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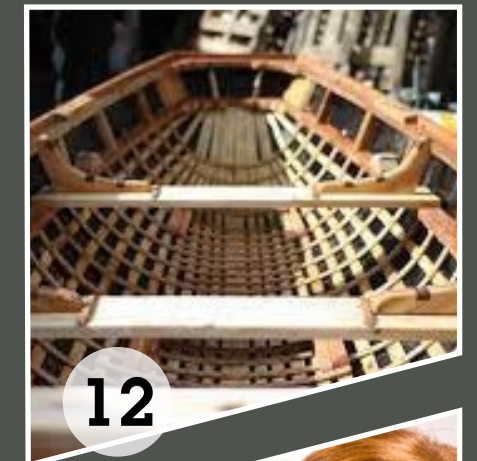
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About Us

Meet in Ireland is the Official Business Tourism Brand for the Island of Ireland, owned and managed by Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority and promotes Ireland as a world-class business events destination. As the first point of contact for many global business tourism operators, we're responsible for helping to organise successful international business events in Ireland. This unique country offers so many exciting opportunities and the Meet in Ireland Team at Fáilte Ireland are dedicated to making them available to our international network.

We work with more than 500 Irish organisations and suppliers, and can connect you with amazing local resources.

The Meet in Ireland Team are Ireland experts and are ready to share their entire wealth of business solutions and contacts, equipping you with free, impartial advice and assistance.



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Ireland - A World-Class Association Destination

The cornerstones of a successful association conference are professionalism and preparation - and that's where Ireland truly excels as an incredible hosting nation. As you greet delegates and speakers from all corners of the globe, you'll know that every last component has been carefully considered by your onsite support team and that it is fully primed for success.

All the elements that make Ireland a world-class destination for association conferences - expertise, passion and quality among them - are now coming together and it's time for you to relax, breathe and witness an experience that you'll remember forever.

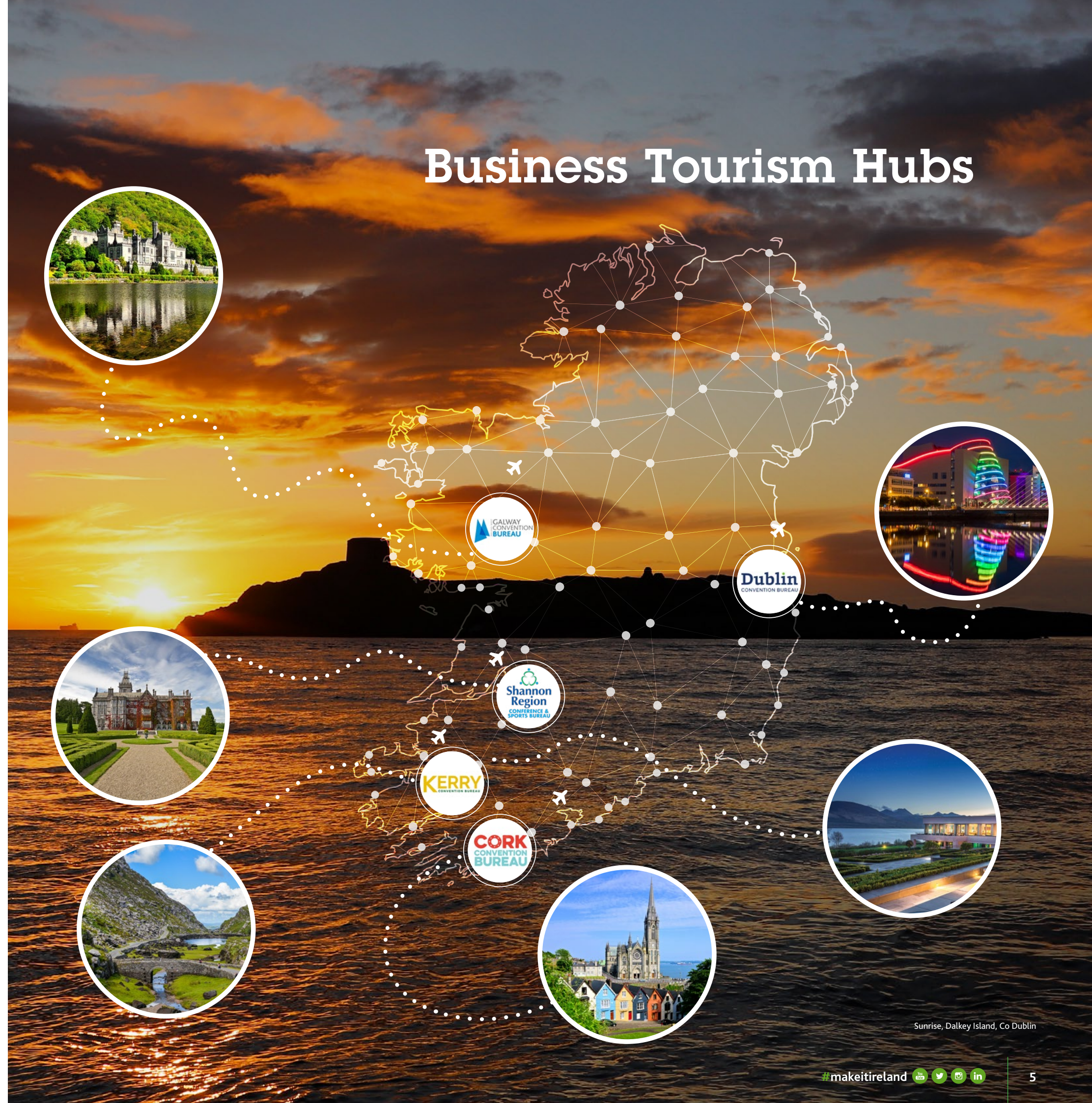
The small island nation of Ireland is world renowned for its unique combination of advantages that are regularly tapped into by the global association conference industry. With English as the spoken language throughout Ireland and a location right at the edge of Europe, Ireland is perfectly positioned as a hub for learning, innovation and business tourism.

