



Measure:

Business & Economic
Development

Promoters:

University of Ulster ,
North West
Regional College,
Letterkenny Institute of
Technology

Title:

EPI Centre



Chairperson of NWRCBG
and project promoters with
Micheal Martin TD, Minister
for Enterprise Trade &
Employment, at the launch of
the EPI Centre project.

Through this project, the promoters aimed to build an innovation and technology transfer capability by creating an environment that would assist in developing a diverse and robust industrial base in the North West Region.

This aim has been successfully realised through the establishment of an Electronic, Production and Innovation Technology Centre.

Through the EpiCentre, practical industrial problems can be solved in partnership between local companies and the three further / higher education institutions in the region.

The primary role of the EpiCentre is to assist the development and deployment of technology within the existing industrial base in the region. It focuses on those sectors which inherently use technology; ranging from the mass production of low cost products (e.g. the textile sector) to the development of low volume high cost products such as in the software tools development domain.

Previously, companies in the north west would have travelled to Belfast or Dublin for this type of technology support service – now EpiCentre is assisting local companies, not only to reduce their costs but also to significantly reduce their lead-times for technology development.

Through the EpiCentre, businesses have access to specialised equipment and expertise. The Centre also acts as a networking facility, to assist knowledge sharing and network building and to date over 100 client projects have been supported.

The centre is distributed across the three academic sites but has one Centre Manager, which ensures integration and maintains consistency of services across the region.

Total Project Cost: €3,830,706

Grant Awarded: €2,849,276

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