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Supporting Construction Lean and Digital Transformation

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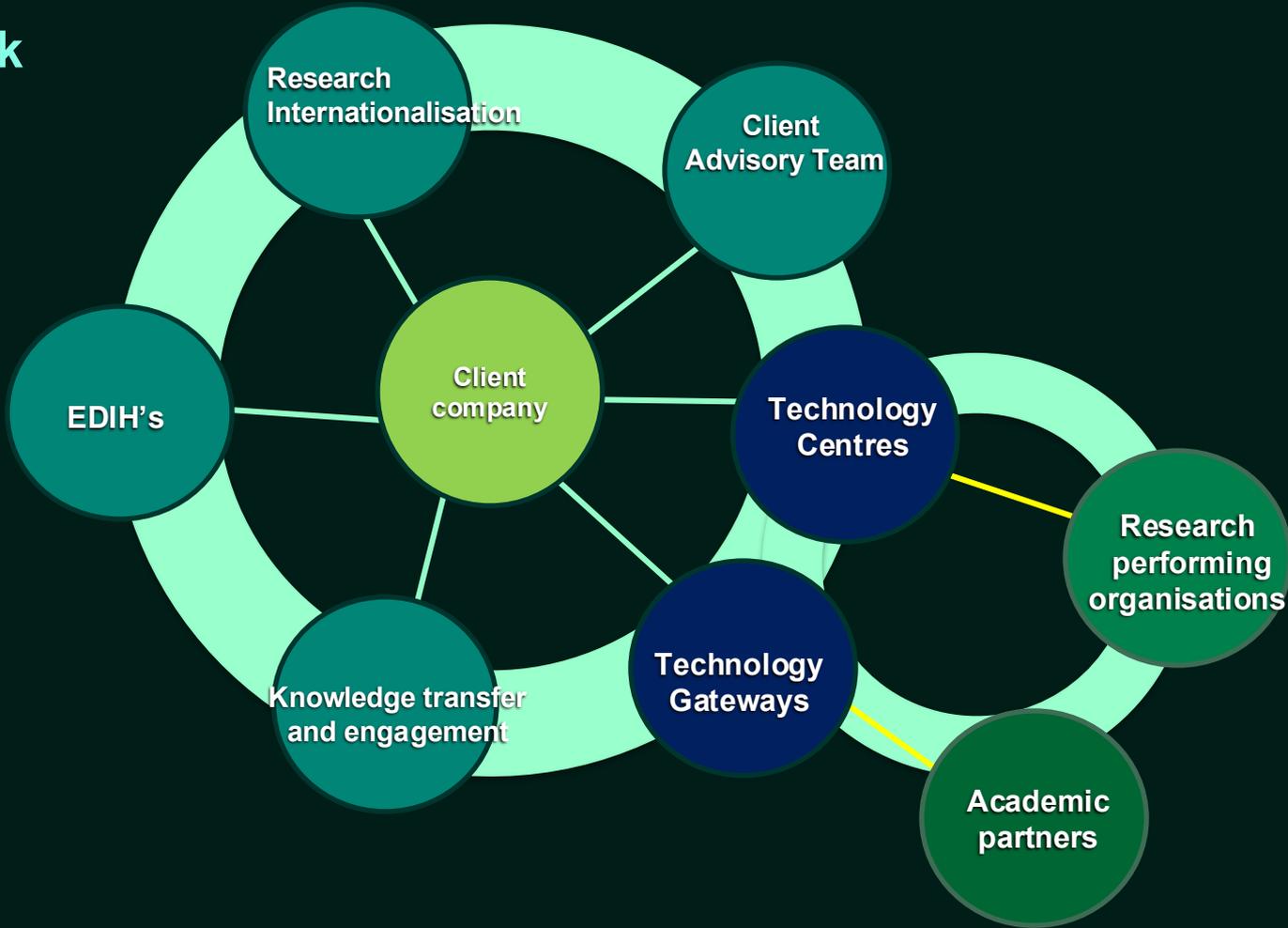
