

LEO Updates 2025

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The Local Enterprise Office is your go-to support for starting or growing a small business in Ireland.

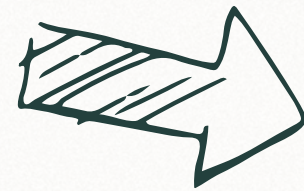
We offer practical advice, training, mentoring, and funding to help local entrepreneurs turn ideas into successful businesses.

FINANCIAL ROADMAP



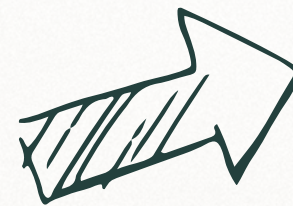
Feasibility

Understanding the potential market and likely success of your new business



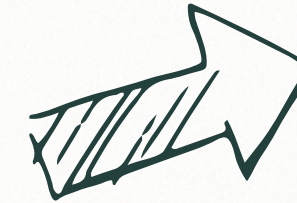
Priming

Businesses with 10* employees or fewer within the first 18 months of start-up in the manufacturing or internationally traded services sectors.



Business Expansion

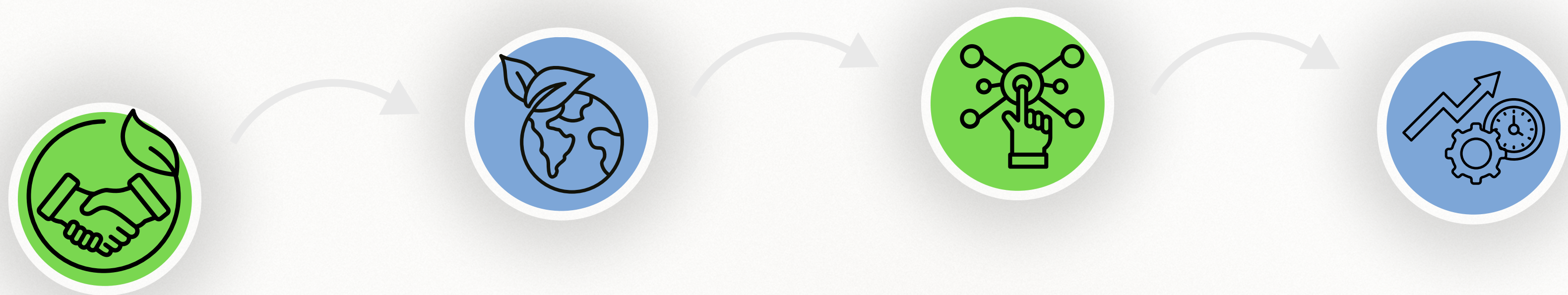
Businesses with 10* employees or fewer trading for more than 18 months in the manufacturing or internationally traded services sector



International Ambition

Manufacturing and Internationally Traded Services Businesses employing more than 10 and less than 50 full time employees with international ambition

CONSULTANCY



Green Start

Digital for Business

Green for Business

Lean for Business

EXPERT ADVICE & GUIDANCE



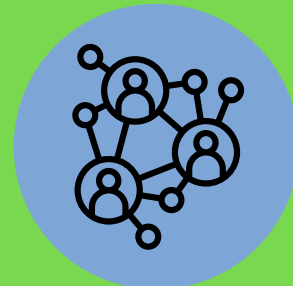
Mentoring



Consultancy



Training



Networks



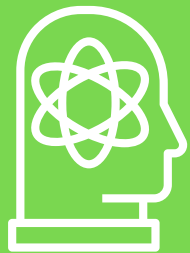
Mgt Dev



Schools



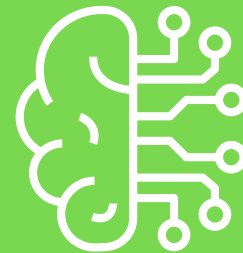
ADDITIONAL FINANCE SUPPORTS



Market Explorer Grant



Grow Digital



Energy Efficiency Grant



Pre-Seed Start Fund



GradStart



Micro Finance Ireland

EVAC YEAR TO DATE

Grant	Total	Amount
Feasibility	9	€109,746.47
Priming	7	€273,867.50
Business Expansion	10	€321,083.50
Total	26	€704,697.47
Jobs	36.50	

YEAR TO DATE 2025

Scheme	Applications	Scheme	Applications
Training (79 courses)	1,295	LEAN for Business	14
Start Your Own Business (11 courses)	151	Green for Business	12
Management Development (13 programmes)	143	Energy Efficiency Grant	8
Mentor Assignments	640	Digital for Business	33
Market Explorer Grant	5	IP Start	2
Grow Digital	9	MFI	19





Lidl 'kickstarts' Naked Bakes' success with €700k deal

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Aisling Tuck of Naked Bakes took part in Lidl's Kickstart Supplier Development Programme

Lidl Ireland is to give Dublin supplier Naked Bakes a €700,000 permanent listing on its 223 stores across the island of Ireland after a successful stint on its 2024 Kickstart Supplier Development Programme.

Think Business

100 hottest Irish start-ups to watch in 2025

Here is our listing of the hot young start-up businesses from across Ireland who will do great things in 2025. From AI and fintech to...

30 Aug 2024



The Irish Times

<https://www.irishtimes.com/business/2025/06/13/sm...>

Smooth Company bids for success with Dutch launch

13 Jun 2025 — Áine Kennedy's haircare company becomes first Irish beauty brand to launch at Netherlands' department store chain.

PR Newswire

Top Toys of the Year Announced at the 25th Toy of the Year® Awards

PRNewswire/ -- The most creative and innovative toys and games earned top honors at the 25th Anniversary Toy of the Year® (TOTY®) Awards...



BP Business Post

Irish start-up Nexus Inclusion raises €2 million for AI-powered accessibility tech

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Olly's Farm delight at digital support package from Google

BUSINESS

Google, in partnership with Enterprise Ireland (EI) and the Local Enterprise Offices (LEO) announced the overall winner of this year's You're the ...



- 39% occupancy
- Licenses issued to 32 organisations
- New jobs -107
- Strategic collaborations - 3 MOUs signed (TUH, TUD and Innocare)
- Hosted the “Unstuck with Manus” workshop – Looking to connect with potential Startups and SMEs trying to implement AI, by bringing them into the building.
- Hosted a panel discussion for Climate Action week – Looking to connect with potential Startups, SMEs working in the impact space and investors, by bringing them into the building
- Hosted the Dublin Startup Meet for Startup Network Europe – 75 early stage companies attended.
- Irish engineering firm Fortivum Consulting has officially opened its new headquarters at Work IQ in Tallaght, creating 50 highly skilled jobs and doubling its workforce. The company delivers complex datacentre and infrastructure projects in seven countries and has chosen South Dublin as the hub for its international operations.





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Thank you



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