

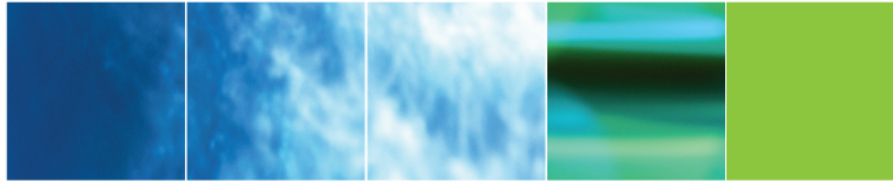
Plenary Session 5: Synergies at EU and national level

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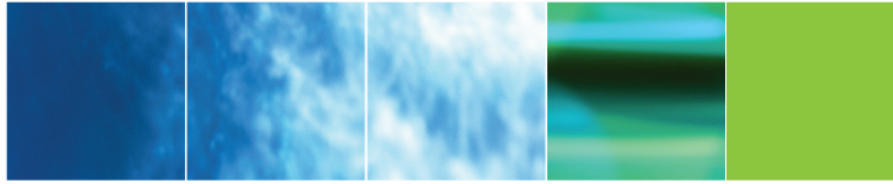
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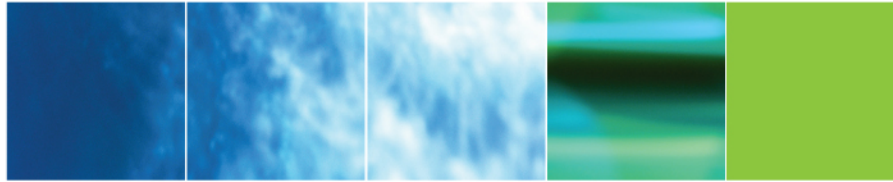
A national perspective...

- IRELAND – young and energetic!
- Over a decade of commitment to developing a knowledge-based economy through investment in research, development and innovation
- Initiatives spanning many Government Departments and agencies, supplemented with leveraging of non-exchequer funding
- Internationally recognised research and innovation capability within Ireland's higher education institutions/public research organisations
- Supports directly to enterprise to enhance their research and innovation activity and to develop an overall environment that encourages industry engagement in research based activities
- A move to a phase of consolidation/sustainability of investments and to maximising the economic and employment opportunities from the State spend on research
- National Research Prioritisation Exercise: identifying priority areas
- Bringing together Research, Industry and Education – the local innovation eco-system
- **BUT NO INVOLVEMENT IN FIRST EIT KICS**



In Europe...

- IRELAND – a preferred partner!
- Educational System ranked 7th in IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2012, meets the needs of a competitive economy
- 11th out of 82 countries in 2008-2012 Business Environment Ranking of the Economist Intelligence Unit
- Foreign direct investment focused on securing investment in: High Value Manufacturing, Global Services and RD&I
- An FP7 portfolio of €500M of RD&I funding since 2007 - 4 times the funding to companies (large and small) under FP6; large cohort of European partners/networks
- FP7 approaches separate to EIT (nationally and at EU level)
- **RESPONDING TO THE MOVE OF EIT INTO HORIZON 2020**



A new approach...

- IRELAND – use our resources!
- Pilot scheme for financial support for development of 3 multi-partner nodes in Health, Food and Raw Materials, that can participate in the next EIT calls
- Funds one person year of activity (€100,000 grant) to work on behalf of Ireland to identify forming KIC consortia, bring together a strong team of industry and academia to act as the Irish co-location centre, gain access to a strong consortium, act in a leadership position for the formation of the centre and participate very actively in the consortium, co-ordinating other Irish activity in the consortium
- Aimed at the universities and research performing organisations
- **DRIVING SYNERGIES**
- Aim - Irish co-location centres (stand alone or in combination with partner country) in each of the 3 successful KICS, Health, Food and Raw Materials
- Aim - Co-location centres work together on other Horizon 2020 calls and initiatives, ideally with the other partners from the KIC in which they were involved
- Aim - If a co-location centre is not part of the successful KIC, then it is expected that it would try to affiliate/associate to the successful KIC