

# Impact from Excellence: The role of innovation hubs

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# Our mission

Build on 30 years of achievement to ultimately become:

- **International leader in integrated ICT research** working to raise the technological base in Ireland;
- Synonymous with the delivery of disruptive and deployable technological **solutions to society's challenges** in energy, health, communications, agriculture, food and the environment;
- A key **catalyst** for the generation of new **high-tech business, jobs and growth** for the Irish economy;
- A national and global **partner of choice** facilitating and enabling R&D and innovation in Ireland to deliver on national objectives;
- A primary source of **highly-skilled people** for Ireland's current and future technology companies;
- The **gateway** for industry and academia to access ICT-related expertise and capabilities in Ireland.



# Irish Research Ecosystem

## Irish National Science funding moving to Research Centres centred on National Economic Priorities

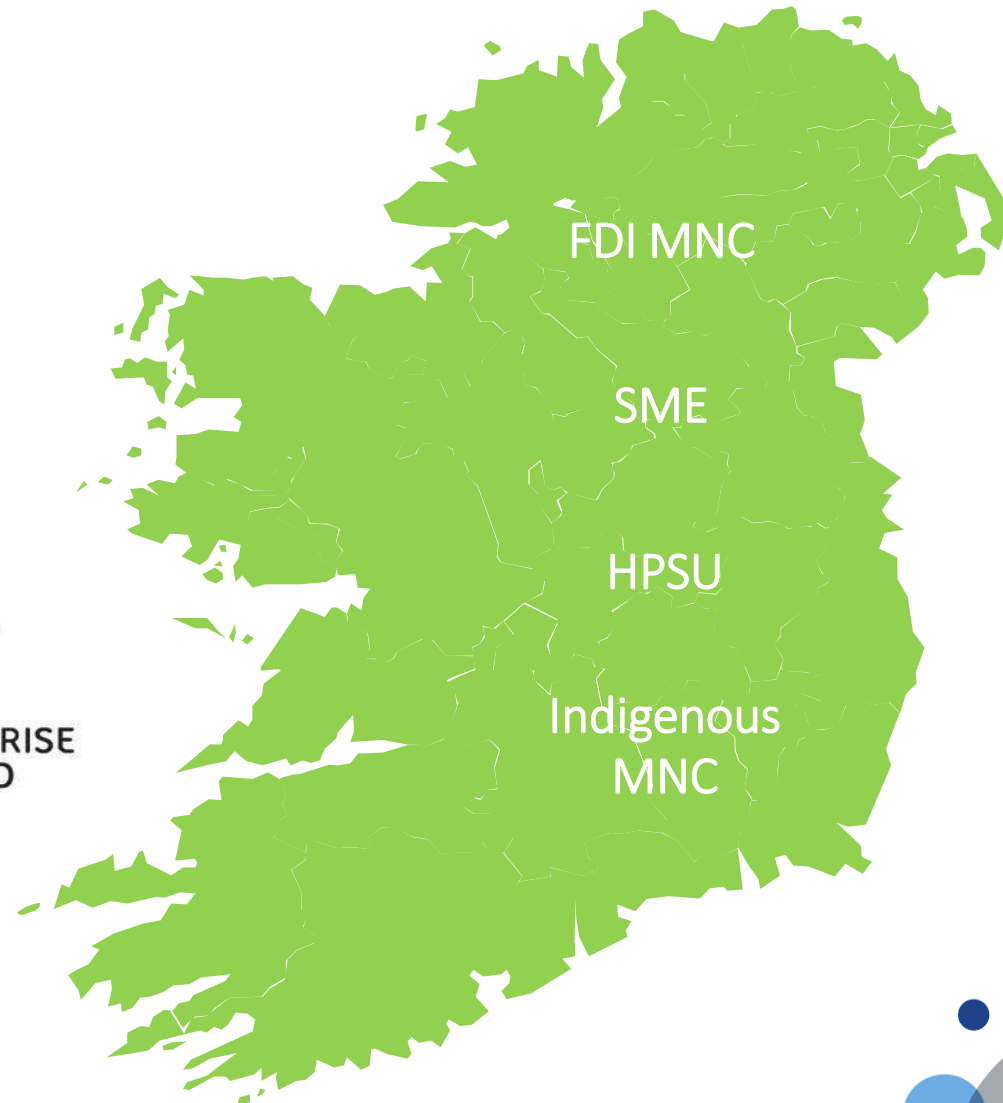


**Software**  
**Pharma**  
**Nanotechnology**  
**MEDICAL DEVICES**  
**Applied Geosciences**  
**Digital Content**  
**Industry commitment of €190 million**  
**€355 million from SFI**  
**Telecommunications**  
**PERINATAL RESEARCH**  
**Energy**  
**Nano Materials**  
**Functional Foods**  
**FOOD FOR HEALTH**  
**BIG DATA**  
**Marine Renewable Energy**

