likewise showcased at major international conferences and sector-specific events.

The REP PM continues to support the cluster and promote the North-East region as a competitive offshore wind hub through DETE's working group, sector networks and social media profiling. Cross regional collaboration with the Mid-East Regional Enterprise Programme Manager and other stakeholders is also used to maximise collective impact and regional opportunity.



Strategic Objective 5: Leverage the full extent of existing and emerging growth sectors in the North-East

Action 5.1: Establish a North-East Agri Sector Innovation and Leadership Forum

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q3 2023
Final Status: Action Complete

Action Update:
The North-East region is home to remarkable agri-sector industries, such as Monaghan Mushrooms, Silverhill Duck, Lakeland Dairies, the Great Northern Distillery, Manor Farm, ABP Food Group, A W Ennis and many more significant food and drink producers across both humans and animal nutrition. As a result, the agri-sector remains a cornerstone of regional employment, innovation, and export activity.

Action 5.1 sets out to establish a forum of leaders in the regional agri-sector, and this action was completed with the formation in 2022. Unfortunately, activity slowed between 2023/24 due to the REP PM vacancy at that time. Despite this, the region has continued to lead in agri-production, advanced practices, research and development, and support of emerging producers.

As well as the excellent and extensive suite of agri-food and agri-tech training programs provided through the third level institutions in the North-East; centres such as the REDF BioConnect Innovation Centre in Monaghan - a national food research, production and incubation facility, Ballybay Food Hub in Monaghan and NEST Food Hub in Ardee, Co. Louth, contribute to and support Mission 4 of Ireland's Food Vision 2030, which aims to deliver *An Innovative, Competitive and Resilient Agri-Food Sector, Driven by Technology and Talent.'*

A report commissioned for the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in 2023 sets out an *Economic analysis of the agri-food sector in the North-East region,* provides further insights into regional strengths and may prove valuable for future strategic development, though updates to the data may be required.

The North-East REP PM and the Mid-East Regional Enterprise Programme Manager are exploring opportunities for cross regional collaboration to strengthen joint initiatives in the agri-sector. Both regions already share longstanding links, including Boyne Valley Flavours network and the joint Louth Meath Food Development Officer.

County-level initiatives such as Created in Cavan, Sea Louth, and Taste of Monaghan continue to champion local producers and compliment Fáilte Ireland's tourism brands - including Ireland's Ancient East, and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. Meanwhile, Centre of Food Culture Ireland is working to establish a national directory of artisan and farmhouse food producers, growers, craft breweries and distilleries across the island.

While Action 5.1 is formally complete, there remains significant scope for ongoing collaboration - both within the North-East and with the Mid-East - to continue strengthening and enhancing this vibrant and strategically important sector.

Action 5.2: Explore opportunities to promote and expand the reach of emerging growth sectors in the region

Action Leader: Industry chair and public sector chair
Timeframe for delivery: Q4 2025
Final Status: Action complete

Action Update:
Action 5.2 aimed to highlight and strengthen the North-East region's position as a leader in fast-growing sectors such as Digital Health, Creative Industries, and Offshore Wind. These sectors were identified as areas of high potential aligned with national strategies and regional capabilities. A dedicated working group was established in Q4 2024 to progress Strategic Objective 5.

EI's Regional Technology Cluster Fund supported Connected Health & Wellbeing Cluster (CHWC) secured a two-year funding extension in Q4 2024, ensuring continuity to June 2027.The cluster expanded significantly during 2025, reaching over 80 member organisations.

Between 2024 and 2025, CHWC delivered the AI for Health Programme supporting 11 SMEs, in partnership with InterTradeIreland, dConnect Hub, and Connected Health Skillnet. Six cluster members also participated in the Ulster University-led consortium that secured €9.1 million in PEACEPLUS funding for HealthTech innovation.

CHWC continues to grow, with a South Chapter planned for Waterford in 2026, and exploratory work underway on the development of a Cyber Security in Health Cluster. Research centres such as NetwellCASALA and DkIT's Regulated Software Research Centre play a key role, supporting med-tech SMEs developing AI-enabled solutions aligned with transparent and regulatory-compliant frameworks.

