

Entrepreneurs wanted to start Knowledge Based Export Businesses



The Enterprise Platform Programme (EPP) 2012 – Phase 1

What is the EPP ?

The Enterprise Platform Programme aims to help budding entrepreneurs to develop new business concepts into companies with the potential to provide employment, grow and export. The EPP is a structured national programme with the aim to provide entrepreneurs with the business skills and a support mechanism to realise these aspirations. The programme is supported by Enterprise Ireland.

Where ?

The Enterprise Platform Programme is co-located at the heart of the Dublin and East Region based at The LINC, IT Blanchardstown and at the Synergy Centre, ITT Dublin respectively. Both Centres have track records of successfully providing a business incubation environment that nourishes business skills and company growth. The partnership between the two incubation centres provides an extensive support platform to wider regional business development.

How ?

The EPP is a three-phase mentor and support structure open to entrepreneurs to bring their business ideas from concept phase to commercialisation.



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EPP Phase 1

Business Feasibility

- Short part-time
- Feasibility Study

EPP Phase 2

Business Development

- 6 months full-time
- Intensive training
- €15,000 EI funding
- Hot Desk
- Extensive Mentoring
- Investor Ready Business Plan

EPP Phase 3

Business Growth Strategy Implementation

- Bringing product or service to market
- Key targets -
 - employment milestones
 - export milestones
- Investment procurement

Who?

The programme is aimed at entrepreneurs who will benefit from a dedicated support and mentoring system to develop a new technology driven business concept into a growing business that provides employment and export within three years.

When?

The **EPP Phase 1** programme will start in February 2012 with Modules delivered at both the LINC and Synergy.

Participants who complete the **EPP Phase 1** are encouraged to apply to participate in either of two **EPP Phase 2** programmes to be delivered over 6 months at both The LINC and Synergy. Both **EPP Phase 2** programmes will commence in April / May 2012.

There will be a further opportunity to apply for a place on the **EPP Phase 1** programme to start in Sept/Oct 2012 with Modules delivered at both The LINC and Synergy.

Download the application form at www.thelinc.ie or <http://www.synergycentre.ie/programmes/epp-phase-1>

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