

Enterprise Ireland

Technology Centres Programme Interim Evaluation



What our client wanted

Enterprise Ireland wanted an interim evaluation of the Technology Centres Programme. The programme was set up to build critical mass in research areas where there was industrial and academic expertise. The aim was to improve the competitive position of Ireland, through the collaborative creation of new technologies that would lead to economic benefits and increased employment. Enterprise Ireland wanted an evaluation covering the programme as a whole, and for each of the seven Centres that were at the three year review milestone.

What Frontline did

Our interim programme evaluation focused on the programme as a mechanism in bringing about collaboration and technology development. It was designed to assess the effectiveness and efficacy at a programme level, while building on the findings of the individual Centre reviews in terms of:

1. What the Programme had delivered including the impact and benefits to date and expected.
2. How results compare against other support programmes.
3. Overall fit with policy in technology and economic benefits.

What difference we made

Our robust interim evaluation which demonstrated the impact of the Programme to the economy, all made recommendations for future development at a Centre and programme level. Recommendations included future programme funding, set against policy and the portfolio of other similar programmes as well as modifications to improve its efficiency and effectiveness.