

Driving Ireland's
competitiveness
through talent.





72
BUSINESS NETWORKS



22,500+
BUSINESSES UPSKILLING



86,500+ PEOPLE
TRAINED

Setting up a Skillnet Business Network

Skillnet Ireland wants to hear from industry bodies, industry federations or membership based professional bodies that are interested in establishing a new Skillnet Business Network.

Networks funded by Skillnet Ireland allow businesses, connected by sector or region, to access efficient, flexible and subsidised training and development for their workforce.

Why apply to set up a Network?

SUPPORT

your business and other businesses in your sector or region to grow and stay competitive

BENEFIT

from a wide range of relevant and cost-effective subsidised training, delivered by expert trainers

CONTRIBUTE

to the development and growth of skills and job sustainability in your sector or region

Skillnet Ireland fosters an **enterprise-led approach to workforce development**. We operate under a joint investment model, funded by matching contributions from participating businesses in our business networks. Applicants must demonstrate that the proposals are enterprise-led, have been designed to prioritise effective learning solutions and deliver value for money for all stakeholders.

We are seeking applications to develop new Skillnet Business Networks which address one or more of the following priorities within your sector or region:

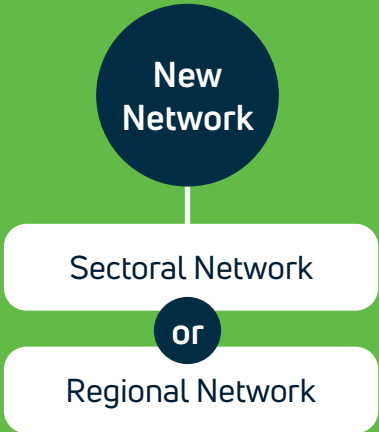
- Digital Transformation
- Climate Action & Business Sustainability
- SME Leadership Development
- Supporting Ireland's FDI base
- Workforce Innovation

Skillnet Ireland works with industry partners across all sectors and regions. Examples of Skillnet Business Networks include:

- Animation Skillnet
- Aviation Skillnet
- County Tipperary Skillnet
- Construction Professionals Skillnet
- Design Skillnet
- First Polymer Skillnet
- Green Tech Skillnet
- Irish Medtech Skillnet
- Retail Ireland Skillnet
- Restaurant and Hospitality Skillnet
- Screen Skillnet
- Space Industry Skillnet
- Sligo Chamber Skillnet
- Sustainable Finance Skillnet
- Taste4Success Skillnet
- Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet

Skillnet Ireland is seeking applications

from interested business groups and industry bodies in specific sectors and regions which will complement the work already being carried out across its 72 Skillnet Networks nationwide.



Leading the way in enterprise-led talent development

Skillnet Ireland funds over 57 enterprise and employee representative bodies across a broad range of sectors supporting 72 Skillnet Business Networks. Working together, we drive excellence in learning and development for the workplace of today and the future.

Some of our industry partners include:



Who is eligible to set up a Skillnet Network?

APPLICANTS MUST:

- Be an **industry federation, industry body** or **membership based professional body based in the Republic of Ireland**. Enterprises within the Network can be of any size, including sole traders. (Public/voluntary sector entities are ineligible)
- Present a **strong business case** to Skillnet Ireland **on the challenges** (and opportunities) **within the relevant sector/region** and both the current and future skills required to address such needs.
- Outline how the proposal is **aligned to national policy** for the relevant sector or region.

How is a Skillnet Network structured?

- Subject to a successful application, Skillnet Ireland contracts with the organisation that manages the activities of the Business Network. That entity receives the funds from Skillnet Ireland on behalf of the Network group. Typically, these organisations include industry or sectoral representative bodies, Chambers of Commerce, and employee representative groups.
- Each Business Network is called a Skillnet e.g. ISME Skillnet.
- Each Business Network is **led by a voluntary Steering Group of industry representatives** that focus on setting the strategic direction of the Business Network. This group **meets on a regular basis and makes decisions for the Network** on behalf of the wider group of businesses.
- Each Business Network **appoints a Network Manager** who manages the delivery of the Network training and development plan on a day-to-day basis.
- Sectoral or regional Networks are comprised of businesses of any size.
- Trainees include both employees of businesses and those seeking employment that meet eligibility criteria.

How can I learn more?

If your industry federation/body or membership based professional body is interested in establishing a new Business Network, please contact us via:

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