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| **Page Content** | | **Support and Resources for Businesses** | | --- | | [Support SMEs](https://www.supportingsmes.ie/BusinessDetails.aspx)  **Support for SMEs** There are over 80 different Government supports for Irish start-ups and small businesses. This Online Guide is to help Irish start-ups and small businesses navigate the range of Government supports to see which you could possibly apply.  https://www.supportingsmes.ie/BusinessDetails.aspx | | [**Research and innovate**](https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Research-Innovation/)**:** https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Research-Innovation/  Learn more about our research and innovation supports for businesses and researchers in Higher Education Institutes.  [**Funding supports**](https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/)**:** https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/  EI provide funding and supports for companies - from entrepreneurs with business propositions for a high potential start-up through to large companies expanding their activities, improving efficiency and growing international sales. EI also provide funding and supports for college based researchers to assist in the development, protection and transfer of technologies into industry via licensing or spin-out companies. | |  | | **E-Learning for SME’s**  This online tool will automatically guide you to relevant information and best suitable options for potential IP protection. The e-Learning tool is divided into two main sections:  1st - "Why is Intellectual Property important": here you can find information about Intellectual Property throughout the different stages of production.  2nd - "What and How to protect": here you can find information targeted towards Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), covering the different types of Intellectual Property rights.  **https://euipo.europa.eu/knowledge/mod/scorm/player.php?a=1220&currentorg=ORG-AB2C529AD7B7F1876E445D9D6BBA8A8D&scoid=3850&sesskey=0mIReepytW&display=popup&mode=normal** | | **IP Marketplace** IP Marketplace is an online display window where buyers and sellers of IP rights can contact each other.  At IP Marketplace you can put your patents, patent applications, utility models, design and trademarks up for sale or out-licensing. You can also use IP Marketplace to search for IP rights to buy or license in or when you are looking for partners for innovation projects that builds on patentable knowledge..  The website is managed by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office. It’s free of charge for both buyers and sellers.  <https://www.ip-marketplace.org/> | | **Knowledge Transfer Ireland (KTI) enables companies to innovate their business by signposting to novel technology and research expertise in Ireland and by providing best practice guidance to simplify the process of accessing this rich source of opportunity.**  [**KTI Practical Guides**](http://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/Model-Agreements/KTI-Practical-Guides/)  <http://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/Model-Agreements/KTI-Practical-Guides/>  [**R&D Funding Tool**](http://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/Research_in_Ireland/Find-RD-Funding/) http://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/Research\_in\_Ireland/Find-RD-Funding/  KTI’s new R&D Funding Tool helps you to find the right support or incentives available to you when engaging with public research in Ireland. | | Historically, the sources of strength of a business were its tangible assets such as land, buildings, machinery and equipment. Today, however, more and more businesses rely for their competitive strength on their intangible assets, especially on trademarks, inventions, trade secrets, copyright, designs, and the like. An IP Audit provides a company with a way to systematically review its intellectual property assets to make the most of them and can be of considerable benefit in assessing and managing risk, remedy problems and implement best practices in IP asset management.  Fact sheet about the benefits of an IP Audit. | | http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/sme/en/documents/pdf/ip\_panorama\_10\_learning\_points.pdf | | “Since the scope of the business plan is to describe not only the business logic behind the commercialisation plans, but also the assets and resources that will make the business successful, the definition of a strong intellectual property (IP) protection and management policy and the business planning exercise are strongly interconnected”. IP should always be considered when drafting a business strategy and business plan. | | [Enterprise Europe Network (Ireland)](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/services/) helps Irish businesses innovate and grow internationally and can provide access to EU funding assist businesses in making international connections and provides full-cycle business innovation support from the stage of business idea conception and planning (phase I) over business plan execution and demonstration (phase II) to commercialisation (phase III). The Enterprise Europe Network can help you:   * Develop your [business in new markets](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/services/make_international_connections/) * Source or license [new technologies](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/search/?intro=1) * Provide comprehensive [innovation support and business advice](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/services/make_international_connections/) * Find the right partners for [research & development](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/search/?intro=1) * Understand how to [protect your intellectual assets](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/services/bring_your_ideas_to_market/) * Learn about [EU regulation](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/services/access_eu_funding/) * Have your say in Europe * Access [EU funding](http://www.een-ireland.ie/content/services/access_eu_funding/) and finance   The **Enterprise Europe Network Ireland** services are delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the Local Enterprise Office | |
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