

ORGANISATION	DESCRIPTION OF RELATIONSHIP
<p><a href="#">Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment</a></p>	<p>Invest NI is responsible for the delivery of the Department's policies and strategies in relation to business support in Northern Ireland. These include encouraging investment (foreign and indigenous); stimulating entrepreneurial activity; increasing exports and trade; promoting R&amp;D/innovation; and providing development support. InterTradeIreland, working with Invest NI and its counterparts in the Republic of Ireland, also plays an important role as a facilitator of all-island competitiveness.</p> <p>Invest NI and DETI have worked collaboratively to develop an <b>Enterprise Strategy</b> which will be a component of the NI Economic Development strategy.</p> <p>Invest NI works closely with DETI on our specific responsibilities within the action plan for the <b>Social Economy Strategy</b>. We are represented on DETI's Social Economy Policy Group.</p> <p><b>DETI European Programmes</b> recent discussions on how Councils and Invest NI can work collaboratively to develop a programme of high quality support for local economic development across the region.</p>

<a href="#">UKTI</a>	Invest NI and UKTI work together on the promotion of exports and the attraction of new inward investment
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Tourist Board</a>	In support of NITB's tourism policy, Invest NI assists the development of the tourism accommodation sector and of other commercial tourism businesses
<a href="#">NI Screen</a>	Works closely with Invest NI's Creative Media team to accelerate the development of a dynamic and sustainable screen industry in Northern Ireland.
<a href="#">Department for Employment and Learning</a>	Works with Invest NI on the Social Economy Fund and the evaluation of the pilot programme, youth enterprise initiatives and read across with DEL's Innovation Fund.
<a href="#">ABACUS</a>	Contracted to deliver Enhanced EU Directorate Service * contract expired in 2009
<a href="#">Technology Strategy Board (TSB)</a>	Work in partnership to deliver the Knowledge Transfer Partnership programme
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Technology Centre (NITC)</a>	Contracted to deliver Design Advice Service
<a href="#">Intertradelreland</a>	Work in partnership to boost North/South economic co-operation. Invest NI supports ITI's ACUMEN programme which helps SME's to grow their business in Ireland by targeting new cross border markets. Invest NI's CFAAD Team has Membership of the Equity Network Steering Committee, a main committee of Intertradelreland in terms of promoting equity capital across the island of Ireland Invest NI is joint funder of Halo NI with ITI for two years – ends April 2011
<a href="#">Enterprise Ireland</a>	Invest NI and EI cooperate on trade promotion matters including opening all trade missions to companies and making the services of Invest NI and EI overseas offices available to all companies Invest NI cooperates with Enterprise Ireland to harmonise the dates for "Calls for Innovation Vouchers" and to facilitate the access of expertise available across national borders. Enterprise Ireland operate the Innovation Voucher Scheme in

	<p>collaboration with INI. TAU have quarterly meetings with EI to discuss progress and share best practice.</p> <p>Invest NI's CFAAD Team meets about 3 times a year with EI to share common knowledge on venture capital initiatives.</p> <p>Enterprise Invest NI's Regional Business Team works with this department in the promotion of the All Ireland Student Awards.</p>
<a href="#">Bord Bia</a>	Invest NI works with Irish Food Board on the promotion and development of the speciality food sector including joint participation in international food exhibitions.
<a href="#">Irish Exporters Association</a>	Invest NI maintains contact with IEA on matters of mutual interest relating to the promotion of NI exports. e.g. Dairy UK (NI)
<a href="#">NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry</a>	Invest NI and NICCI works together to support companies seeking to develop export markets and to promote cross border trade through NICCI Network Getwork initiatives.
<a href="#">Department of Environment</a>	<p>Works closely with Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team in the development of a new Enterprise Strategy for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team works with this department with the objective of promoting entrepreneurship within education.</p> <p>DoE Planning Service works closely with Invest NI's Property Solutions Unit in the development of Area Plans. Planning Service also, on occasion, seek the view of Invest NI in respect of specific planning applications</p>
<a href="#">NI Exporters Association</a>	Invest NI consults with NIEA on matters of mutual interest relating to the promotion of NI exports
<a href="#">Department for Social Development</a>	DSD is represented at the SEP Stakeholder Group. SEP participants are located in or service those in disadvantaged areas as defined in the Noble Super Outputs Areas.

