

Meeting of the National Enterprise Hub Contact Group

23rd of September 2025, 11:30am

Attendees

In person:

Amanda Horan	Failte Ireland
Elizabeth Finnegan	Bord Bia
Eoin Fahey	Department of Finance
Lorna Duffy	Microfinance Ireland
Arianna Taroni	Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland
Aoife O’ Sullivan	Skillnet Ireland
Aisling Abbott	DFHERIS
Fergus Sharkey	SEAI
Ciara Roca Horgan	Enterprise Ireland
Conor O’ Donovan	Enterprise Ireland
Orla Keeshan	Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment

Online:

Niall Lane	Department of Social Protection
Dearbhail Ni Chualain	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Sean Carabini	Revenue
Kieran Comerford	Local Enterprise Offices
Helen Burke	IDA
Clodagh Crehan	FSAI
Shaun Marshall	Intertrade Ireland

Secretariat:

Patrick Sinnott	Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment
Ashley Long	Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment
Sean Small	Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment

Note of meeting

Patrick Sinnott opening the meeting by thanking the group for their continued support for the hub, he then opened the floor to any general thoughts or opinions on the current workings of the group and the website.

Patrick then handed over to Ciara Roca Horgan who provided an update on the progress made on enhancing the platform and gave an overview of the performance statistics of the site for August. Ciara shared progress made on the mobile version of the site and the media and marketing campaigns, highlighting activities across social media. Ciara noted the organisations presence at the recent Ploughing Championships.

A high-level discussion followed with some partners sharing their insights on the roll-out of supports for their clients. There was a brief discussion on the AI tool and the potential for better assistance to businesses owners when applying for available grants and supports.

Patrick closed the meeting advising DETE would share a diary invite for the next meeting, with no other comments he thanked people for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Actions arising

- DETE to confirm date of next meeting
- Ciara to discuss further breakdown of figures for food and drink with Fáilte Ireland
- Ciara to share video and persona