Ireland's modern assets rest on an intriguing foundation of history and beauty, creating a seamless mix of the old and the new. Powerful infrastructure and world-class venues exist in charming old-world cities, while a widespread atmosphere of myth and legend will inject a sense of magic into any social programme.

Choosing Ireland to host an association conference guarantees not only a professional approach from start to finish, but a spectacular landscape that will serve as an unforgettable backdrop for your guests. Cutting edge technology, memorable experiences and step-by-step support unite to deliver both value and impact for every event.



Business Tourism Hubs



Sunrise, Dalkey Island, Co Dublin

Reasons to Choose Ireland



Welcoming People

The people of Ireland are passionate about welcoming international visitors and showcasing the country's amazing wealth of assets. Reliable **Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs)**, trusted local suppliers and the supportive **Convention Bureaux of Ireland** are ready and waiting to cater to all your conference's requirements, with unsurpassable commitment to quality and attention to detail.



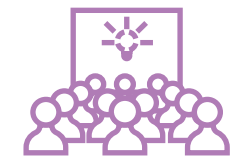
Ease of Access

Ireland is just over seven hours from Dubai, less than six hours from the east coast of the United States, only two hours from many mainland Europe capitals and 50 minutes from London. Access to Ireland is easy from most parts of the world and as the only country in Europe to offer **U.S Customs and Immigration pre-clearance** prior to departure, travelling back to the U.S from Ireland couldn't be more convenient.



Sectoral Strengths

Ireland is famed for its innovative spirit - a small nation with a big reputation for advancements in global tech, science and aviation. Over 1,200 overseas companies working in sectors like **ICT, Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare, Financial and International Services** have chosen the nation as their **European headquarters**. Ireland is rich with key thinkers, influencers and innovators at the forefront of many sectors and has a proven fertile territory for ground-breaking association conferences.



Responsible Global Citizenship

Today's association conferences take place in the context of responsible global citizenship - the need to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits to all stakeholders. Ireland considers itself a leader when it comes to responsible global citizenship and as a sustainable destination, provides every possible support to environmentally conscious conferences. An inclusive approach to hosting conferences in Ireland is designed to leave a long-term legacy for local communities across the nation.



Skellig Michael, Co. Kerry



Stunning Locations

From the capital city of Dublin to the rugged reaches of Cork and Kerry in the southwest, Ireland is a rich tapestry of landscapes - woven together with history and natural beauty. Each of Ireland's facets, which include state-of-the-art contemporary convention centres, boutique hotels, art and culture hotspots and quaint seaside towns are perfectly suited to stage an international conference - whatever its size.

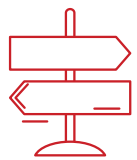


Kilarney Convention Centre, Co. Kerry



Support for Association Conferences

Selecting the destination for your next international association conference is a big decision. Every last detail must be considered to make it a spectacular success, with the right balance of expertise, infrastructure and fun. Let Ireland's powerful network of support guide you in your decision - from the resources of **Fáilte Ireland** (the National Tourism Development Authority) to the assistance of the five **Convention Bureaux of Ireland**. Experienced suppliers and PCOs will manage the hard work of planning an association conference, and a range of financial supports are in place to help enhance your programme to a place where it will exceed all expectations.