The ECO Wind Cluster contributed to the InterTrade Ireland report *Offshore Wind and Hydrogen Opportunities for the Island of Ireland* and activity engaged at national and EU conferences. Cross-regional collaboration continued with the Mid-East Programme Manager to maximise emerging opportunities along the East Coast.

DkIT expanded its creative programmes offerings in 2025 with new Level 7 and 8 programmes in Audio Development, Sound Design, and Music and Performance Technologies. Creative Spark, in partnership with the REP and enterprise partners, commissioned a TechIreland mapping report identifying 299 creative businesses across 17 sectors. Funding to update the report is still being pursued.

In 2025, Creative Spark also worked with FactoryXchange and Eirmersive to support digital transformation in creative industries. ELK Animation Studios, operating in Belfast and Dundalk, secured a major BBC contract and a promotional video showcasing the Dundalk area and their studio was produced to support recruitment efforts.

The REP working group explored the concept of branding the North-East as a *Creative Region*, however, limited time and resourcing constrained full implementation.

The North-East is now recognised nationally for excellence in Digital Health R&D, supported by initiatives such as the HSE's electronic health rollout in Dublin North-East. Extensive engagement in Offshore Wind positions the region within Ireland's 3.5 - 18 GW opportunity. Creative Industries continue to expand, employing over 3,000 people locally and drawing sustained investment.

While action 5.2 is complete, further technical and financial supports are required to accelerate progress in Offshore Wind, and deeper commitment will be needed to advance Creative Region branding. Strong clusters, active partnerships, and growing sectoral capacity will continue to drive momentum.

Action Status Key

Action complete: *The Steering Committee has deemed that these actions have been fully completed.*

Action discontinued: *The Steering Committee has agreed that these actions are no longer being pursued.*

Action partially complete: *The Steering Committee notes that this action is partially completed; work may continue to progress beyond the finalisation of current plans.*

Action could not be completed: *The Steering Committee has determined that this action could not be delivered as originally envisaged.*

This final progress report documents implementation to end of Q4 2025 and has been prepared and signed off by the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan Steering Committee

Action Status Table by Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objective 1: Develop a strong and coherent messaging proposition for the North-East region highlighting its unique attributes for investment including talent, sectoral strengths and placemaking and quality of life	Status	Completion Date
Action 1.1: Coordinate and promote a coherent messaging proposition for the North-East region.	Action Complete	Q4, 2025
Action 1.2: Strengthen collaboration and the development of strategic partnerships among existing industry/enterprise fora across the North-East region.	Action Complete	Q4, 2025
Action 1.3: Deliver initiatives that will support the retention of talent in the region, particularly those who relocated to take advantage of remote working opportunities. Amended Action 1.3: Deliver initiatives that will support the retention of talent in the region.	Action Complete	Q4 2025

Strategic Objective 2: Position the North-East region as an exemplar in guiding and supporting digital transition for enterprise.	Status	Completion Date
Action 2.1 (i): Enable enterprise across the North-East region adapt to and maximise opportunities from digitalisation through: The promotion of digital readiness assessments, and	Action Complete	Q4 2022
Action 2.1 (ii): Enable enterprise across the North-East region adapt to and maximise opportunities from digitalisation through: Availing of targeted interventions to support their digital transition.	Action Complete	Q4 2025

Strategic Objective 3: Strengthen the Regional SME Ecosystem through collaboration, capability and capacity building.	Status	Completion Date
Action 3.1: Develop an operational excellence support programme for SMEs.	Action Complete	Q4 2024
Action 3.2: Improve linkages between SMEs and multinational/large enterprise in the North-East, while supporting the development of enterprise leadership, management, and entrepreneurial skills. **Action was split to the following (3.2 and 3.3)**		
Action 3.2: Improve linkages between SMEs and multinational/large enterprise in the North-East.	Action Complete	Q4 2024
Action 3.3: Support the development of enterprise leadership, management, and entrepreneurial skills.	Action Complete	Q4 2025

Strategic Objective 4: Support enterprise to mainstream climate action and transition to low carbon into their business planning and delivery.	Status	Completion Date
Action 4.1: Complete an assessment of enterprise's knowledge and understanding of decarbonisation requirements and develop appropriate response to issues and opportunities emerging from the assessment.	Action Complete	Q4 2025
Action 4.2: Leverage the opportunities presented by CREDIT Technology Gateway to promote energy efficiency in the region.	Action Complete	Q4 2025
New Action 4.3: Promote the East Coast of the North-East Region as a viable Offshore Wind location and examine cross-regional opportunities *(NEW 2024)*	Action Complete	Q4 2025