### SFI Research Centres



# Innovation Hub: Partnering to Create Impact



# Partner with Regional/National Clusters



**ENERGY CORK**



- Launch needs-driven regional & national initiatives
- Coordinate with public authorities and local government
- Partner in Europe
- B2B match-making and brokerage

# Some of our clients...

- 200 active industry partners WW
- >160 client visits to Tyndall in 2015
- Joint target company activity with agencies IDA & EI
- Competitively won exchequer funds leveraged with EU and commercial contracts

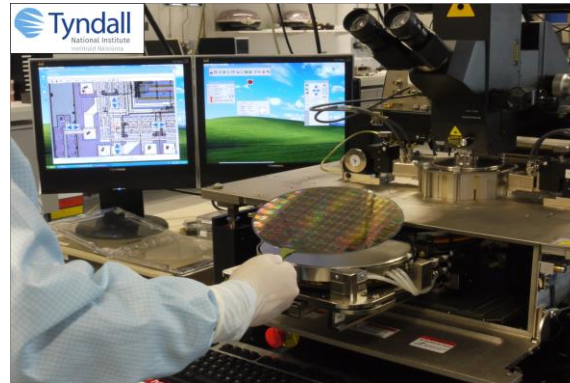




State-of-the-art 14 nm bulk FDSOI CMOS

Advanced transistor and interconnect test structures

Electrical & nano-characterization platforms



Fabrication facilities for nanowires & 2D materials

Advanced nanowire and nano-electrode test structures

Electrical & nano-characterization platforms



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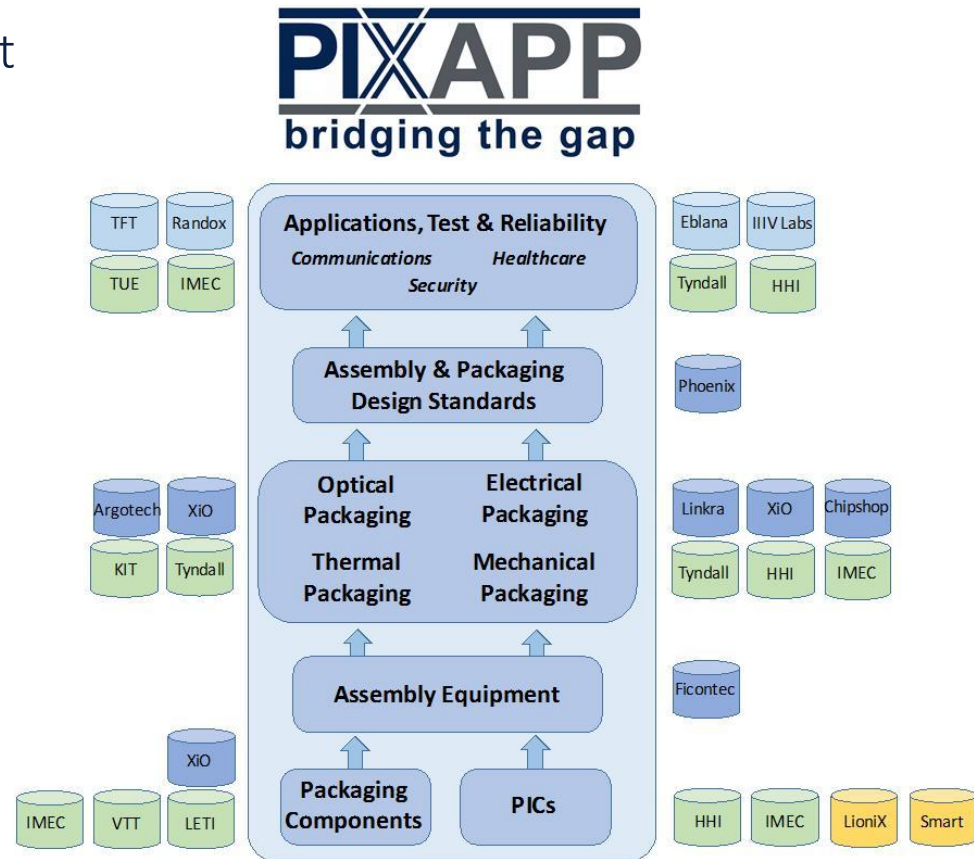
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[www.ascent.network](http://www.ascent.network)