Uniquely Irish Experiences

An association conference is a chance for thought leaders and influencers to gather and share ideas - but it's also an opportunity for international colleagues to make memories together that will last a lifetime. Move beyond traditional social programme activities to draw on Ireland's rich authentic spirit, from story-telling sessions in thatched-roof cottages to archery lessons on the grounds of a fairytale castle. Let Ireland's phenomenal food traditions lend a sumptuous flavour to proceedings, with every region of the country offering something distinctively artisan. Ireland also has an abundance of venue options for gala dinners or drink receptions – the perfect opportunity for networking and to meet fellow delegates.



Mikee Ryan's Bar, Co. Tipperary

OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

Programme Enhancement

We provide programme enhancement funding for events in 2023 and beyond which may be used towards activities to help maximise the number of international delegates attending your business tourism event.

Site Inspections

In partnership with Ireland's Regional Convention Bureaux, the Meet in Ireland team can support costs associated with travel and accommodation for up to three key decision-makers visiting Ireland for a future conference.

OUR PRACTICAL SUPPORTS

Introductions to approved Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs) – We can issue your request for proposal (RFP) to three approved PCOs, our local experts who specialise in looking after clients travelling to Ireland.

Convention Bureaux Supports – We can offer you complimentary venue finding and accommodation sourcing services in Dublin, Cork, Kerry, Shannon and Galway.

Planners Toolkit – Should you require assistance presenting Ireland as a destination of choice in the decision-making committee, we can provide you with imagery, video, and presentation templates.

For more information on our practical and financial supports, please visit our [website](#).



Airports

5 international airports
 200+ destinations
 US Customs pre-clearance
 6 hours to US
 45 minutes to UK
 2 hours to mainland Europe
 Country-wide public transport network



Convention Centres

2 purpose-built convention centres.
 The **Convention Centre in Dublin's** city centre with 3,040 plenary capacity and 4,700 sqm total exhibition space
Killarney Convention Centre with 2,500 plenary capacity and 4,300 sqm total exhibition space



The RDS

Ireland's Largest Multi-Purpose Events Space
 Banquet capacity of 2,970
 Plenary capacity of 6,500
 Total exhibition space of 20,000+ sqm



FDI

1,200+ leading multinational companies employing 200,000+



Education

9 universities
 9 Institutes of Technology
 2 medical colleges
 10,000 campus accommodation beds



Centres of Excellence



Venues & Hotels

230+ venues and hotels with capacity to host MICE events



Sectoral Strengths

Agriculture • Biopharma • Engineering • Finance • ICT&Software • Medical



GDSI

Global Destination Sustainability (GDS) Index Member



60,000 Hotel Bedrooms

Did you know?



Over 30,000 castles



Home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites



Top 15 most innovative countries in the world



Home to the longest driving coastal route in the world, the Wild Atlantic Way



One of the best places in the world to do business

Ireland's

Sectoral Strengths

- Agriculture
- Biopharmaceutical
- Engineering
- Finance
- Information & Communication Technology
- Medical Technology





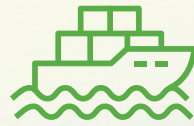
With a reputation for fertile soil, temperate climate and adequate rainfall, it's no wonder we are known as the Emerald Isle. Combine that lush environment with a booming agriculture industry and you soon discover why Irish food and drink thrives on the global stage.

There is incredible passion for innovation within this vibrant sector, with Government funded research and development (R&D) backed by our world-class agricultural science and technology universities. We lead the way in the agri-tech sector through smart farming robotics, AI and IoT (Internet of Things) to improve yields and efficiency, minimise waste, and enhance sustainability and profitability.



80%

of agricultural land is covered in the nation's signature rich, green grass



85%

increase in the value of our exports by 2025*



65%

increase in the value of primary production*



Our key agricultural activities include

- ✓ Agribusiness and rural development
- ✓ Animal and grassland research & innovation
- ✓ Animal health
- ✓ Bioeconomy
- ✓ Crops, environment & land use
- ✓ Food and health
- ✓ Food chain integrity
- ✓ Healthy Functional Foods
- ✓ MicroGen biotech
- ✓ Precision agriculture
- ✓ Reproductive biology
- ✓ Rural economy & development
- ✓ Seed variety
- ✓ Sustainable production

*Food Wise 2025



Did you know?



The world's first country to implement a national food and drink sustainability programme - Origin Green



Ireland has one of the world's most integrated animal databases, a global leader in animal genetics



Ireland's universities rank second in the globe for agricultural sciences



Ireland is home to the world's first carbon neutral beef farm, Devenish's Research Farm

90%

of Irish beef is exported, making Ireland the largest beef exporter in the EU and fifth largest in the world.*

*Enterprise Ireland



Ireland produces over 10% of Global Infant Formula.



