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Science Foundation Ireland is Ireland’s largest competitive funder of research

- Founded in 2000
- Officially established in 2003
- €2.2bn Spend and €2.7bn Committed to date in 5,240 Awards
- As at 31 December 2017
- 750 Live Awards with future commitments totaling €450m
SFI’s current strategy, Agenda 2020, focusses on Excellence and Impact

1. To be the **Best** science funding agency in the world at creating **impact** from **excellent** research and demonstrating clear value for money invested

2. To be the exemplar in **building partnerships** that **fund excellent science** and drive it out into the market and society

3. To have the most engaged and **scientifically informed public**

4. To represent the **ideal modern public service organisation**, staffed in a lean and flexible manner, with efficient and effective management.
Agenda 2020 includes structured objectives, actions, and key performance indicators

**GOALS**
Why this objective is important

People with a high level of training and skills are a key requirement for innovation, leading to higher value products and services, and improved living standards.

**ACTIONS**
How we will achieve this objective

Industry Fellowship Scheme supporting Researchers (Postdoctoral to Professor) to spend 1 year in industry, globally

**KPIs**
How we will know the objective has been achieved

Percentage of Science Foundation Ireland trainees moving to industry as a first destination. Target = 50% by 2020
SFI regularly reviews Agenda 2020 implementation
Agenda 2020 targets are broadly being met

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- STL subject take-up
- SFI partnerships with industry
- Ireland’s bibliometric ranking
- H2020 leadership roles
- 50% SFI team members in industry 6 years post award
- Nobel winner or equivalent leading SFI team
- Enterprise liaisons

Agenda 2020 47 KPIs
The targets reveal a number of areas of strength...

- **Research Centres**, enterprise is now paying to play
- **Balancing Gender**
- **Entrepreneurship training / culture**
- **Scientific Excellence** (bibliometrics) - high quality when normalised
- **International** – partnerships, network and reputation,
- **Education & Public Engagement**
- **Research Integrity**
....and weakness

- Recruiting Iconic Scientists
- ERC Awards
- Support for early career (SIRG & CDA)
- Intellectual Property Outputs
- Open Access to Publications
- International Funding
- H2020 Leadership Roles
- Dependency on SFI funding
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Science Foundation Ireland needs a new strategy to replace Agenda 2020 when it expires.

New Economic Climate

New and Expanding Horizons
- IoT
- Robotics
- Smart Agriculture
- AI
- Future of Work
- Sustainability
- Personalization

International Best Practice

Ambitious & competitive

Incremental & Step change

New Strategy for a New Future

Innovation leader

Maximum impact

The best funder
We’re looking for your input and ideas

Extended Consultation

What's working?
What's not working?
What's missing?
7 years from now?
Step changes?
Who is SFI?
Major challenges facing Ireland?
Ground-breaking or major changes?

Researchers, students, higher education institutions, other funding organisations, government agencies, the public...
We will use novel tools and a very consultative approach to develop the new strategy.
There will be several opportunities to engage and input.
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Here’s how we hope you will engage

✓ Survey is live now at [www.sfi.ie](http://www.sfi.ie)

✓ Email the strategy development team [strategy2025@sfi.ie](mailto:strategy2025@sfi.ie)

✓ Second live webinar with Q&A scheduled for late November/Early December

✓ Draft strategy document to be released early 2019 followed by public consultation process
Thank You

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