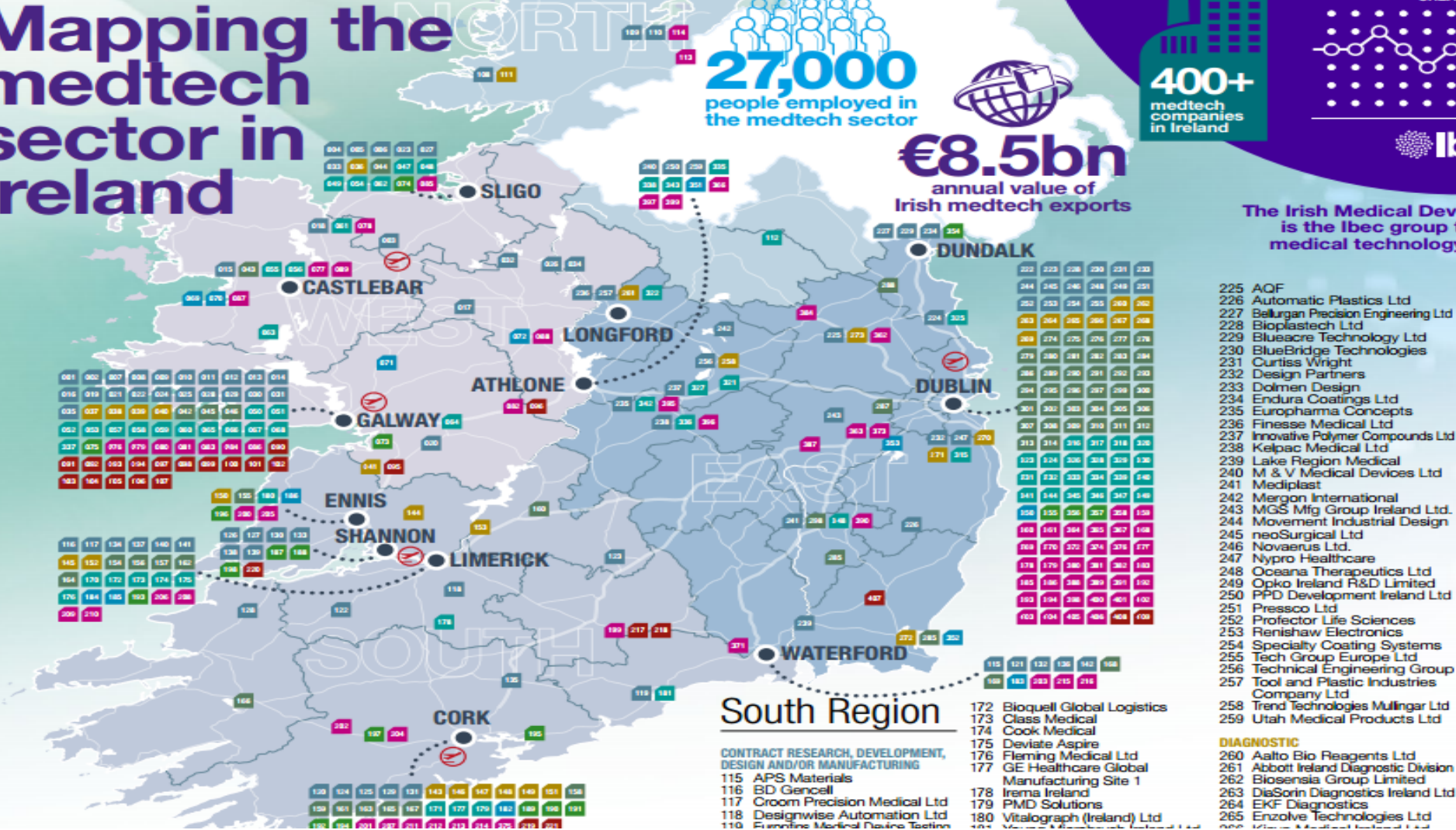
# Pilot Line facility

- H2020 Photonics Packaging Pilot Line proposal funded
- Coordinated by Peter O'Brien
- World's first open access photonics packaging pilot manufacturing line
- Will develop route to scalable, high volume, low unit cost manufacturing for integrated photonics
- Value €14M (€2.8M to Tyndall)