Ireland produces enough food to feed seven times its population.*

*Bloomberg



Ireland ranks 2nd in global scientific rankings for Agricultural Sciences



Across Ireland, the biopharmaceutical sector is reaching new heights. Home to the top ten pharmaceutical companies in the world, we discover, innovate and manufacture new medicines for the international market, making Ireland the third largest exporter of pharmaceuticals globally.

With no less than 75 leading pharmaceutical companies based here, our growing impact in this sector is backed by the biggest wave of investment in new biotech facilities seen anywhere in the world. Now is the time to shape the future of the sector – meet, share ideas, connect with industry experts and take advantage of ground-breaking biopharmaceutical developments in a truly beautiful country.



€80 billion
in revenue is accounted for by our biopharmaceutical sector each year



largest exporter of pharmaceuticals globally



€10 billion
investment in new biotech facilities



67%
of our export goods came from the biopharmaceutical sector in 2020

Our key biopharmaceutical activities include

- ✓ Manufacturing
- ✓ Research and Development
- ✓ Manufacturing Process Development
- ✓ Regulatory Affairs
- ✓ Supply Chain Management
- ✓ Quality Activities
- ✓ Clinical Trial Management (CRO)
- ✓ Software Development
- ✓ Global Shared Services
- ✓ Data Centres
- ✓ Digital & Data Analytics
- ✓ Contract Manufacturing Organisation (CMO) Management



Did you know?



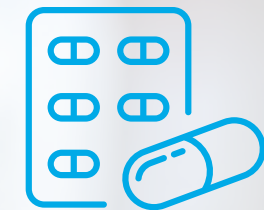
Ireland manufactures 5 of the top 20 selling medicines in the world



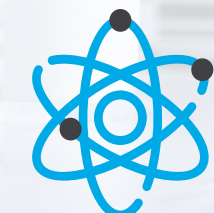
90 biopharmaceutical plants are located here, 50 of which are FDA-approved



The Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association is a member of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations and follows all international and European regulations and guidelines in relation to the pharma code of ethics for meetings and events



Viagra, one of the world's most popular drugs, is produced and manufactured in a small town called Ringaskiddy in Co Cork; in 2018, they produced over 45 tonnes



Ireland ranked 1st in the world for nanoscience research and 3rd for materials science research

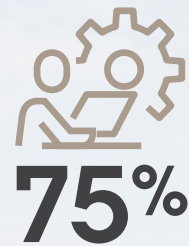


The Irish biopharmaceutical industry employs 30,000 people, and plays a crucial role in the economy of the island



Ireland is a nation of investment, innovation and industry, with an engineering sector that forms a vibrant part of national output. With a broad range of companies from various fields including automotive, aerospace, industrial automation, and engineering services.

Driven by world-class talent, Ireland is the perfect place for partnerships, idea generation and inspiration when it comes to engineering. With research and development (R&D), leading STEM education and regulatory competence playing an integral part in our landscape, we are dedicated to the cutting edge, helping to facilitate collaboration between our exceptional academics and applied research partners.



75%

of engineering companies in Ireland are homegrown businesses



7 billion

is generated by the engineering sector annually



40,000

are directly employed in the engineering sector

14



of the world's top 15 aircraft leasing firms are headquartered in Ireland

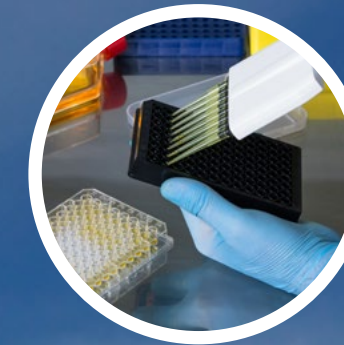
50%



of the world's leased aircrafts are managed and owned here

Our key engineering activities include

- ✓ Aerospace e.g. Shannon IASC (International Aviation Services Centre). The University of Limerick is also the only university offering a masters in aviation.
- ✓ Automotive
- ✓ Chemicals and advanced materials
- ✓ Construction engineering
- ✓ Industrial automation



Did you know?



Over 11% of Ireland's full-time undergraduate entrants choose to study engineering, manufacturing and construction



An impressive 42% of companies and 1,000+ employees are involved in engineering research and development



8/10 of the world's top Industrial Automation companies have operations in Ireland, including ABB and Emerson



Ireland's largest product is manufactured in Killarney in County Kerry by Liebherr — a container crane with a reach of 70 metres. These cranes are used to load and unload the largest container ships in the world

With our famed approach to hospitality and our sophisticated infrastructure, Ireland is a world-class destination for financial conferences, meetings and events. Home to more than 430 financial services companies, covering everything from asset management to aviation finance, we provide the perfect location to meet, collaborate and learn.

