

SME-related policy measures adopted, implemented or announced in 2021

Ireland

Title of the measure (national language)	Title of the measure (English translation)	Implementing body	Adopted / implemented / announced as part of the 'National Recovery and Resilience Plan' (Yes / No)	Status (Adopted or implemented or announced)	Date of adoption/ implementation or announcement (DD/MM/YYYY)	General description (objectives / key features / budget - if applicable, and weblink to online source)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY						
Green for Micro Programme		Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs)	Yes	Implemented	01/03/2021	<p>The Green for Micro Programme enables micro businesses to obtain free advice and technical support from a Green Consultant to help them prepare their business for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future.</p> <p>https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/March/01032021.html</p>

Climate Enterprise Action Fund		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	15/04/2021	<p>A Climate Enterprise Action Fund that offers financial support products to help Irish companies build the capabilities required to deliver sustainable products, services and business models.</p> <p>https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</p>
Climate Action Voucher		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	15/04/2021	<p>A voucher scheme that provides €1,800 to applicant businesses to enable them to engage consultants to identify business opportunities and develop plans in areas such as resource efficiency, renewable energy and the circular economy.</p> <p>https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/Climate-Action-Voucher/Climate-Action-Voucher.html</p>
GreenStart		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	15/04/2021	<p>A grant scheme that provides up to €5,000 to applicant businesses to enable them to measure their carbon footprint and identify ways to reduce their emissions and use resources more efficiently.</p> <p>https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/GreenStart/</p>
GreenPlus		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	15/04/2021	<p>A grant scheme that funds up to 50% of the cost required to develop a comprehensive climate change and sustainability plan, and to align</p>

						with international standards and frameworks. https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Productivity/Buid-a-green-sustainable-Business/GreenPlus.html
Circular Economy Innovation Grant Scheme (CEIGS)		Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	Yes	Adopted	15/04/2021	A grant scheme that funds circular economy projects and enterprises to support the growth of the circular economy in Ireland and provide high-profile examples of best practice. https://www.gov.ie/en/service/b3faa-apply-for-the-circular-economy-innovation-grants-scheme-ceigs/
Circular Economy Programme		Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Yes	Announced	16/04/2021	A new programme that will aim to build on 15 years of leadership by the EPA on waste prevention, including Ireland's well-regarded food waste prevention campaign and the development of national guidance on priority topics such as Construction Waste Management and Green Public Procurement. https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/3fe6b-draft-national-strategy-for-ireland-to-transition-to-a-circular-economy-published/ https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/consultations/-consultations/irelands-circular-economy-programme.php
Rebuilding Sustainable Enterprises Strategy		Department of the Taoiseach	Yes	Adopted	01/06/2021	The strategy aims to support the resilience and sustainability

						<p>of Irish enterprise on its decarbonisation pathway, with a €10 million Climate Enterprise Action Fund and online climate toolkit for businesses, as well as €55 million in EU funding as part of Ireland's NRRP to support enterprise in their decarbonising journey.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/d28d9-pillar-3-re-building-sustainable-enterprises/</p>
Circular Economy Bill 2021		Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	Yes	Adopted	15/04/2021	<p>The Circular Economy Bill is a key step in the successful transition of Ireland's economy to a circular economy and is evidence of Government's commitment to the achievement of that goal. The Bill places the Government's Circular Economy Strategy and commitment on a clear statutory footing.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/89838-circular-economy-bill-2021/</p>
Online Climate Toolkit for Business – climatetoolkit4business.gov.ie		Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment / Department of Energy, Climate & Communications	Yes	Adopted	10/12/2021	<p>An online toolkit launched by the Government to help Irish SMEs take steps to reduce their climate impact and make sustainable choices. By entering simple information, the tool enables SMEs to obtain an estimate of their carbon footprint and a personalised action plan to reduce it.</p> <p>https://www.climatetoolkit4business.gov.ie/</p>