# Mapping the medtech sector in Ireland

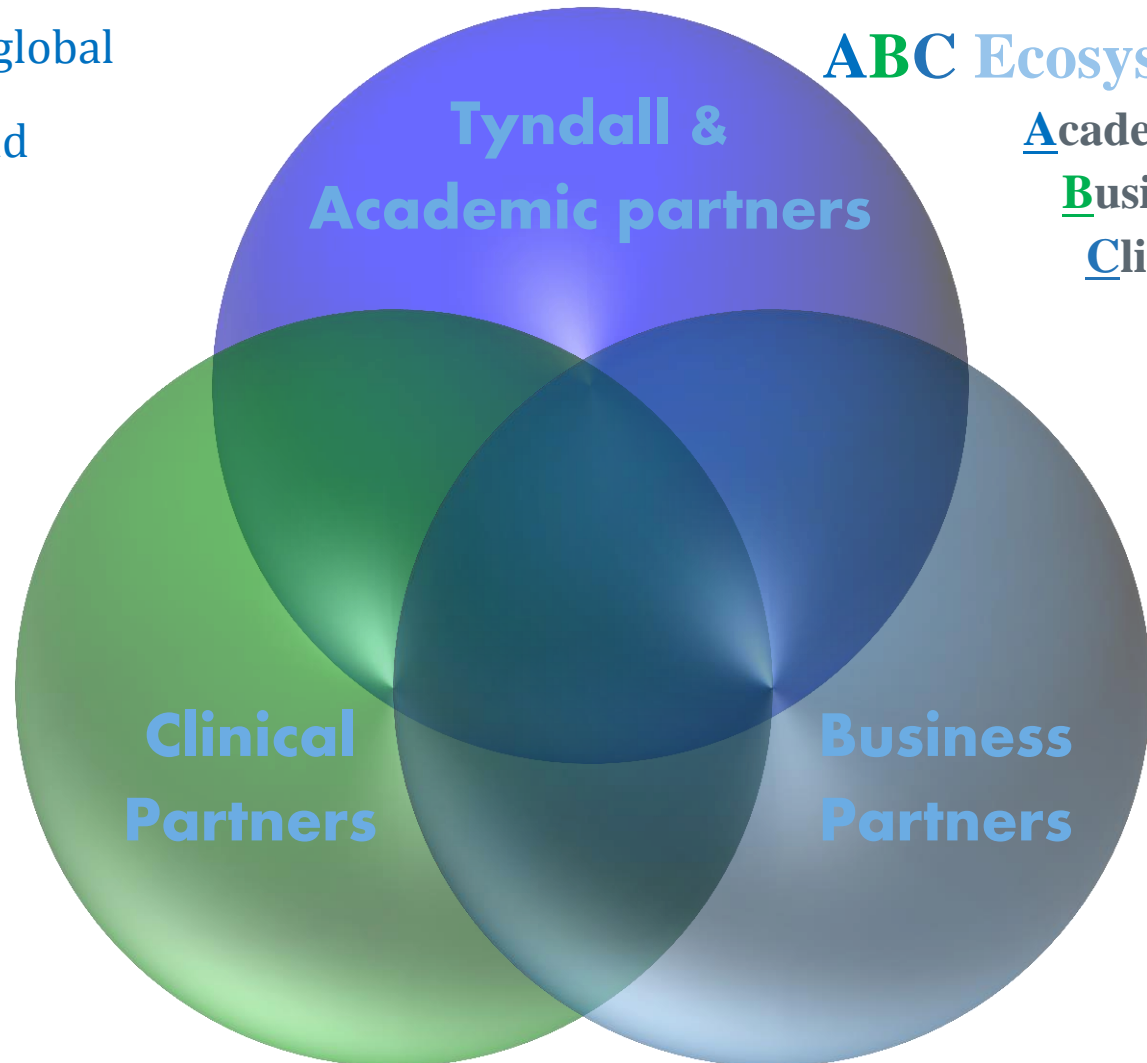


- Recognised as one of the five global emerging hubs
- Employing over 29,000 people
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest employer of medtech professionals in Europe
- Annual exports of €12.6 billion
- 50% of the 450 medtech companies based in Ireland are indigenous

# Tyndall ICT for Health

## Leading an ABC Ecosystem

We **Collaborate** with global medtech companies, world leading clinicians and leading scientists.

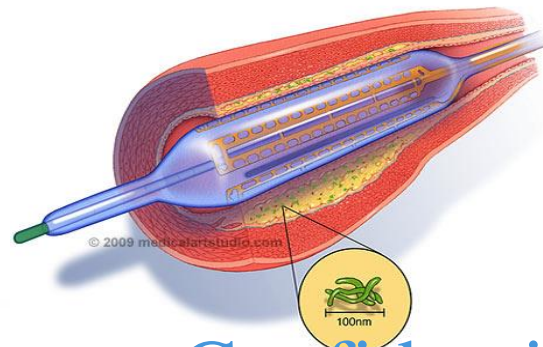
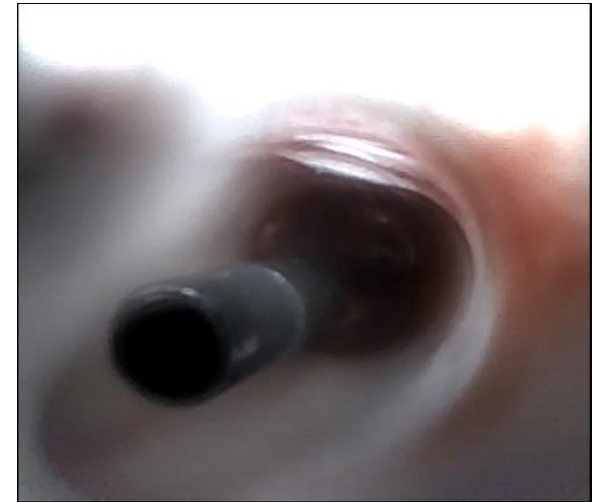