Excelling as a financial powerhouse since the 1980s, our nation plays a vital role as a financial hub on the global stage. Our renowned financial community services every major economy in the world, and our excellent credentials mean that influential thought leaders regularly meet on our small but mighty island to announce new innovations, share insights and forge partnerships that shape the future of finance.

Ireland has built a highly successful international financial services industry over the last three decades. From its origins in Dublin's Docklands, the sector has spread to all corners of the nation with regional hubs in Cork, Drogheda, Galway, Kilkenny, Letterkenny, Limerick, Waterford and Wexford.



€4.2trillion
worth of assets under administration in Ireland



Ireland is one of the top 15 most innovative countries in the world



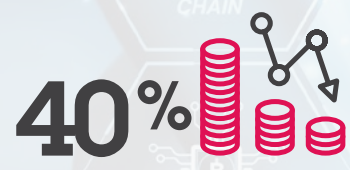
BASIC INCOME



6th best country globally to invest in



1st in the world for inward investment by quality and value. Fintech companies such as, Wells Fargo, Paypal and MasterCard, along with a host of newer disruptors like Stripe, Remitly, Square and Coinbase call Ireland home.



40% of all global hedge fund assets are serviced in Ireland

Our key finance activities include

- ✓ Investment management and fund services
- ✓ Investment banking
- ✓ Investment fund and debt listing
- ✓ Trading platforms
- ✓ Sustainable finance
- ✓ Ratings agencies
- ✓ Corporate treasury operations
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Reinsurance
- ✓ FinTech
- ✓ Payments
- ✓ Aviation financing
- ✓ Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Fund Management
- ✓ Global Business Services

Did you know?



Ireland is home to 20 of the top 25 global financial institutions



Ireland is the fourth largest exporter of financial services to the European Union



17 of the top 20 global banks are based in Ireland



Ireland is a global FinTech innovation hub with start-ups like Stripe blazing a trail



11 of the top 15 global insurance companies call Ireland home



Ireland is the third largest fund jurisdiction in the world



Dublin, the capital of Ireland, is the European base for FC4S (International Network of Financial Centres for Sustainability)



The ICT sector in Ireland attracts global talent as well as innovative, homegrown researchers, developers, and entrepreneurs. High quality technical talent is readily available across the nation, due in large part to the strong partnerships forged between government, industry and third-level institutions.

Eight of the top 10 ICT companies in the world choose to locate themselves in Ireland, with Dublin for example, drawing many leading organisations.

There are however, over 900 players across other regions in Ireland. These clusters are located in the Midwest (Limerick and surrounding areas) and the southeast (Waterford, Kilkenny), while Cork plays a key role as the home of Apple Inc EMEA HQ.



€35 billion
in exports annually



Google establishes 1st European Digital Innovation Centre in Dublin, The Foundry, this is Google's largest office outside of the US



Dublin's has a reputation as an elite tech city, ranking 12th place on a list of the top 22 cities for tech around the world



Top 5 global software companies have headquarters here – Microsoft, SAP, Salesforce, Oracle and Adobe



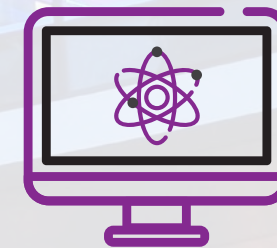
Ireland has Europe's fastest-growing tech worker population already employing over 37,000 people

Our key ICT and software activities include

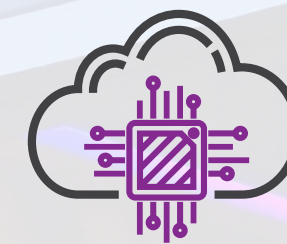
- ✔ Artificial intelligence
- ✔ Cloud computing
- ✔ Connected and autonomous vehicles
- ✔ Cybersecurity
- ✔ E-learning and development
- ✔ Gaming
- ✔ IP management
- ✔ Machine learning
- ✔ Sports tech
- ✔ Tele and wireless communications



Did you know?



The ICT sector has been growing in Ireland ever since IBM opened here in 1956; it now employs over 3,200 people across a broad range of businesses including R&D, software development, supply chain management and technical support



Ireland is the second largest exporter of computer and IT services in the world, just behind China*



Google Ireland employ over 8000 people from over 75 different countries speaking 70 different languages



Dublin is Europe's leading hub of innovative games companies with Big Fish, EA, Havok, DemonWare, PopCap, Zynga, Riot Games and Jolt all having a significant presence here*



The top ten 'born on the internet' companies have a presence here, including Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Airbnb. They are all located in Dublin in the area known locally as 'The Silicon Docks'

*Enterprise Ireland



As one of Europe's largest medical technology hotspots, Ireland plays a vital role in the MedTech sector. We are the second-largest exporter of medical devices and technologies in Europe, supplying innovative technology to 95 out of the top 100 countries (by GDP).