<a href="#">Department for Regional Development</a>	<p>Works closely with Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team in the development of a new Enterprise Strategy for Northern Ireland</p>
<a href="#">Department of Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	<p>There is co-operation between Invest NI and DARD regarding the Rural Development Programme and the business plan output from the Go For It start up programme.</p>
<a href="#">Department of Education NI</a>	<p>Invest NI works with DE in the organisation of Global Entrepreneurship Week activities for young people in the education sector to ensure compatibility with Dept of Education strategy. DE provides part-funding to Invest NI for this.</p>
<a href="#">ANIC</a>	<p>Works closely with Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team in the development of a new Enterprise Strategy for Northern Ireland. Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team works with this department with the objective of promoting entrepreneurship within education</p>
<a href="#">Queens University Belfast</a>	<p>Works closely with Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team in the development of a new Enterprise Strategy for Northern Ireland. Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team works with this department with the objective of promoting entrepreneurship within education. Invest NI's CFAAD team liaises with QUB re the new equity fund of £1million, part of the NISPO enterprise escalator initiative – Queens University Belfast Innovation Fund Responsible for delivering the Invest NI funded Proof of Concept programme to improve the level and quality of commercialisation from within Ni universities</p>
<a href="#">University of Ulster</a>	<p>Works closely with Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team in the development of a new Enterprise Strategy for Northern Ireland.</p>

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<a href="#">CCEA</a>	Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team works with this department with the objective of promoting entrepreneurship within education
<a href="#">Councils of Northern Ireland</a>	Invest NI's Entrepreneurship Development Team liaises with economic development officials from local councils regarding the current start a Business programme and the forthcoming Small Business Support programme.
<a href="#">Carbon Trust</a>	Invest NI provides funding for the carbon Trust to deliver programmes that are designed to improve business competitiveness through energy efficient low carbon and renewable energy technologies. The partnership is serviced by funding, agreeing the local delivery plan and delivering the plan.
<a href="#">National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP)</a>	Invest NI provides funding for NISP to help business create sustainable commercial opportunities through the trading of resources including materials, energy and water, sharing of assets, logistics and expertise. The partnership is serviced by funding, agreeing local delivery plan and working together to deliver the plan.
<a href="#">Envirowise</a>	Envirowise delivers a government funded programme of free advice to UK businesses to help them increase profitability and improve efficiency through reducing environmental impact. The partnership is serviced by funding, agreeing the local delivery plan and working in partnership to

	deliver the plan.
<a href="#">The Energy Managers Group</a> <a href="#">Biomass Group</a> <a href="#">Energy Research group</a>	Interest groups where Invest NI facilitates networking events, technology transfer events and site visits in an attempt to stimulate collaboration and opportunities.
<a href="#">NISPO – e synergy</a>	e synergy is manager of the NISPO enterprise escalator initiative for seed and early stage businesses – an initiative comprising £7 million for equity through three funds, a POC grant scheme of £3 million together with a suite of programmes – Investment Readiness and Intellectual Property Exploitation Unit. Invest NI provided the £10 million funding.
<a href="#">Clarendon Fund Managers</a>	Invest NI's CFAAD team liaises with Clarendon who are fund managers of two funds in the seed and early stage space – Nitech with £3 million from Invest NI in seed capital and Viridian, where DETI is the investor for a third of the £10 million fund. Both funds are now closed for investment except for follow on
<a href="#">Crescent Capital</a>	Invest NI's CFAAD team liaises with Crescent Capital who are fund managers of a development fund of £22.5 million where Invest NI is a third subordinated investor alongside private investors. Fund closed to new investments in 2010.
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Science Park</a>	Invest NI and Intertradelreland fund the management costs of halo – business angel networking in Northern Ireland, delivered by NISP. In addition, Invest NI provides part of the financial support for two NISP events, the VC Forum and 25k awards. The aim of the events is to stimulate the venture capital market in NI
<a href="#">NI Screen</a>	Northern Ireland Screen is a national screen agency for Northern Ireland whose aim is to accelerate the development of a dynamic and sustainable screen industry and culture in Northern Ireland. The main areas of activity include funding; locations, services and facilities, exhibition and audience development, education, business support and skills and training.