Strategic Objective 5: Leverage the full extent of existing and emerging growth sectors in the North-East.	Status	Completion Date
Action 5.1: Establish a North-East Agri Sector Innovation and Leadership Forum.	Action Complete	Q3 2023
Action 5.2: Explore opportunities to promote and expand the reach of emerging growth sectors in the region.	Action Complete	Q4 2025

Appendices

Appendix 1 Membership of Regional Steering Committee

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Programme Manager of North-East Regional Enterprise Plan
Gráinne Tuomey
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Research & Development Centre Manager, DkIT
Director of Innovation Services, IRDG
Regional Development Executive (North-East), Enterprise Ireland
Regional Business Development Manager (North-East), IDA Ireland
Business and Relationship Development Executive (North-East), IDA Ireland
North-East Regional Skills Manager
Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority Rep
Northern and Western Regional Authority Rep
Director of Services, Cavan County Council
Director of Services, Monaghan County Council
Director of Services, Louth County Council
Head of Enterprise, Cavan Local Enterprise Offices
Head of Enterprise, Louth Local Enterprise Office
Head of Enterprise, Monaghan Local Enterprise Office
Senior Trade Specialist, InterTradeIreland
Funding for Growth Manager, InterTradeIreland
Fáilte Ireland Manager, Cavan, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Westmeath
Creative Spark Hub

Appendix 2 Statistical Snapshot

Constituent counties*	Donegal, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Sligo
Border Population[1]	442,600
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment[2]	216,100
ILO Participation Rate[3]	63.9%
ILO Unemployment Rate[4]	5.3%
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment (Male)[5]	117,100
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment (Female)[6]	99,000
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment from Q1 2019[7]	184,000
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment from Q3 2025[8]	216,100
Actual Increase in Employment from Q1 2019 – Q3 2025	32,100
Employment Growth Rate between Q1 2019 – Q3 2025	17.4%
Persons aged 25 years and over on Live Register in the Border region at 01/12/2025[9]	13,355
Irish-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Border, Jobs 2019[10]	16,923
Irish-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Border, Jobs 2025[11]	21,691
Change between 2019 - 2025[12]	4,768
Foreign-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Border, Jobs 2019[13]	13,061
Foreign-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Border, Jobs 2025[14]	14,313
Change between 2019 - 2025[15]	1,252

Constituent counties*	Wicklow, Kildare, Meath and Louth
Mid-East Population[16]	786,500
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment[17]	403,700
ILO Participation Rate[18]	68.1%
ILO Unemployment Rate[19]	6.1%
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment (Male)[20]	217,000
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment (Female)[21]	186,700
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment from Q1 2019[22]	342,900
Persons aged 15 years and over in Employment from Q3 2025[23]	403,700
Actual Increase in Employment from Q1 2019 – Q3 2025	60,800
Employment Growth Rate between Q1 2019 – Q3 2025	17.7%
Persons aged 25 years and over on Live Register in the Mid-East region at 01/12/2025[24]	19,166
Irish-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Mid-East, Jobs 2019[25]	24,062
Irish-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Mid-East, Jobs 2025[26]	26,993
Change between 2019 - 2025[27]	2,931
Foreign-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Mid-East, Jobs 2019[28]	21,318
Foreign-owned Companies – Agency Assisted Employment in the Mid-East, Jobs 2025[29]	22,209
Change between 2019 - 2025[30]	891

Endnotes

***To note: The statistical snapshot used NUTS 3 statistical regions of Ireland data, Cavan and Monaghan falls under the Border Region**

1. CSO - Estimated Population (Persons in April) - https://data.cso.ie/table/PEA08
2. CSO - Labour Force Survey - https://data.cso.ie/table/QLF08
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9. CSO Persons on Live Register - https://data.cso.ie/table/LRM17
10. DETE Annual Employment Survey - CSO - Estimated Population (Persons in April) - Annual Employment Survey 2024 - DETE
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