With a regionally diverse industry, we employ the highest number of MedTech personnel per capita in Europe, boasting incredibly strong services, contract research and manufacturing bases. Our passion for innovation within this thriving sector is supported by industry and government alike as we strive to look for new ways to enhance competitiveness, develop new capabilities and generate sustainable growth opportunities.




€12.6 billion
 exports annually


50%
 of the companies
 located here are in the
 business-to-business space


40,000
 employees in our globally
 recognised MedTech sector


300+
 MedTech companies
 based here

Our key MedTech activities include

- ✔ Minimally invasive technology
- ✔ Implanted devices
- ✔ Diagnostic equipment and imaging systems
- ✔ Surgical systems
- ✔ Dental equipment and devices
- ✔ Drug delivery devices
- ✔ Digital health technology
- ✔ Ophthalmic and optical products and technology
- ✔ Electronic health records technology
- ✔ Analytics and diagnostics
- ✔ Telecare/telemedicine
- ✔ Services and contract research
- ✔ Manufacturing

Did you know?



Medtronic, considered to be the most important MedTech company in the world, moved its HQ to Ireland in 1999 and now employs over 4,000 people across five sites in Galway, Dublin and Athlone



Ireland manufactures 33% of the world's contact lenses



A quarter of the global diabetic population use Irish-made injectables



The country boasts five clinical research facilities which support patient-focused research and are ranked number one globally for the exchange of technology and ideas

70% 

of MedTech companies in Ireland engage in research and development activities, as a result of a supportive environment and generous government grant assistance



Responsible Global Citizenship

We are all citizens of an inter-connected world and association conferences play a crucial role in that connection – helping to foster the spirit of collaboration, the sharing of ideas and the meeting of minds. Today’s conference delegates expect to be part of something bigger than the event itself; they are conscious of the need to contribute, to give something back to the environment around them and to be responsible global citizens.

Ireland is the most welcoming country in the world when it comes to international business events and we excel at enabling organisers to leave a strong and active environmental, diverse and inclusive legacy. As a host nation for globally responsible conferences, Ireland’s Business Tourism Hubs – Dublin, Cork, Kerry, Galway and the Shannon Region – already have a positive track record when it comes to sustainability, accessibility and diversity. By choosing Ireland, you’ll be aligning your event with positive values and a strong community ethos.



Investing in diversity

Investors in Diversity Ireland (iD) is Ireland’s first all-encompassing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion mark. Investors in Diversity offers a clear and structured framework to transform diversity practices and culture in the country and several large Irish-based corporations – like Allied Irish Bank (AIB) and Nestlé – have signed up, helping to foster a spirit of diversity and inclusivity in Ireland.

Accessibility in Ireland

Ireland prides itself on its warm welcome – a high standard of hospitality that extends to everyone. The country has made great strides in the last 20 years when it comes to improving the lives of persons with disabilities. We now have a regulator for disability services in the Health Information & Quality Authority (HIQA), a National Advocacy Service for Persons with Disabilities, a newly formed Decision Support Service, and increased awareness of the importance of providing supports to persons with disabilities to access mainstream services provided by our public bodies.

The five Convention Bureaux of Ireland and the Meet in Ireland team strive to ensure that all the venues we highlight and partners we support are accessible to all. We’re also here to listen to and accommodate clients when it comes to their accessibility needs, putting them in touch with the suppliers that will help them exceed accessibility expectations. Choosing one of Ireland’s accessible venues for your conference will ensure that the individual needs of each and every one of your delegates is considered.

Every region in Ireland has its own focus when it comes to hosting sustainable events, with the nation as a whole remaining dedicated to becoming a low-carbon and environmentally-friendly economy – and protecting the resources provided by our planet.

Your sustainable conference

There are many ways in which your conference in Ireland can align itself with globally responsible principles. For example, it could adopt a ‘sustainability agenda’ as a core feature – integrating vegetarian food and locally sourced produce into the programme menus, depending on the requirements of the delegates. Eliminating single-use plastic from your event is easy with many great Irish companies offering custom-made keep cups and water bottles that can be designed in line with your event’s brand identity.

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Meitheal Mara, Co Cork



Ladies View, Killarney, Co Kerry

Protecting Your Delegates

Ireland's top priority has always been the health and safety of its people, including those who make their way here for unforgettable conferences and events.