<a href="#">Fast Forward</a>	Invest NI and the Arts Council for NI (ACNI) has appointed Fast Forward to deliver a programme of activities to accelerate the development of the music industry in Northern Ireland, through a one year interim programme. The programme involves a defined mixture of skills development/mentoring and facilitating workshops and international showcasing.
<a href="#">Craft NI</a>	Invest NI appointed Craft Northern Ireland (CNI) to deliver a range of business developmental programmes to develop the local Craft Sector. CNI has at its core the objective to ensure that individual creative entrepreneurs develop their individual business beyond the current micro status and improve their current wealth creation potential.
<a href="#">Bio Business</a>	Bio Business Ltd (Bio Business) was established in 2004 as an industry member-based body to represent, support and enhances the competitiveness of businesses within the Life Sciences sector in Northern Ireland. The appointment of Board members and staff takes place independently from Invest NI. The activities of Bio Business have to be approved by Invest NI when Bio Business seeks funding from Invest NI
<a href="#">ECH Campus</a>	The ECH Campus was founded by a team of independent business leaders, who identified the need to enable innovation in the field of connected health. The ECH campus operates independently of Invest NI.
<a href="#">D5</a>	D5 is the external service provider responsible for management of the BIL programmes. D5 were selected to provide this service for the period April 2008 – March 2011
<a href="#">KPMG</a>	KPMG are carrying out an evaluation of the BIL programme. KPMG were selected to provide this service following an open tender exercise conducted by CPD
<a href="#">Technology Strategy Board (TSB)</a>	Work together to deliver the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programme in

	Northern Ireland
<a href="#"><u>Northern Ireland Technology Centre (NITC) at Queens</u></a>	Contracted to deliver elements of the Design Service
<a href="#"><u>Enterprise Europe Network</u></a>	The Enterprise Europe Network has 572 member organisations across the EU and beyond. They include chambers of commerce and industry, technology centres, universities and development agencies. Our experts can help you find international business partners, source new technologies and access EU funding or finance. They can advise you on issues such as: developing your capacity to innovate, going international, or EU law and standards. Invest NI is the regional partner for Northern Ireland.
<a href="#"><u>A/D/S Northern Ireland</u></a>	Sector trade body for aerospace, defence, security and space. The Invest NI supported Northern Ireland office of A/D/S will deliver a series of programmes tailored to identify opportunities aimed at further developing the capabilities of the local aerospace, defence and security companies.
<a href="#"><u>Office of the Northern Ireland Executive in Brussels</u></a>	Invest NI is involved in regular contact with ONIEB on a range of issues affecting client companies which operate within Northern Ireland's aerospace and defence sectors.
<a href="#"><u>Department for Business Innovation and Skills</u></a>	Invest NI works closely with this Department on key strategic and funding issues relating to the development of aerospace and defence activities in Northern Ireland.



<a href="#">European Commission</a>	Invest NI maintains contact with relevant Directorates General at the EC, primarily on State Aid and Framework Programme 7 issues related to aerospace and defence.
<a href="#">Northern Ireland Bureau, Washington</a>	Invest NI and the NIBW work together on activities to maintain and develop relationships with key influencers and organisations within the US Administration.
<a href="#">Department of Environment</a>	DoE Planning Service works closely with Invest NI's Property Solutions Unit in the development of Area Plans. Planning Service also, on occasion, seek the view of Invest NI in respect of specific planning applications.
<a href="#">Food NI</a>	Food NI provides a single promotional voice for Northern Ireland's food & drink. The operating board consists of representatives from across the entire supply chain as well as DARD and Invest NI
<a href="#">Red Meat Taskforce</a>	The Northern Ireland Red Meat Task Force (DARD, LMC, UFU, NIMEA, Invest NI & NBA) is working to develop a long – term strategy for the Northern Ireland beef and sheep meat industry.
<a href="#">Interdepartmental Group</a>	The rationale for this group is to provide an effective forum for officials to take forward an integrated approach to public policy and the delivery of development support for the food sector. Public policy and programme delivery support for the food industry takes place primarily through DARD/Invest NI, though some other Departments also have an interest.
<a href="#">Industry Advisory Panel</a>	The rationale for the establishment of this group is to provide a strategic forum for the industry to advise departments on public policy and the delivery of development support for the food sector. The IAP contributes to regular review of the over arching NI food strategy and its implementation, including the definition of targets and their quantifications.

<a href="#">NIFDA</a>	<p>NIFDA is a voluntary organisation committed to helping Northern Ireland food and beverage companies compete successfully and to represent and promote their interests. It was established to provide services to enhance, promote, inform, educate and develop member business. NIFDA's role is to enter into partnership with existing providers, associations, government and companies to assist in promoting the competitiveness of the industry.</p>
<a href="#">NIMEA</a>	<p>The Northern Ireland Meat Exporter's Association includes in its membership the major beef and lamb EC approved slaughtering and cutting companies in Northern Ireland, The Association is a single contact point for all member companies and can direct enquirers with specific needs to specific companies.</p>

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