						https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/December/20211210.html
Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy		Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	Yes	Adopted	16/12/2021	<p>The Circular Economy Strategy provides a national policy framework for Ireland's transition to a circular economy. The strategy targets policy tools and initiatives that will cover green and circular public procurement, education and awareness, circular roadmaps for priority sectors, and set up of a stakeholder advisory group and inter-departmental working group for policy development and implementation.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/16a69-government-launches-irelands-first-whole-of-government-circular-economy-strategy/</p>
SOCIAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY						
Social Enterprise Growth Fund 2021-2024		Department of Rural and Community Development (funding) / Rethink Ireland (delivery)	No	Adopted	26/02/2021	<p>A fund that supports proven social innovations with the potential to achieve widespread impact, significant growth and transformative change in Ireland.</p> <p>https://rethinkireland.ie/current_fund/social-enterprise-growth-fund-2021-2024-nominees/</p>

COVID-19 Social Enterprise Regeneration Programme		Department of Rural and Community Development / Irish Local Development Network (ILDN)	No	Adopted	15/07/2021	<p>Programme to help social enterprises across the country to recover from COVID-19. €945,000 in funding has been awarded to 12 Consortia of Local Development Companies (LDCs). The LDCs will provide training and mentoring support to help an estimated 550 social enterprises to strengthen their operations and improve their services post COVID-19.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/21005-our-rural-future-minister-humphreys-to-provide-almost-one-million-euro-in-covid-funding-under-social-enterprise-regeneration-programme/</p>
Awareness Raising Initiative for Social Enterprises (ARISE)		Department of Rural and Community Development	No	Adopted	15/09/2021	<p>Scheme to increase awareness of social enterprises and their potential, by providing grants to social enterprises, social enterprise networks and support organisations to carry out awareness raising initiatives.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/98d46-our-rural-future-minister-humphreys-announces-500000-awareness-raising-initiative-for-social-enterprise-arise-scheme-2021/</p>
Capital Grants for Social Enterprises		Department of Rural and Community Development/Local Community	No	Adopted	06/09/2021	<p>Scheme to provide capital grants to enable social enterprises to implement small projects such as</p>

		Development Committees				refurbishments, repairs or the purchase of new equipment. https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/98d46-our-rural-future-minister-humphreys-announces-500000-awareness-raising-initiative-for-social-enterprise-arise-scheme-2021
Social Enterprise Development Fund (SED Fund)		Rethink Ireland	No	Implemented	27/07/2021	Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €3.2 million Fund being delivered from 2018 – 2022. The fund was created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund.
DIGITALISATION (e.g. Digital Innovation Hubs, training, vouchers, grants or loans for digitalisation and to invest in new digital equipment, etc.)						
Our Rural Future Digital Innovation Programme 2021		Department of Rural and Community Development	Yes	Adopted	30/06/2021	€500,000 funding programme to support rural digital initiatives with national impact. It made grants of up to €200,000 available to local authority-led digital and telecommunications projects. The aim is to enable local authorities to collaborate with each other or with third parties such as social enterprises and community groups, to trial new technologies and new approaches to common issues. A total of 20 projects were awarded funding in August 2021 for a total cost of €1.2 million. https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/d401a-minister-humphreys-launches-digital-innovation-programme/

						https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/8c363-our-rural-future-minister-humphreys-announces-funding-for-20-projects-under-digital-innovation-programme/
Digitalisation Voucher		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	05/08/2021	<p>The voucher scheme enables eligible companies to access independent technical or advisory service support to Help them prepare a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across their business.</p> <p>https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/productivity/digital-innovation/digitalisation-voucher/</p>
Hi Digital		Vodafone Ireland Foundation in partnership with the ALONE and Active Retirement Ireland charities.	Yes	Adopted	29/09/2021	<p>“Hi Digital” is a free online step-by-step digital skills training course. It is particularly aimed at those that have rarely or never been online (often people over 65). The course consists of bite-size lessons organised around key digital themes including: the basics of internet access and how to use online devices; and an essential guide to apps and features that can enhance daily life and combat isolation.</p> <p>https://hidigital.ie/en/about/ https://www.irishtimes.com/business/technology/vodafone-to-invest-2m-in-digital-training-programme-for-older-people-1.4685941</p>
Build Digital Grant Project		Department of Public	Yes	Adopted	03/11/2021 (date funding awarded)	An initiative that aims to promote the adoption of world