According to the Global Peace Index 2022, Ireland is one of the safest countries on earth (ranking third in the world) and represents a safe haven for all travellers.

The wealth of green space and well-equipped venues and hotels in picturesque destinations around Ireland is an attraction for association conferences looking for something unique, as well as safe. Likewise, the ability to provide delegates with tranquil surroundings and fresh air, all within easy reach of well-connected airports, is an enormous selling point. Transportation across the nation is very secure and reliable, with many sustainable options to choose from.

Ireland's cities combine security with excellent meeting facilities and infrastructure, while the country's mild

climate means that it is open for business in every season of the year.

The Convention Bureaux of Ireland and the country's expert suppliers and operators are all dedicated to putting the health and safety of business travellers first. With world-class infrastructure, ease of accessibility and exceptional hospitality, Ireland remains an ideal destination for world-leading association conferences.

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NUIG, Galway City



What We Can Do For You

As you plan your association conference in Ireland, we know that your number one priority is offering a spectacular experience for your delegates. With the assistance of the **Meet in Ireland team** and the **Convention Bureaux of Ireland**, your delegate experience can be second-to-none: our tailored range of supports are designed to enhance your programme, upgrade your offering and exceed the expectations of all who attend.

When it comes to the factors behind your decision to host your conference here, we know that convenience and accessibility are high on your agenda, as is professional support from start to finish. We are ready

“ We are ready to be led by your ideas and can offer you everything from digital support to excellent transport options, site inspection assistance to world-class meeting facilities ”

to be led by your ideas and can offer you everything from digital support to excellent transport options, site inspection assistance to world-class meeting facilities. Our financial and practical support options will equip you with everything you need to make your conference a success on the world stage.

The expert, friendly and exceptionally well-connected Convention Bureaux of Ireland and the Meet in Ireland team have all the expertise you need to create a world-class conference. From your first enquiry, through the planning process, during your event and afterwards, we're here to help make your dreams a reality.

Financial Supports

The Meet in Ireland Team provide a range of different Financial Supports. These consist of the following:



Bid Support

We provide bid support to help with the bidding process to enable you to create fantastic bid documents and presentations. In addition, support for the cost of travel, accommodation, and meals to present the bid at the preceding conference is even considered.



Site Inspections

Site inspections are the key to a successful bid; in partnership with Ireland's Regional Convention Bureaux, the Meet in Ireland team can support costs associated with travel and accommodation for up to three key decision-makers visiting Ireland for a future conference.



Programme Enhancement

We also provide programme enhancement funding for events in 2023 and beyond which may be used towards activities to help maximise the number of international delegates attending your business tourism event. Examples of activities that are covered include welcome reception, gala dinner, social programme and in addition print costs, website costs and other activities related to organising the programme.

Please visit our website:
[Financial Supports | Meet in Ireland](#), to review the eligibility requirements for these supports.



Practical Supports

Professional Conference Organisers

We can also offer a range of practical supports that include introductions to a range of trusted suppliers, including Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs); each of these partners is equipped with the local knowledge and expertise that can help to elevate all aspects of your association conference. As a nation with a powerful knowledge economy and strong sector strengths, we can also give you access to a network of expert speakers, with the reputation and insights to enhance your programme.

Convention Bureaux

With the help of the five Convention Bureaux of Ireland, we can offer you complimentary venue finding and accommodation sourcing services in our business tourism hubs: Dublin, Cork, Kerry, Shannon, and Galway.

Planners Toolkit

To help present Ireland as a destination of choice, we can provide you with an array of assets including imagery, video content and presentation templates to name but a few.



Dublin Convention Centre, Cd Dublin



“ When it comes to accommodation, Ireland has an abundance of options ranging from conveniently located city hotels to historic country castles ”



The Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin City

Venues, Accommodation, and Accessibility

Venues: from the world-class to the quirky

Ireland's conference venues are state-of-the-art: offer advanced technology, excellent transport links, in a variety of exciting locations and suited to any budget. Our large-scale venues have something to meet all needs - whether it's a contemporary conference centre or an authentic 16th century tavern situated in a beautiful fishing village.

Sustainability is at the heart of many venues in Ireland. With Dublin being home to the world's first carbon-neutral constructed convention centre (capacity: 3,040), the rest of the country has followed in their footsteps to take green options seriously.



There are opportunities for activities and adventure surrounding all of Ireland's venues. For example, choose to conference at Killarney Convention Centre (capacity: 2,500) and you're in easy reach of the famous 'Kerry Way' mountain walking trail; select the National University of Ireland (capacity: 1,100) and your conference is just a five-minute walk from Galway City, Ireland's cultural capital.

