

# Investment Funds

## Supporting R&D projects

### **BBSRC**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is the lead funding agency for academic research and training in the biosciences at universities and institutes throughout the UK.

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/opportunities/2015/follow-on/>

### **Clarendon**

Clarendon Fund Managers Limited is venture capital fund manager based in Belfast which co-invests alongside business angels and other private investors.

<http://www.clarendon-fm.co.uk/opencontent/default.asp?itemid=1>

### **Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)**

CEF finances projects which fill in the missing links in Europe's energy, transport and digital backbone.

<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility>

### **COSME**

COSME is Europe's programme for SMEs and provides access to finance and markets. It encourages entrepreneurship and creates better framework conditions for competitiveness.

[http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme/index_en.htm)

### **Creative Europe**

Creative Europe is the European Commission's framework programme for support to the culture and audio visual sectors.

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/index_en.htm)

### **CRESCENT Capital**

Crescent Capital supports and builds high-grade venture backed companies in Northern Ireland.

<http://www.crescentcapital.co.uk/about/mission/>

### **Crowdcube**

Crowdcube is a crowdfunding platform that enables anyone to invest alongside professional investors in start-up, early stage and growth businesses through equity, debt and investment fund options.

<https://www.crowdcube.com/#>

### **EaSI**

The Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme is a financing instrument at EU level to promote a high level of quality and sustainable employment.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1081>

### **EPSRC**

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Fellowship aims to provide greater support to the aspiring and current world-leading individuals who are delivering the highest quality research to meet UK and global priorities.

<https://www.epsrc.ac.uk/skills/fellows/>

### **Erasmus+**

The Erasmus+ programme aims to boost skills and employability, as well as modernising education, training and youth work.

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm)

### **Growth Loan Fund**

Growth Loan Fund is for SMEs based in Northern Ireland that can demonstrate sales and profitability, growth or strong growth potential.

<http://www.investni.com/news/growth-loan-fund-offices-open-for-business.html>

## **Halo**

Halo is the business angel network for Northern Ireland and its role is to match companies with growth potential with high net-worth investors.

<http://www.halo.nisp.co.uk/>

## **Interreg Support**

The Interreg Europe programme financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) aims to improve the implementation of European development policies and programmes.

## **INTERREG VB Transnational - 2014-2020**

There are 15 programme zones for transnational co-operation, three of which are relevant to Northern Ireland and the border region of Ireland - the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme, the North West Europe Programme and the Atlantic Area Programme.

[http://www.seupb.eu/2014-2020Programmes/INTERREGVBC\\_Programme/INTERREGV.aspx](http://www.seupb.eu/2014-2020Programmes/INTERREGVBC_Programme/INTERREGV.aspx)

## **INVENT**

INVENT is a proof-of-concept stage competition for inventors, scientists, entrepreneurs and students to pitch their prototypes and new inventions in front of Northern Ireland's most experienced leaders from the technology and commercial sector.

<http://www.invent2015.co/>

## **Isle of Man business angels**

Isleofmanangelnetwork.com is a central location for entrepreneurs and investors to register and list or view investment opportunities.

<http://www.isleofmanangelnetwork.com/aboutus/>

## **Kernel Capital**

Kernel Capital provides equity finance to information, communications technology, and engineering companies.

<http://www.kernel-capital.com/funding/index.html>

## **Lough Shore Investments**

Lough Shore Investments' mission is to invest and partner with both established and promising next generation start-ups primarily based in Northern Ireland and Ireland, and who are operating in the web, mobile and enterprise space.

<http://loughshore.co/about>

## **Par Equity**

Par Equity invests in small innovative companies with high growth potential and a proven substantive product or service that has clear global application.

<https://www.parequity.com/>

## **Research and Enterprise Directorate**

The Research and Enterprise Directorate supports our researchers in a number of ways, providing guidance on ethics and governance, funding projects, working with partners, and commercial developments.

<http://cmst4.qub.ac.uk/dtp/Home/Research/SupportforResearchers/>

## **Seedrs**

Seedrs raise money through equity crowdfunding from thousands of investors who believe in the potential of a business.

<https://www.seedrs.com/raise>

## **Technology Commercialisation**

Ulster University Innovation Services process that allows academics to continue with their core research whilst having their idea fully explored for commercial potential and developed should such potential become apparent.

<http://oi.ulster.ac.uk/support-for-academics/technology-commercialisation>

## **Techstartni**

Techstartni is an integrated suite of funds and support established to provide assistance to entrepreneurs, seeds and early stage SMEs, and university spin-outs.

<http://www.techstartni.com/#funding>

## **Third health programme (2014-2020)**

The third EU health programme is the main instrument the European Commission uses to implement the EU health strategy. It is implemented by means of annual work plans which set out priority areas and the criteria for funding actions under the programme.

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/policy/index_en.htm)