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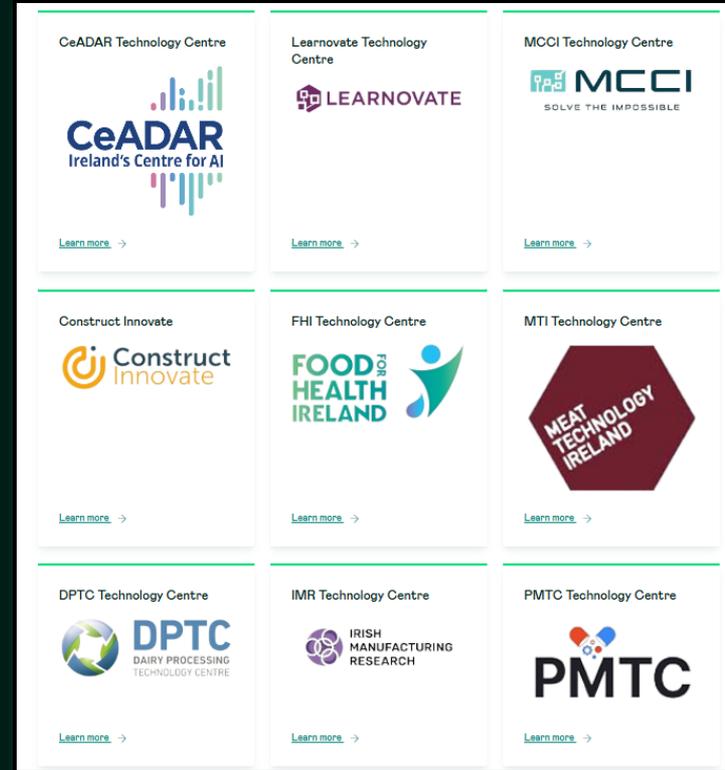
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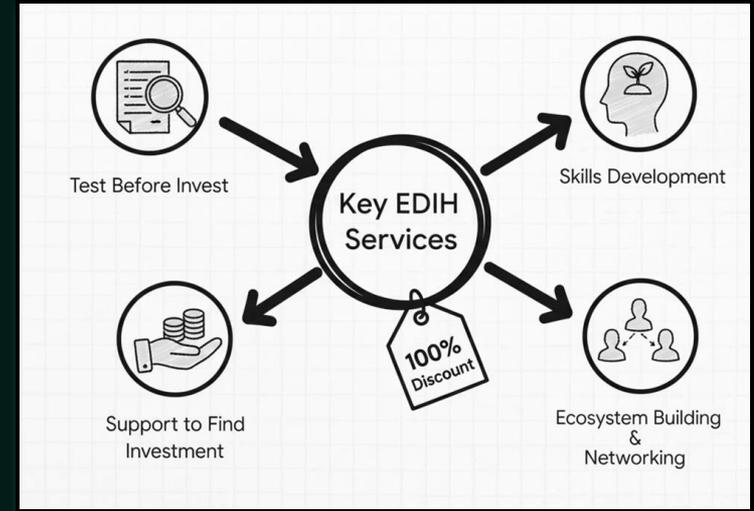
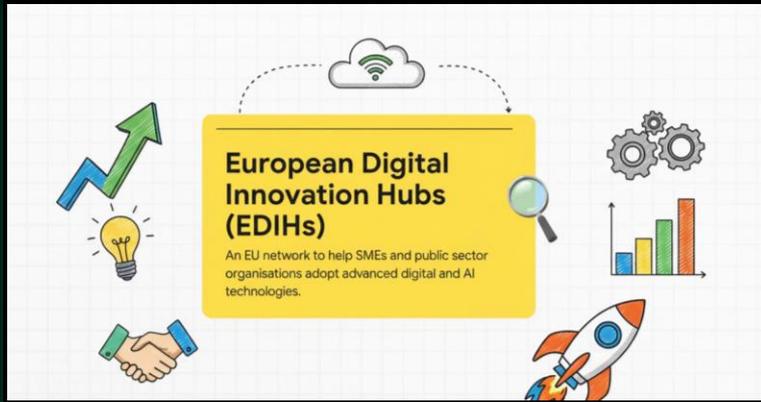