**ABC Ecosystem**

Academic,  
Business,  
Clinical)



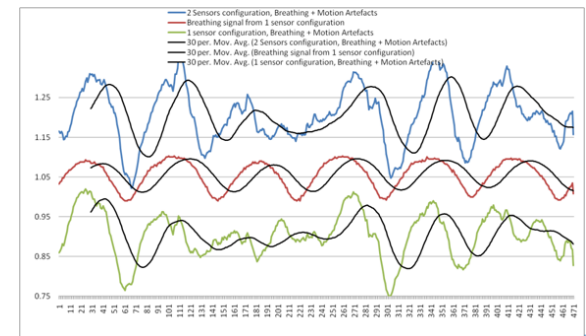
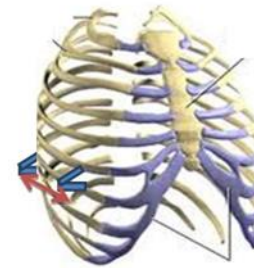
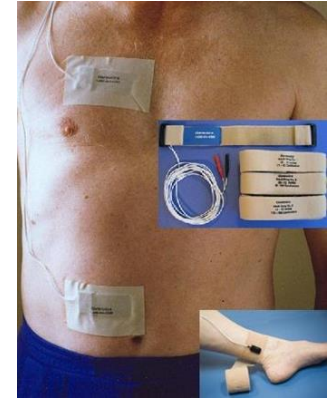
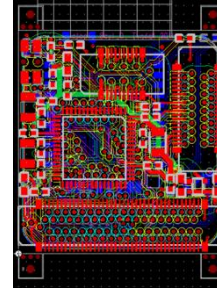
# Optical Imaging using micro scale CMOS camera



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# IoT SME example: PMD Wireless Solutions

- **Market opportunity** – Medical Device Market, particularly in the area of Respiratory Sensing
- **Technology developed** – Wireless Interface for Medical Systems, Matrix for precise positioning of Respiratory Sensors
- **Outcome/impact** – Secured VC & EU funding, Medtec Ireland Academy of Excellence Winner 2014, IMDA Excellence Award Emerging Company Category Finalist 2014
- Nov 2015 PMD receives €4.2m funding from H2020 SME instrument to tackle in-hospital respiratory compromise



# INTERREG Ireland-Wales regions



## Partners

Swansea University  
Bangor University  
Cardiff University  
University College Dublin  
Tyndall National Institute, University College Cork  
National University of Ireland Galway

## Stakeholders

GE Healthcare  
Unilever  
Life Science Hub Wales  
INTERREG  
Welsh Government  
Irish Government  
SME representative

Ireland-Wales platform for industry driven innovation in Advanced Life Sciences through demand-driven collaborative projects

Cross-border cluster of HEIs, healthcare providers, local SMEs and MNCs

Link SMEs with supply chains spanning Ireland and Wales.

Deliver technology advances through new products, processes and services

# AgriFood sector in Ireland

- 230,000 jobs linked to the agri-food sector
- €26bn turnover in the sector
- €10.5bn worth of exports in 2014 to 120 countries
- Half of exports by indigenous Irish companies
- Destinations : UK 40%, rest of Europe 31%, international markets 29%
- Total payroll in the sector is €1.8bn – more than any other manufacturing sector
- €9.6bn worth of materials purchased - 76% are sourced in Ireland
- €3bn worth of services purchased - 55% are sourced in Ireland





Nano-chemical sensors for in-the-field  
animal health diagnostics



Chemical instrumentation for water  
quality monitoring in harbours  
Photonic sensors for water quality  
monitoring in fishery and fish production

Novel Capacitive Deionisation  
system and Dissolved Oxygen  
Sensor for pathogen detection  
Anti-biofouling coatings



