



Invest NI Collaborative R&D Support Service

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Invest Northern Ireland

As Northern Ireland's business development agency, Invest Northern Ireland's aim is to support new and existing business to grow and compete internationally, and to attract new inward investment to Northern Ireland.



Product Development Solutions

Design

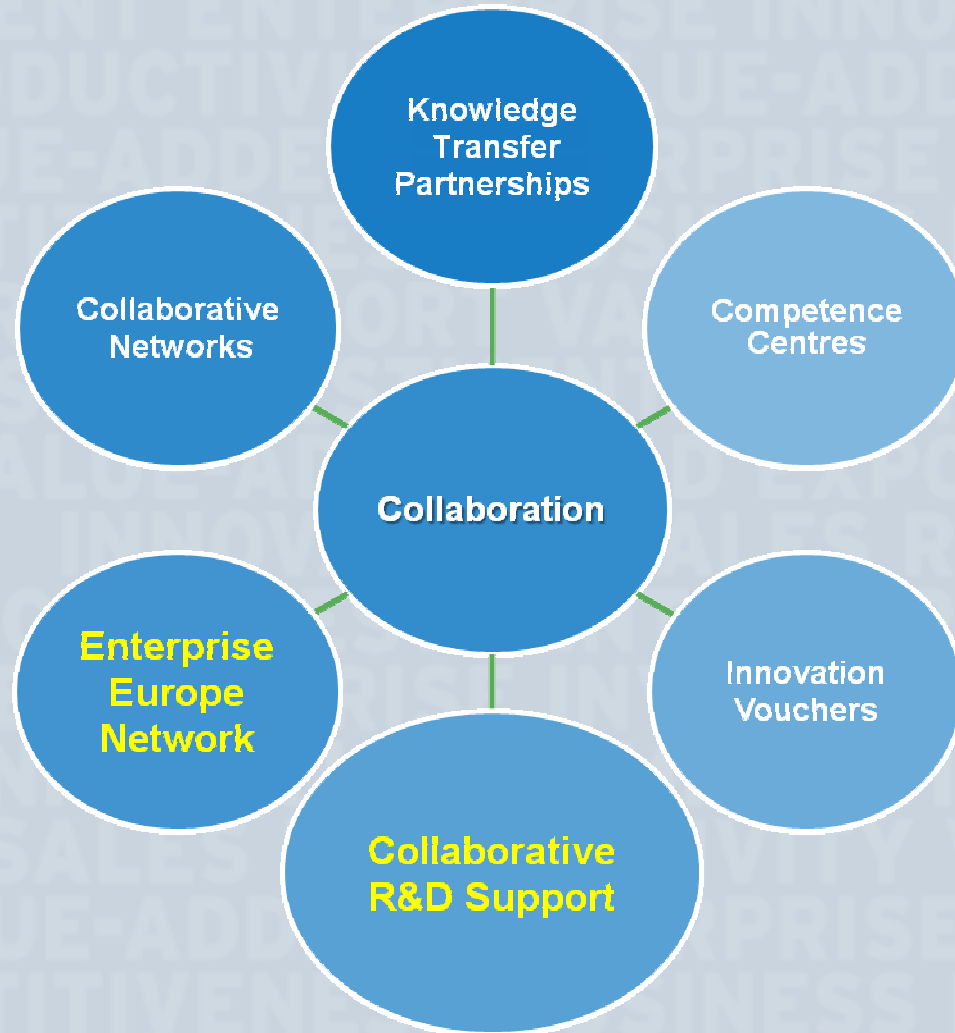
Intellectual Property

Technical Advice

Working Collaboratively

Research & Development

Invest Northern Ireland – encouraging Collaboration





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Partners

Finding a European business partner is a great way to develop your business, whether you want to explore new markets, or exploit innovative technology.

A local partner gives you instant market knowledge, removes language barriers, and raises your profile within the industry. Sharing innovative technology can give you a competitive edge through improving processes or expanding your product range.

Before you begin, you need to consider the **strategic reasons** for finding a business partner.

Enterprise Europe Northern Ireland can help your company to find partners through our colleagues in other parts of the Enterprise Europe Network. We have 3 main tools on the column to the right:

Technology profiles

Our tool contains the profiles of organisations looking for, or offering an innovative technology. The most common forms of collaboration are licensing, joint venture, or manufacturing agreement.

Commercial opportunities

When companies enter another European market, they often do it by using an agent or distributor based there. We can publish your partnership request on this database, or you can search it for requests made by other European companies.

Research opportunities

Organisations can search this tool for partners for FP7 (Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development). This is the EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe.

Technology profiles

Search our database of technology offers & requests!

Your search text/keyword

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Commercial opportunities

Find a partner in our database of commercial cooperation opportunities!