		Expenditure and Reform (funding) Build Digital Alliance (delivery)			to Build Digital Alliance to deliver the project)	class digital practices throughout the Irish construction industry and supply chain to help make them more sustainable and innovative. https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/a196c-department-of-public-expenditure-and-reform-award-the-build-digital-alliance-led-by-tu-dublin-the-construction-sector-build-digital-grant/ https://www.tudublin.ie/explore/news/build-digital.html
INNOVATION (e.g. vouchers, grants or loans for R&D and innovation, support to encourage SMEs to commercialise RTD results and to acquire patents, etc.)						
The Right Course online portal		Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	Yes	Adopted	18/01/2021	The portal is a “one-stop-shop” for businesses, employees or unemployed persons that wish to upskill or retrain. Portal users gain access to the third level (tertiary education) options available to them. https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/f205a-the-right-course/ https://www.irishtimes.com/business/work/new-online-portal-for-people-seeking-to-upskill-or-retrain-1.4461069
CIRCULÉIRE Innovation Fund 2022 Call for Proposals		Irish Manufacturing Research (Secretariat), three Strategic Partners; the Department for Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC),	Yes	Adopted	18/06/2021	CIRCULÉIRE is a €4.5 million public-private partnership and the first cross-sectoral industry-led innovation network dedicated to accelerating the net-zero carbon circular economy in Ireland. The Innovation Fund supports large-scale systems-level innovation. Within the network, multi-nationals, SMEs and their supply

		Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), EIT Climate-KIC and a growing cross-sectoral network of Industry Members				chains work together to co-create innovative circular solutions. https://circuleire.ie/circuleire-innovation-fund-2022/
Regional Enterprise Transition Scheme 2021		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	29/07/2021	<p>In October 2021, 24 projects were approved funding of €9.3 million under the Regional Enterprise Transition Scheme (RETS). The objective was (i) to assist with the expansion of existing enterprise development projects under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund and Border Enterprise Development Fund (ii) to improve the capability and competitiveness of regional enterprises in the wake of Covid-19 and Brexit and (iii) to assist those seeking to transition in the context of climate action and digitisation. Separately, 18 applications were approved funding of €548,250 to support early-stage project development and to create a pipeline of projects for future regional enterprise calls.</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/October/20211006.html https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/November/24112021b.html</p>

						<p>A €9.5 million funding scheme to provide grants to regional and community-based projects that are supporting enterprises (mainly SMEs) in their response to economic and market challenges, such as COVID-19, Brexit, and the transition to a low carbon economy, digitalisation and smart specialisation. Grants of up to €1.8 million or 80% of the project cost (whichever is the lesser) are available to projects.</p> <p>https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/regional-enterprise-transition-scheme/ https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/July/20210729.html</p>
SKILLS (e.g.: vocational education and training, forecasting skill needs, measures to adapt the vocational training systems to the requirements of the labour market, etc.).						
Enactus Ireland Future Skills Now Programme		Enactus Ireland in collaboration with Rethink Ireland and the Dormant Accounts Fund	Yes	Adopted	18/01/2021	<p>The Future Skills Now Programme, hosted by Enactus Ireland, is a 6-month skills training programme focused on inclusivity and the development of essentials skills for students from a variety of backgrounds through social entrepreneurship. The skills targeted reflect current labour market and employer needs. It was a pilot programme which was completed last August. Future Skills Now has now been integrated into the Core Enactus Ireland Programme open to all</p>