Microsystem technology for food and beverage



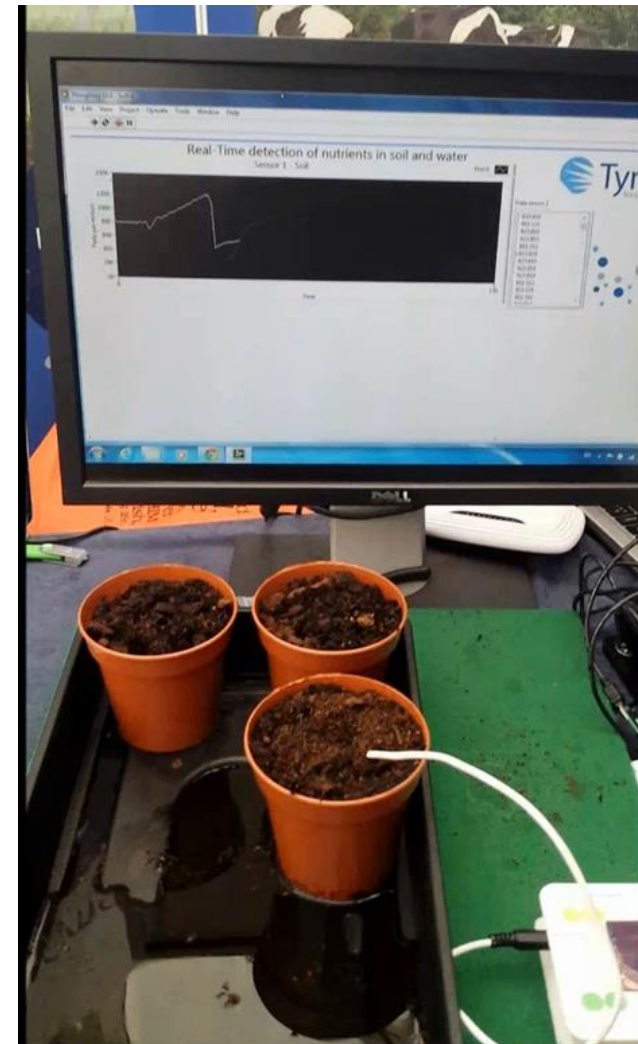
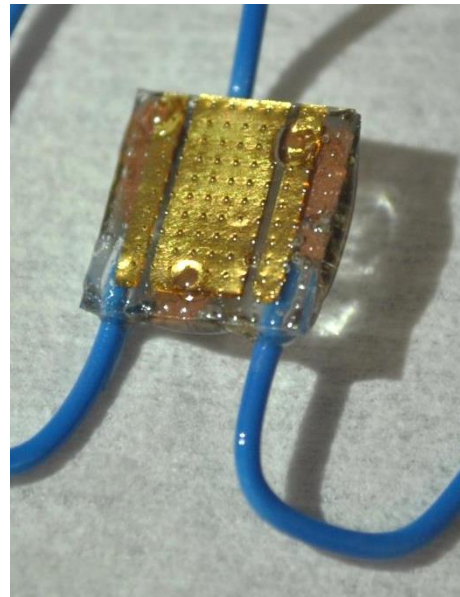
# Tyndall Active in Teagasc Strategy for 2035



- **International Steering Committee**
- Agricultural Technologies
- Food technologies
- Animal Biotechnology
- Crops Biotechnology
- Food Biotechnology
- **Environmental Technologies**
- **Nano Technology**
- **Digital technologies**
- Energy and transportation Technologies
- Socio-Economic Sciences



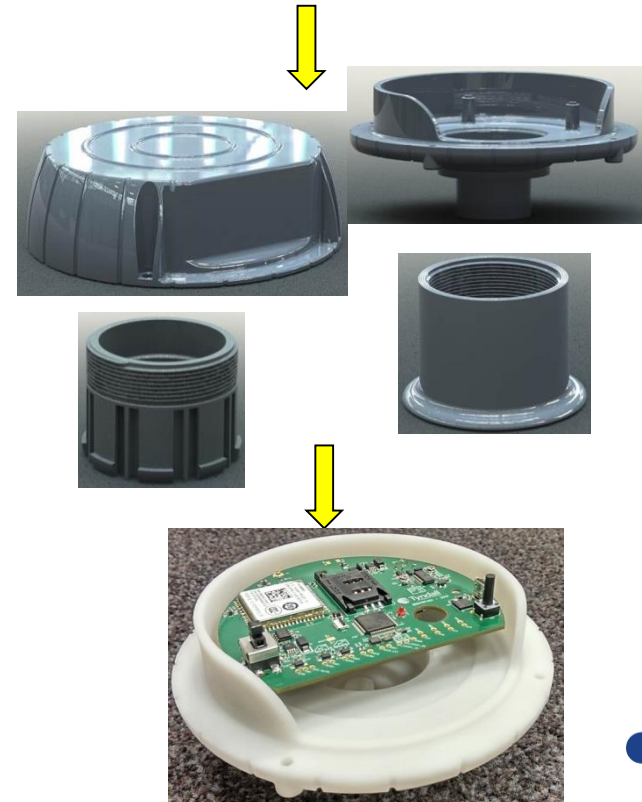
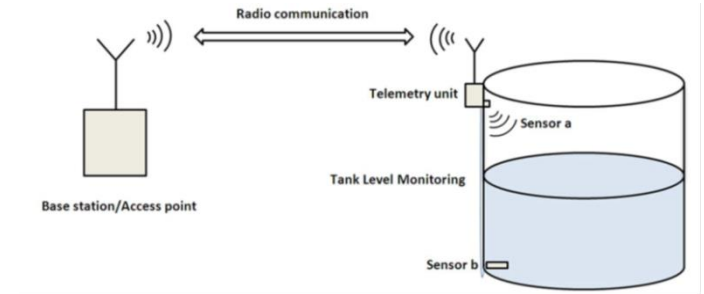
# Ploughing Championships: Closer to our customers' customers



Wireless-interfaced nano-electrochemical sensors

# IoT SME example: Brockley Group Ltd

- **Market opportunity** – Wireless Tank Monitoring of bulk commercial tanks, possibly residential
- **Technology developed** – A Multi Modal Wireless Tank Monitor for measuring various size Tanks and fluids with enclosure
- **Outcome/impact** – Successful demonstration of Prototype Product ‘TopCat’
  - New EI funding to optimise the wireless Tank Monitoring unit to a production ready prototype and deploy between 100-500 units around Ireland.



