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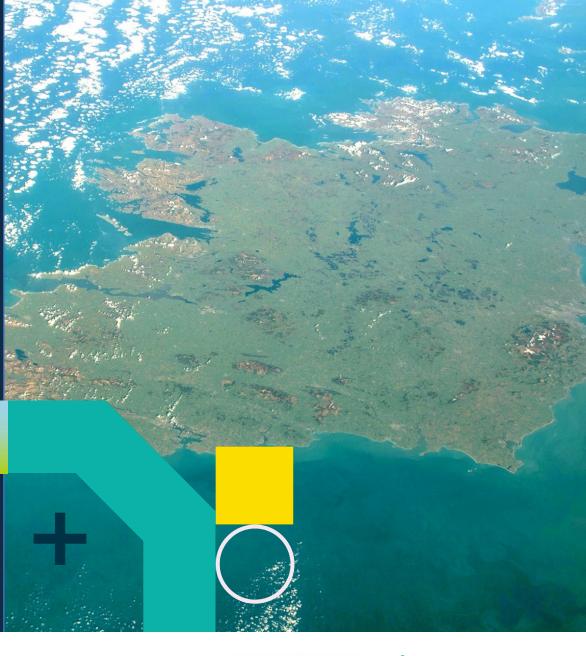
First of all …………

A little bit about me!

- 1993-2006: Researcher at National Microelectronics Research Centre (now Tyndall National Institute)

- 2007 joined National Support Network for Framework Programme 7 (FP7) in Enterprise Ireland
  - FP7 ICT, ARTEMIS, ENIAC
  - Horizon2020 ICT, FET, ECSEL
  - Horizon Europe Cluster 4, KDT

Our approach to KDT

- Companies must be eligible to receive R&D funding from Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland or Údarás na Gaeltachta.

- Company must have the potential to derive a benefit, proportionate to the national funding being sought, through the exploitation of the results of the proposed project or otherwise.

- Companies need to be EBITDA positive for 9 consecutive months prior to any approval.

- Companies that are classified as 'High Potential Start-Up' (HPSU) are not normally eligible.

- Irish third level research performing organisations will also be considered for national funding.

- HEIs will only be eligible if they are actively supporting an Irish based company that meets the national eligibility criteria in the consortium

Some thoughts / expectations

- Industry led, industry driven

- Plenty of participation at national level but at limited scale

    Advanced Materials, Analog, Benetel, Boston, Collins, Creganna, DELL-EMC, Emdalo, Fleming Medical, NetFeasa, IBM, Infineon, Integer, Intel, J&J, Klas, Liebherr, Valeo X-Celeprint, Xperi

    UCC, UCG, UL, UCD, Tyndall, MTU

- Higher funding for RTOs

- Bottom up nature has worked well

- Focus topics & budget complications

- Increased budgets under Chips JU will be challenging

- Funding of pilot lines

- Implementation of Competence Centres will need careful consideration

THANK YOU

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