Your search text/keyword

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Research opportunities

Search our database of research partner requests!

Your search text/keyword



Invest NI can help:

- **Identify the most appropriate funding scheme for your needs**
- Advise on funding rules, regulations and eligibility criteria
- Assist you to find the right partners through the Enterprise Europe Network
- Signpost you to further specialist events and advice
- **Provide financial support for proposal preparation**
- **Pilot Mentoring Scheme**



Invest NI Financial Support for Preparing Collaborative R&D applications

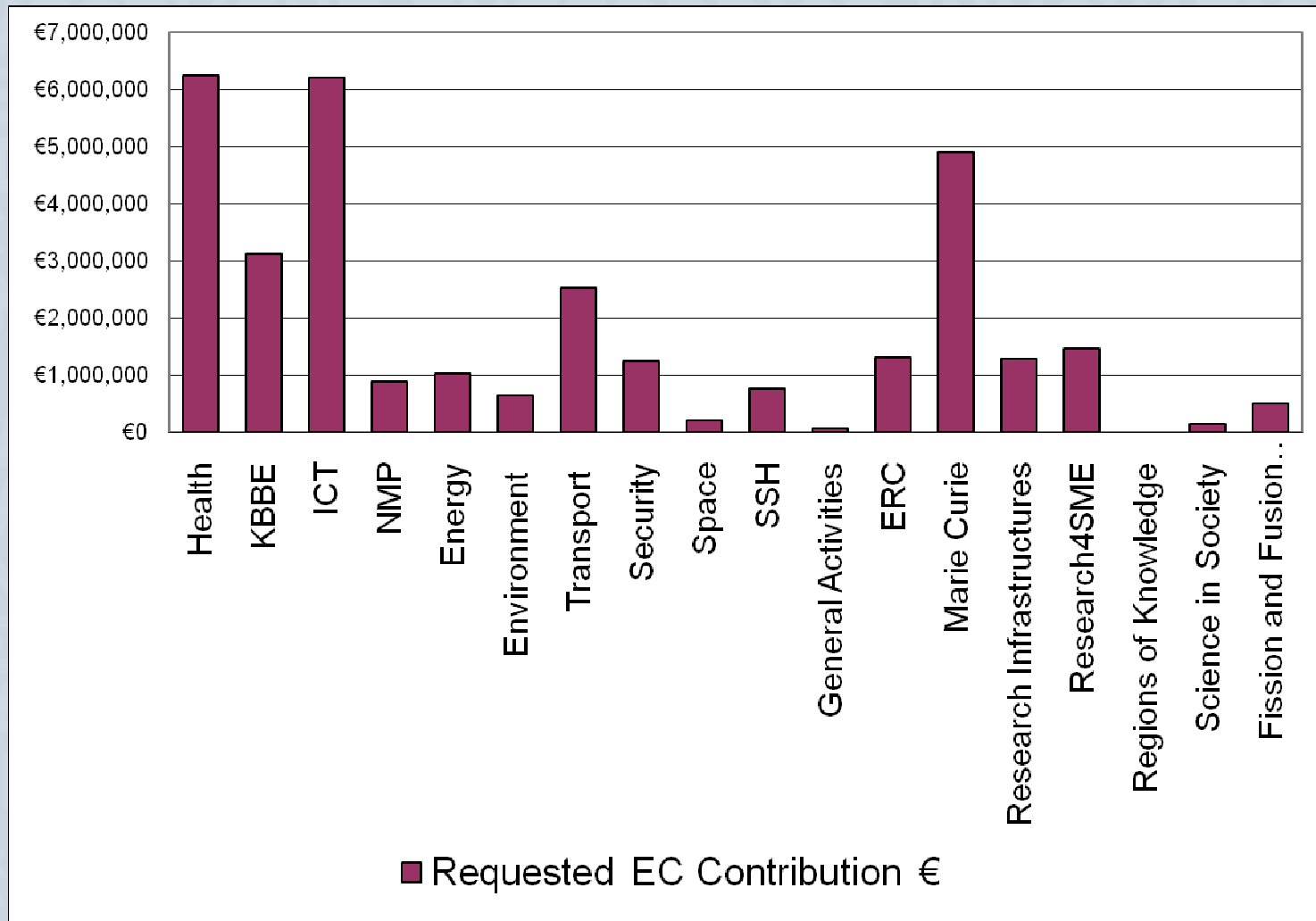
Eligible Costs

- Labour
- Consultancy Fees
- Legal Advice
- Travel and Subsistence Costs



OK – so what do I do next?

- Start thinking strategically, think medium to long term
- Talk to us about your research needs
- Experienced researchers – sign up to become FP7 evaluators
- Successful participation is often the culmination of a process, so be prepared - join networks, be open to collaboration, come to information sessions



Northern Ireland participation in FP7



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