# Industry engagement

- Support growth of **SMEs**
  - Access to Tyndall facilities/expertise, skilled graduates, incubation and acceleration, close partnerships, EU gateway, partner with EI



- Support growth of **MNCs/FDIs**
  - Facilities/expertise, training fab, researchers-in-residence, incubation + acceleration, close partnerships, EU collaboration



# Economic value to Ireland

- Attract & Embed **FDI**
  - World leading science, technology & expertise, close partnerships,



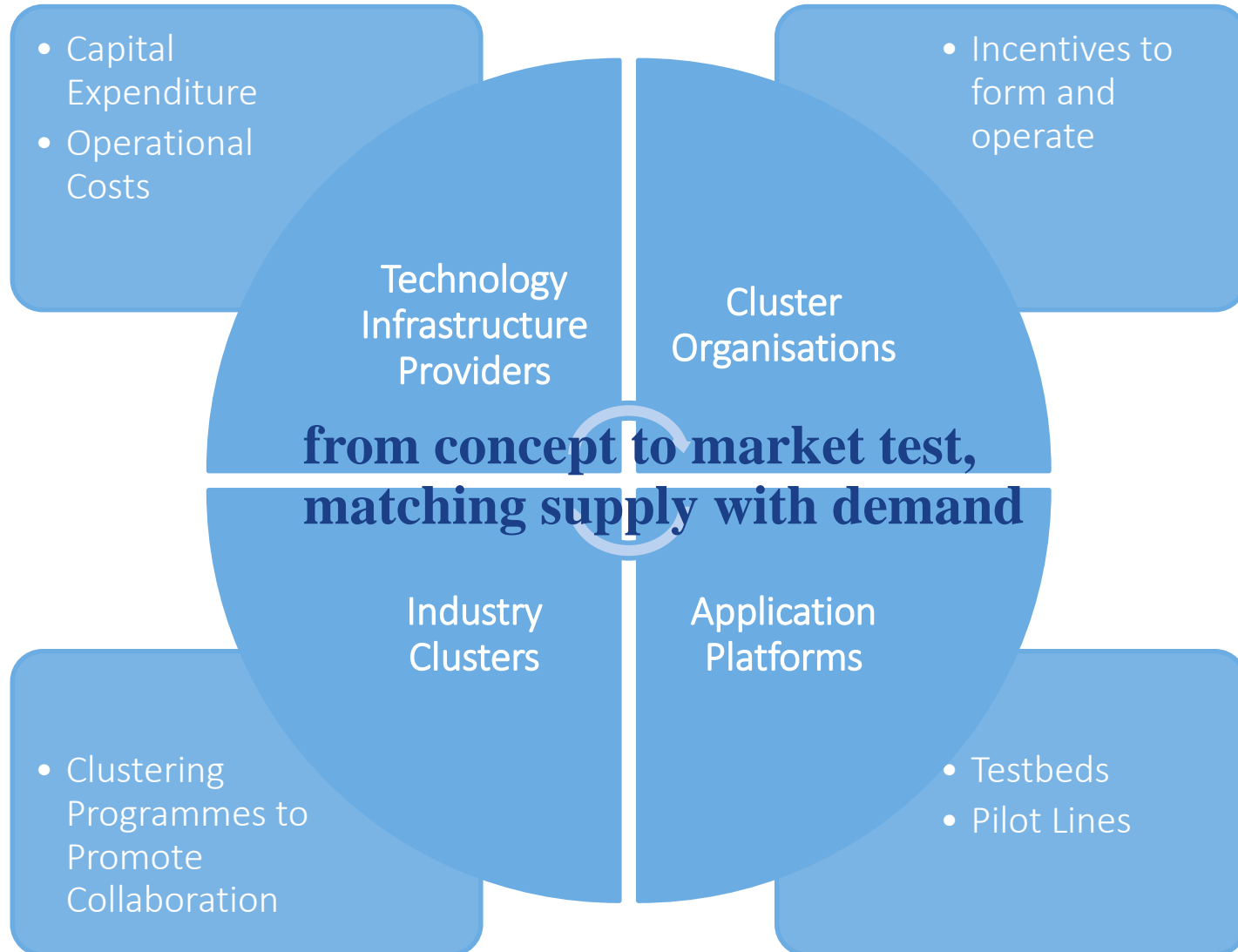
- New **Start-up** Companies
  - 10 companies based on Tyndall technology