Technology Gateways



Technology Centres

Support network



- Organisations can experiment with digital and AI technologies before investing e.g., prototype development and testing
- Assist in identifying, preparing and strategic development for funding and investment opportunities for digital projects at national and EU level
- Provide education and skills development to enhance digital competencies, e.g., online or in person
- Facilitates connections and helps to navigate relevant opportunities within the EDIH network, national and European agencies and other stakeholders

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The supports to the construction

industry

- Digital Discovery, Digital Transformation
- Lean Start, Lean Plus
- Innovation Vouchers

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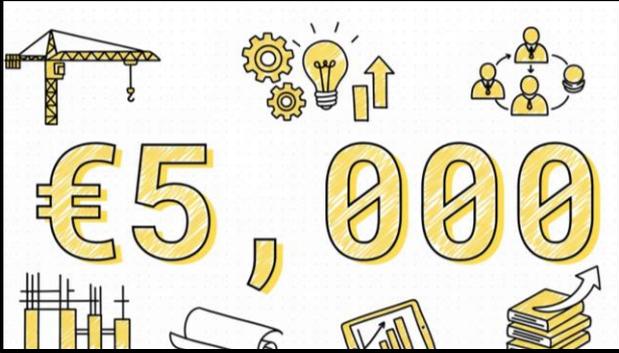


- **Digital & AI Discovery** - Support for companies to hire a digital expert to assist with the introduction of **new technologies & solutions** into their operations
- **Lean Start** - Support for companies to hire a Lean coach to assist with embedding the **philosophy of continuous improvement** in their operations
- These are initial supports to start the implementation of new processes



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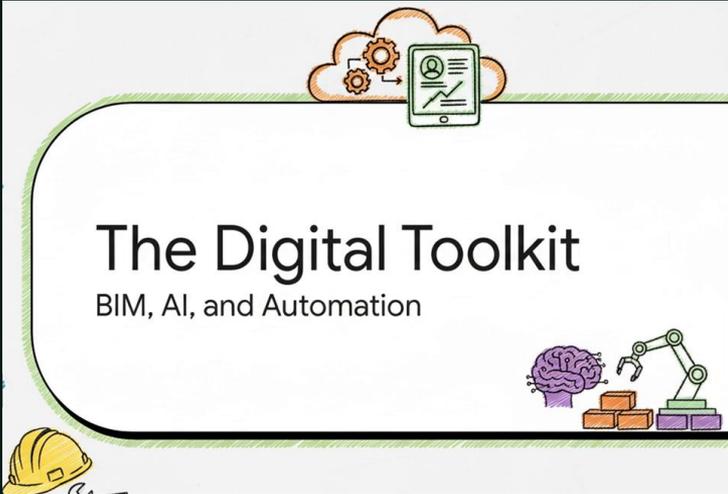
Digital & AI Discovery



Support for companies to hire a digital expert to assist with the introduction of **new technologies & solutions** into their operations

- Introduce new AI and Digital technologies & solutions to grow your business.
- Hire an expert to either put in place Digital Foundations or take the first step/next step in Artificial Intelligence.
- **Up to 80% grant funding to a maximum amount of €5,000.**

The supports



What can it fund? (examples)

- Step-change in capability and operational effectiveness
- Innovative new ways of working to improve **quality/speed/dependability/flexibility**
- **New digital systems** or customer experiences
- New/greener production methods for sustainability

Digital Process Innovation

Why this grant?

- Accelerate your digital transition to boost efficiency, productivity, and competitiveness

Who is it for?

- SMEs and Large Companies seeking deeper digital integration to improve productivity

What's provided?

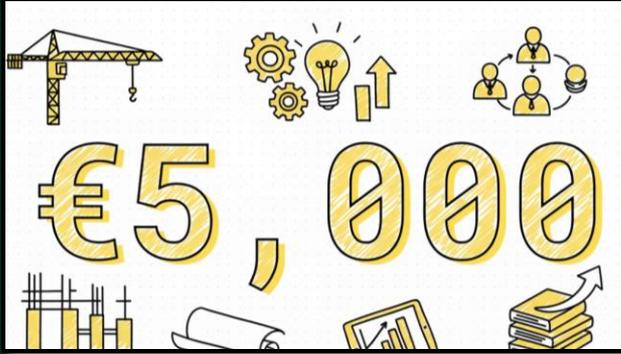
- Grant covers **50% of eligible costs up to €150,000**

Eligible costs

- Salaries (staff time on the project)
- Defined overheads
- External consultancy
- Project materials

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Lean Start



Support for companies to hire a Lean coach to develop Lean Construction practices into Preconstruction and Construction workflows such as Project charters, Last Planner , Visual management and KPIs

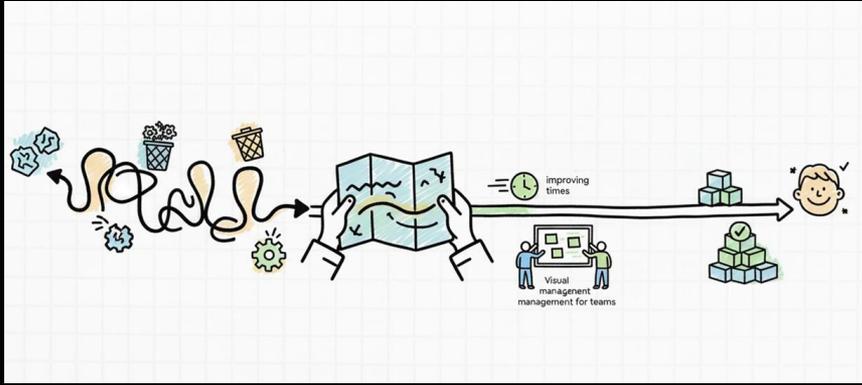
The support of an external Lean coach typically over 8-12 weeks

This is based on 7 days of training or advisory services

•Up to 80% grant funding to a maximum amount of €5,000.