						registered Enactus Ireland students https://www.enactus.ie/news/2021/1/18/enactus-ireland-future-skills-now-programme
MentorsWork Competency Assessment Tool		Skillnet Ireland, in partnership with the Small Firms Association (SFA)	Yes	Adopted	16/03/2021	An online diagnostic tool which aims to help business owners and managers to identify skills and development needs. The tool guides users through a comprehensive list of questions and generates a bespoke report that contains insights and recommended next steps. The insights and areas of development are then addressed through a programme of mentoring, masterclasses and workshops provided by Skillnet Ireland in partnership with the SFA. https://www.skillnetireland.ie/new-mentorswork-online-competency-tool-smes-identify-key-skills-gaps/ https://register.mentorswork.ie/competency-assessment/trial
ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN						
Ireland's SME Test Guidelines		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Indigenous Enterprise, SMEs & Entrepreneurship)	Yes	Adopted	30/04/2021	The SME Test is a regulatory impact assessment tool that encourages policymakers across Government to consider the impact that any new regulations or laws will have on SMEs. The SME Test sets out a four-step process for policymakers to follow when legislation is at draft stage, in order to invite consideration, where appropriate, of less stringent

						<p>compliance requirements for smaller companies</p> <p>These steps are: identification of affected businesses; consultation; assessment of impacts; and consideration of mitigating measures.</p> <p>The handbook is an internal government (cabinet) guide for ministers. Its purpose is to assist ministers and officials in the preparation of matters to be dealt with at Government meetings. It informs government on the application of SME Test principles throughout the legislative process.</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/Publications/Ireland%E2%80%99s-SME-Test.html</p>
Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Act 2021		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Yes	Adopted	08/12/2021	<p>The Companies (Rescue Process for Small and Micro Companies) Act 2021 inserts a new Part 10A into the Companies Act 2014 to provide for a dedicated rescue process for small and micro companies, the "Small Companies Administrative Rescue Process". The new rescue process is designed to make rescue and restructuring more accessible and affordable to fundamentally viable companies experiencing temporary difficulties.</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-</p>

						News/2021/December/20211208.html https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/Pu blications/Publication-files/Small-Company-Administrative-Rescue-Process.pdf
REGULATORY OBSTACLES						
Statutory Sick Pay Scheme		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Yes	Announced	09/072021	<p>The Government's Statutory Sick Pay Scheme will be phased in over a four-year period. In the first instance, the legislation will provide for a replacement rate of 70% of gross salary for a duration of 3 working days in a calendar year. To avail of paid sick leave under the scheme an employee must be certified as unfit to work by a medical practitioner. Over time employers will be asked to cover 10 paid sick leave days in a calendar year.</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/June/20210609.html</p> <p>The Government's Statutory Sick Pay Scheme will be phased in over a four-year period, starting with three days per year in 2022, rising to five days payable in 2023 and seven days payable in 2024. Employers will eventually cover the cost of 10 sick days per year in 2025. It's</p>

						being phased in to help employers, particularly small businesses, to plan ahead and manage the additional cost, which has been capped. https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/June/20210609.html
Comprehensive changes to the employment permits system in Ireland		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Yes	Adopted	28/10/2021	A measure that introduces changes to the employment permits system for workers from outside the European Economic Area (EEA), following a comprehensive government review. The changes are designed to address skills and labour shortages in construction, logistics, hospitality and agri-food sectors. https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/October/20211027b.html
ACCESS TO FINANCE (including guarantee schemes, public funding programmes, support for alternative financing and equity financing, favourable legal, tax and regulatory frameworks for investments, fiscal incentives)						
€100m Brexit Scheme for Agri-food Sector		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	03/02/2021	The Scheme has been established in recognition of the Agri-Food sector's unique exposure to the impact of Brexit. Up to €70 million is available under the first call, which is open to applications from large, medium or small enterprises that are engaged in the processing and marketing of primary meat and dairy products.