- Training highly qualified MSc and PHDs



# Investment for innovation network of multidisciplinary translational competence



# Pervasive Nation: Making Ireland the Definitive IoT Testbed Island

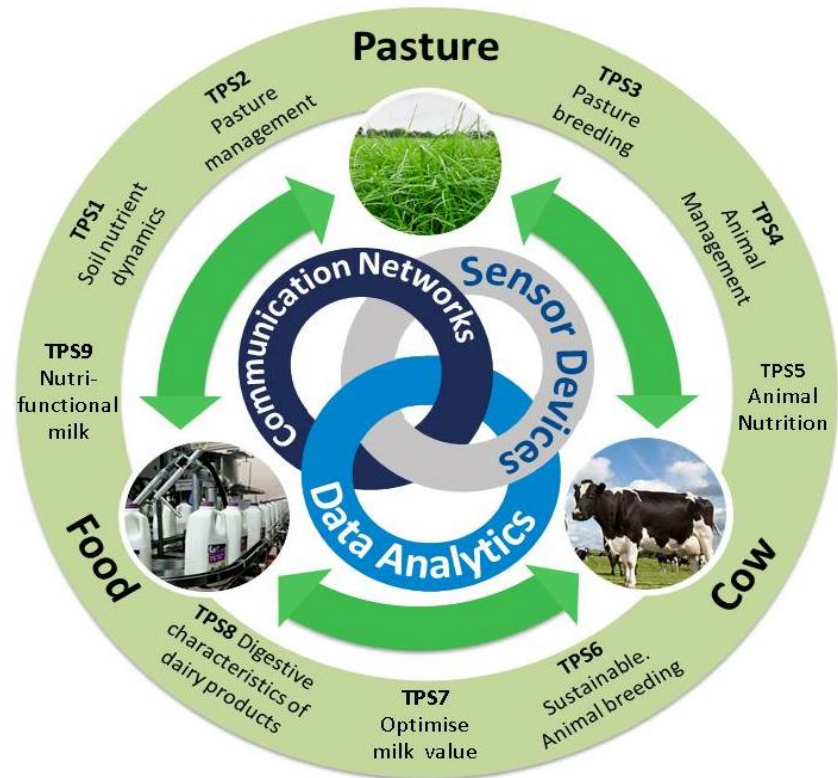
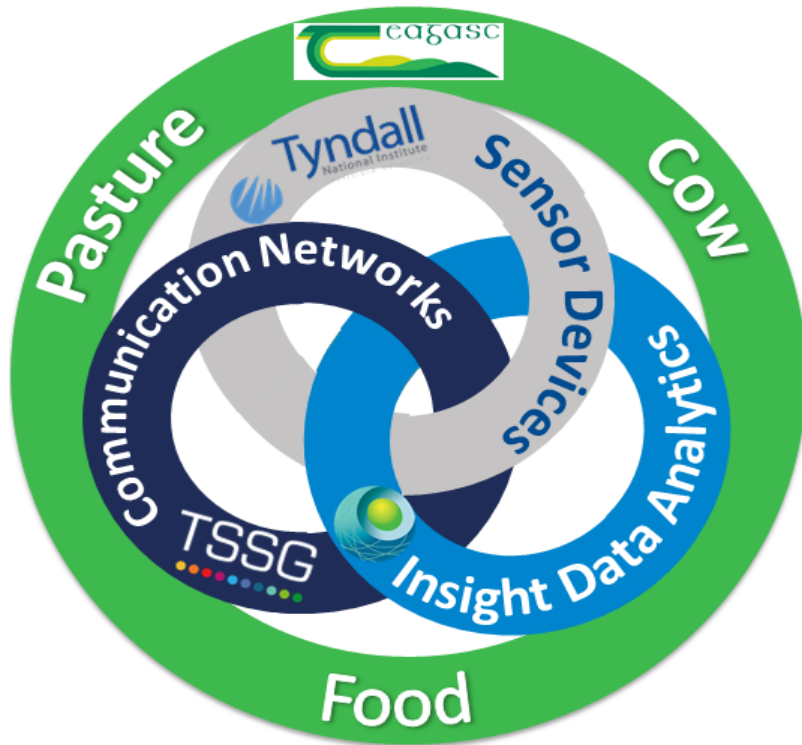
- Blanket Ireland in IoT Infrastructure
- Connect a million Things
- Can assess sensors, service apps, data sets, business models, architectures, etc.
- Open up opportunities for existing companies
- Seed 200 new companies

Pervasive IT Infrastructure is Critical to realise Smart Anything Everywhere opportunity



**Pervasive Nation builds an IoT testbed of scale which will become a crucial resource for industry, government & academia & act as a catalyst for innovation in the IoT space.**

# SFI Centre Submission - FutureMilk



€30m bid (€23m from SFI)





Thank you  
Questions?