The supports

Lean Plus



What's provided

- Grant of up to **€50,000** to support a Lean Plus assignment.
- Support to hire an external Lean coach and implement Lean process innovations (project typically 6–9 months)

Why this grant

- Drive sustained **process improvement** and measurable competitiveness gains using Lean methods (medium-term project)
- Target waste reduction, faster flow, and staff empowerment to embed a continuous-improvement culture.

Who is it for

- Enterprise Ireland clients (SMEs and Large Companies) aiming to become more competitive by embedding Lean.

Eligible costs

- Salaries (part cost of up to 10 staff on the project)
- External consultancy

The supports

Operational Excellence

Why this grant

- Drive a step-change in productivity, quality, and cost through an integrated transformation.
- Combine Digital Process Innovation + Training + Capital equipment in one coherent programme.
- Target measurable gains and sustain them with skills and systems.
- Suitable when the project is bigger than LeanStart/LeanPlus and needs investment to scale.

Who is it for

- Enterprise Ireland clients (SME or Large) that are internationally trading (or with near-term potential).
- Firms ready to execute a well-scoped, multi-workstream transformation with clear KPIs and governance.
- Companies able to meet the **minimum eligible spend of €100k** and co-fund the balance.

What's provided

Funding for three pillars:

- **Digital Process Innovation** (new production/delivery/organisational methods). **>50%**
- **Training** (management, technical, CI, digital skills aligned to the project). **50-70%**
- **Capital equipment** (production/operations assets; purchase/lease under EI rules). **15-35%**

The supports

Innovation Vouchers



What's covered (via Knowledge Provider)

• **Knowledge transfer services** to solve a technical/innovation challenge: researcher time, investigation, experiments, analysis, reports/outcomes.

• **Permitted uses** include:

- New product / process development
- New service or business model development
- New service delivery / customer interface
- Tailored training in innovation management
- Innovation/technology audit.

Voucher values:

- **Standard voucher:** up to **€10,000** (fully funded service from the knowledge provider)
- **Co-funded voucher:** up to **€10,000** with **50% company cash match** (covers projects up to **€20,000** total).

Small and medium-sized companies may make use of a **maximum of four vouchers**, one of which must be a 50-50 co-funded voucher.

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/innovation-voucher>

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www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/become-a-client

Supports

By Support

- Market access
- Capability development
- Funding and grants

By Business

- Start-ups
- SMEs
- Large companies
- Researchers

By Goal

- Expand your business
- Grow internationally
- Become more sustainable**
- Become more innovative
- Become more competitive
- Enhance sales and marketing

Technology Gateways

Technology gateways bridge the gap between academic research and industry needs. They help to turn ideas from universities and research centres into practical solutions for businesses.

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Innovation Offices

Also known as Technology Transfer Offices, they facilitate the translation of academic research and inventions into real-world applications and technology.

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Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF)

A government fund that supports leading-edge technology projects in Ireland, providing financial backing to businesses and researchers working on innovative ideas to develop new products.

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European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIH)

Supporting SMEs to grow and improve their products and services, and adopt digital technologies through expertise, training and access to advanced digital tools.

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Horizon Europe

EU's funding programme focuses on solving global challenges. Enterprise Ireland helps researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs to secure funding to advance their research and innovation goals.

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Collaborate with industry as a researcher

Enterprise Ireland works with researchers with a business idea, enabling them to explore potential opportunities for spinning out a company or collaborating with industry partners.

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Work with the European Space Agency

We help Irish businesses and research institutes to collaborate with the European Space Agency (ESA) and develop new industry technologies, services, and business applications.

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Technology Centres

Technology centres attract talent across Irish businesses and research institutions to work together on market-focused strategic R&D projects to develop solutions for Irish industry.

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Eureka

EUREKA is the world's largest public network for Research and Innovation, and offers opportunities to combine expertise, exchange knowledge and enhance resources in collaboration with partner companies.

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Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

Enterprise Europe Network is the world's largest support network for SMEs, with international addresses.

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