

“I’VE GOT AN IDEA FOR A DIGITAL HEALTH”.

After reading this factsheet you should:

- Understand resources available through Enterprise Ireland.
- Have links to related resources.

Introduction

If you have an idea for digital health, it is worth becoming familiar with the resources and funding opportunities available from Enterprise Ireland. The following document contains some of these resources and links to further information.

Knowledge Transfer Ireland (KTI)

KTI is a national Irish organisation with the mission of facilitating interactions between business and academics to foster innovation and research. If you have a new digital health idea and wish to investigate its possibilities for development and commercialization, KTI might be able to help in the following ways:

- Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) between a business and a research organisation.
- Connect with Researchers and Experts.
- Management of intellectual property.
- Provide information on funding opportunities.
- Market research and commercialisation support.

Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI)

HIHI was founded by the Department of Business, Enterprise, and Innovation and the Department of Health with the help of Enterprise Ireland (EI) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) to promote business and health service collaboration.

By promoting cooperation between the health service, business, and academia, it seeks to accelerate the development and acceptance of cutting-edge healthcare solutions. HIHI provides many supports including innovation support, validation, collaboration with industry, technology transfer and commercialisation.

Technology Gateways

Enterprise Ireland and technological higher education institutions have teamed up to create [Enterprise Ireland Technology Gateway Network](#). The Gateways give Irish businesses a method to access the universities' expertise in research and innovation. It is complemented by three clusters that offer a single point of contact for business into a network of Technology Gateways focusing on a specific area of research and innovation. One cluster focuses on Internet of Things and contains the following gateways; [COMAND Technology Gateway](#), [IMaR Technology Gateway](#), [Nimbus Technology Gateway](#), [TSSG Technology Gateway](#) and [WiSAR Technology Gateway](#). Read more about the clusters and each Gateway's location and research themes [here](#).

Connected Health and Wellbeing Cluster

A new [Connected Health and Wellbeing Cluster](#) has been established at Dundalk Institute of Technology with the goal of dominating the market by combining cutting-edge technology with established healthcare solutions.

The term "connected health" refers to a wide range of concepts, including electronic patient records, remote monitoring, connected devices, digital treatments, and more.



Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) Research Centres

SFI Research Centres are academically led centres situated in higher education institutions that prioritise talent development, enterprise and community partnership, and research quality and strengthen Ireland's economy. Many of the SFI Research Centres actively involve Technology Higher Education Association (THEA) member institutions as partners.

Technology Centres

The Technology Centre programme is a collaborative project from IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland. It enables international corporations and Irish businesses to collaborate with academic institutes on strategic R&D projects that are market focused. Many of the Technology Centres collaborate actively with THEA member institutions.

One example of a Technology Centre related to digital health is the CeaDAR Technology Centre, located in University College Dublin. This is the National Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence and the European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) for AI in Ireland. More than 90 companies are members of CeaDAR which includes both multinationals and local SMEs.

European Digital Innovation Hubs

The European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) assist businesses and government agencies in responding to digital challenges in areas including high-performance computing, robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and digital upskilling. Companies with a maximum of 3000 employees in Ireland are permitted to use their De Minimis Aid budget to support digital projects with the EDIHs.

Innovation Vouchers

The aim of innovation vouchers is to promote cooperation between small and medium sized enterprises and Ireland's publicly funded knowledge providers (research institutes or universities) to help businesses overcome obstacles to innovation. Innovation Vouchers worth €5,000 can help a company or companies work with a registered knowledge provider to investigate a business opportunity or solve a problem.

For more information on research innovation supports available from Enterprise Ireland read [here](#).



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