						https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/news/pressreleases/2021-press-releases/government-opens-first-call-for-%E2%82%AC100m-brexitscheme-for-agri-food-sector.html
Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC)		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Yes	Adopted	11/03/2021	<p>The Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) which closed on 30/09/21 (which) gave (gives) grants to businesses that were (are) not eligible for the government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes. This scheme aimed (s) to help businesses with their fixed costs, for example, rent, utility bills, security.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/0149e-small-business-assistance-scheme-for-covid-sbasc/ https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/June/20210609b.html</p>
Events Sector Covid Support Scheme (ESCSS)		Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Yes	Adopted	15/07/2021	<p>The €11.5 million Events Sector Covid Support Scheme (ESCSS) is targeted at SMEs in that sector which have been significantly affected by COVID-19 public health restrictions. A grant of up to €50,000 is available to successful applicants as a contribution to their fixed costs.</p>

						https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/July/15072021a.html
Brexit Impact Loan Scheme		Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI)	Yes	Adopted	15/10/2021	<p>The Brexit Impact Loan Scheme (BILS) is a successor to the Brexit Loan Scheme and provides low-cost loans to eligible Brexit-impacted businesses. The new scheme is also open to businesses in the primary agriculture and seafood sectors and the loans under the scheme are for terms of up to six years. The scheme is delivered by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) through participating lenders.</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/October/20211015.html https://sbci.gov.ie/news/brexit-impact-loan-scheme-open-for-applications-from-today</p>
LATE PAYMENTS <i>(measures aimed at addressing late payments)</i>						
ACCESS TO MARKETS <i>(e.g. market-specific support and business training activities, export credit insurance, missions – covering both the Single market and third countries)</i>						
Digital Exporter Voucher scheme		Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs)	Yes	Announced	21/01/2021	A Digital Exporter Voucher Scheme is planned for implementation to help 3,000 micro and start-up enterprises to become Digital Exporters and take advantage of export opportunities. The scheme should include advice and support to help them integrate digital tools, digital skills training support, digital

						marketing and offer a higher grant aid percentage. https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e19ff-report-of-the-sme-taskforce-national-sme-and-entrepreneurship-growth-plan/ (page 37)
The Export Compass Series		Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs)	Yes	Adopted	21/01/2021	A five-part webinar series giving Irish businesses access to workshops that are designed to help them to grow through exports. They guide businesses on topics such as export strategies and planning, understanding overseas business cultures, building digital sales capacities and building customer, distributor and/or partner relationships. Two editions of the webinar series have been delivered in 2021. https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/export-assistance/exporter-development/ https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/news/pressreleases/2021-press-releases/enterprise-ireland-launches-the-export-compass-webinar-series.html https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/August/20210830.html
START-UP ENVIRONMENT						
SME and Entrepreneurship Growth Plan		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Yes	Adopted	21/01/2021	The plan sets out a wide range of recommendations with long-term strategic relevance for

		and the SME Growth Taskforce				<p>SME and entrepreneurs, including measures to assist companies to start up, scale up, enhance their digital capabilities, and increase export activity. These recommendations will be reviewed and taken forward, as appropriate, by an SME and Entrepreneurship Implementation Group in early 2021.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e19ff-report-of-the-sme-taskforce-national-sme-and-entrepreneurship-growth-plan/</p>
Social Enterprise Start-up Fund		Department of Rural and Community Development (funding) / Rethink Ireland (delivery)	Yes	Adopted	15/07/2021	<p>An €800,000 fund that provides small grants to social enterprises to help them expand their businesses and create jobs. Support is specifically intended for early-stage social enterprises that have a clear ambition to impact a critical social issue.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/79d46-minister-humphreys-announces-400000-social-enterprise-start-up-fund/ https://rethinkireland.ie/awarded_fund/social-enterprise-start-up-fund-2021/</p>
Competitive Start Fund - All Sectors		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	07/07/2021	<p>The fund helps early-stage start-ups in the manufacturing and internationally traded services sectors to reach key commercial and technical milestones. The fund is part of Enterprise Ireland's strategy for</p>