With a range of choices and nearby activities, you can set your conference against a city backdrop, nestle it in the

countryside, base it in one of Ireland's many prestigious universities or overlook an epic stadium - safe in the knowledge that your audience will be well looked after in any venue.

Accommodation:

When it comes to accommodation, Ireland has an abundance of options ranging from conveniently located city hotels to historic country castles. With excellent transport links from Dublin, Cork and Shannon airports, it's easy to choose the right place to stay knowing you have accessibility across the country via car and train.

The accommodation on offer have large capacities, often with conference rooms on site. Regions such as Cork, Kerry, Galway and Shannon have brilliant options that range from the boutique to the grand, while Dublin is bursting with over 160

hotels. Guaranteed to make your guests feel special, you can find creative, cosy and truly magical options situated all across Ireland.

Accessibility: easy to get from A to B

Our central airports include Dublin, Shannon, Cork and Kerry which are all ready to cater for international travellers. Once on the ground, it's easy to travel from city to city - many programmes can take in two or three regions in a matter of days. Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann) takes care of all your rail travel, while Dublin also has a convenient tram network (Luas) and bus services. Whether you choose to experience Ireland by car, winding through pretty villages and rolling hills, or take advantage of fantastic cross-country rail, bus and boat links - you'll never find yourself short of options.

[Find venue and accommodation options here](#)

Choose Ireland

The keynote speech has finished, name-tags taken off, new networks made and contact details swapped – but the close of an event isn't the end. Choosing Ireland as the backdrop of your association conference means creating long-lasting, memorable moments that reach far beyond designated dates.

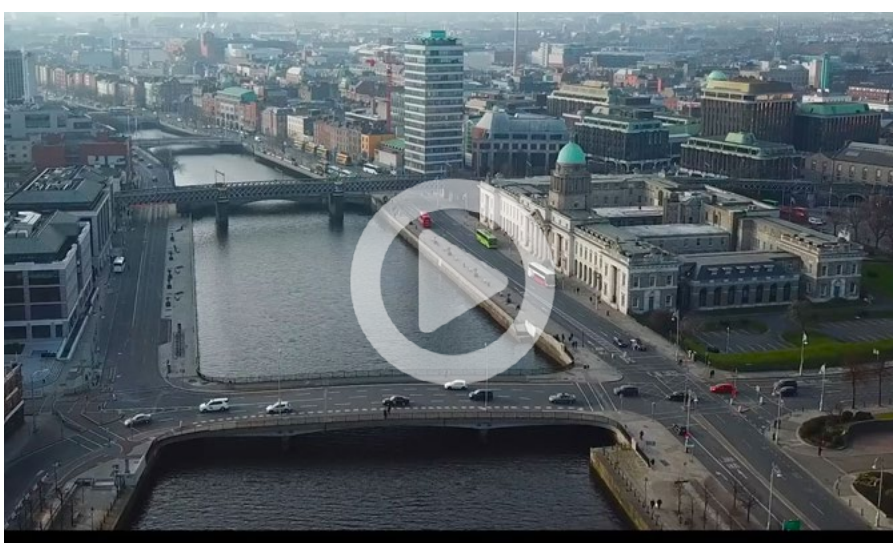
Organised with professionalism, ease and with our trademark welcoming atmosphere, your guests will remember brilliant talks drawn from an impressive array of sectoral strengths. They'll recall making connections over a pint of Guinness in a cosy pub by the roaring fire and tasting artisan dinners made up of locally sourced produce. They'll never forget the verdant greenery, wild coasts, fairytale castles, rolling seas and hidden heartlands that make up this beautiful island.

To make sure your association conference runs memorably, smoothly and with a unique twist, look no further than what Ireland has to offer. From an abundance of accommodation and venue choices, as well as a series of trusted service providers, you can achieve your vision on any budget. Before you even arrive, Ireland's experienced

suppliers and Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs) will have managed your venue needs, financial support will be in place to help enhance your programme and an itinerary of unique experiences set up for your delegates to enjoy.

You have the whole of what Ireland has to offer behind you to pull off a memorable event. With the right mix of expertise, convenience and fun every last detail will be considered to make the event a success. We have you covered when it comes to sustainability and delivering economic, social and environmental benefits to all stakeholders – tailored to your specific needs.

The best part is that these stunning views, spectacular experiences and supportive planners are all within reach. Ireland is less than six hours from the east coast of the United States, only two hours from mainland Europe and 50 minutes from London. With easy access around the country once you're on the ground, you have your pick of locations from winding, historic streets to colourful harbours, modern cities to quaint fishing villages with all the mountain ranges, stunning beaches and hidden gems in between.



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