



The EU Investment Plan: What's in it for You?

Find Out More at a Panel Debate in Dundalk Branch Library on September 19th at 6.30pm

Chaired by Gerry Kelly, LMFM

The Panel:

- Professor John O'Brennan, John Monnet Professor of European Integration at Maynooth University
- Dr. Mary Murphy, Senior Lecturer, Department of Government, University College Cork
- Paddy Malone, Dundalk Chamber of Commerce
- Brendan Casey, Drogheda Chamber of Commerce

The Panel will discuss debate and answer your questions. Find out how successful the Investment Plan has been so far and how you and the country could look to benefit from it.

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What is the EU Investment Plan?

In 2014, the European Commission launched a €315 billion Investment Plan for Europe, to drive economic growth and create jobs. One of its key aims is supporting projects and investments in infrastructure, education, research and innovation. Under the plan, it is now easier for SMEs, local authorities, universities and individuals to source finance for innovative ventures. Organisations and groups of all sizes can apply for funding, including project companies and small and medium-sized enterprises. Dozens of Irish SMEs, start-

up businesses and local authorities are set to benefit from the initiative, including substantial investment in SMEs, primary care centres, a renewable energy fund and water utility schemes.

In September 2016, President Jean-Claude Juncker stated that €116 billion in investments had already been raised in the first year of the Plan and proposed to extend the fund to 2020 and double its financial capacity.