						<p>increasing the number of diverse High Potential Start-Up companies (HPSUs) that have the potential and ambition to succeed internationally.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/1f024-minister-damien-english-announces-opening-of-2m-enterprise-ireland-competitive-start-funds/ https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/company/hpsu-funding/competitive-start-fund-all-sectors.html</p>
Competitive Start Fund - Women Entrepreneurs		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	07/10/2021	<p>The fund helps individual women entrepreneurs, entrepreneurial teams and existing early-stage women-led start-ups to reach key commercial and technical milestones. The fund is part of Enterprise Ireland's strategy for increasing the number of diverse High Potential Start-Up companies (HPSUs) that have the potential and ambition to succeed internationally.</p> <p>https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/1f024-minister-damien-english-announces-opening-of-2m-enterprise-ireland-competitive-start-funds/ https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/company/hpsu-funding/competitive-start-fund-women-entrepreneurship.html</p>

SCALE-UP ENVIRONMENT

Regional Enterprise Plans to 2024 (New series of Regional Enterprise Plans)		Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and Regional Steering Committees	Yes	Announced	Q1 2022 23/11/2021	<p>Throughout 2021, nine new Regional Enterprise Plans (REPs) to 2024 were developed by way of regional level consultation led by independent senior regional chairpersons. The Plans are based on a 'bottom-up' collaborative approach, involving the enterprise agencies (Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland & Local Enterprise Offices), Regional Assemblies, Local Authorities, higher and further education bodies and businesses. The Plans aim to identify growth opportunities, recognise vulnerabilities, and in response, strengthen the regional enterprise ecosystem to enable job creation in the regions. The REPs will be launched in Q1 2022 and their implementation will be supported by EI regional development schemes.</p> <p><u>Regional Enterprise Plans - DETE</u></p> <p>Announcement that the process to develop a new series of Regional Enterprise Plans is underway. Their aim is to create the conditions for entrepreneurs to start and scale their businesses, encourage new investment and business growth, and lead to increased employment in every region. The Plans are based on a 'bottom-up' collaborative</p>
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						approach, involving development agencies, Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland, Local Enterprise Offices, Local Authorities, higher and further education bodies and businesses. https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/February/23022021.html
Accelerate Green Programme		Bord na Móna (semi-state company)	Yes	Adopted	11/10/2021	Accelerate Green will enable up to 12 participating SMEs to scale their businesses and help boost climate action. The accelerator is looking for SMEs developing products and services based on green innovation. https://accelerategreen.ie/ https://www.siliconrepublic.com/start-ups/scaling-accelerator-smes-green-climate-action
NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS						
OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS (e.g. second chance for honest bankrupt entrepreneurs, bankruptcy prevention, entrepreneurship education, public procurement)						
'Look for Local' campaign		Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs)	Yes	Implemented	07/10/2021	The Look for Local campaign, supported by Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authorities, aims to raise awareness of the benefit of spending in your local area. https://www.localenterprise.ie/LookforLocal https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/July/07072021.html
Level Project Action Planning Toolkit		Enterprise Ireland	Yes	Adopted	23/11/2021	The Level Project Action Planning Toolkit aims to help

						<p>businesses to develop gender balanced leadership teams which are proven to achieve higher sales growth, and better profits. It is an initiative of Enterprise Ireland's "Women in Business" action plan, a wide-ranging strategy to achieve greater representation of women in business, and particularly, in business leadership across Ireland.</p> <p>https://www.levelproject.ie/</p> <p>https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2021/November/20211123.html</p>
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