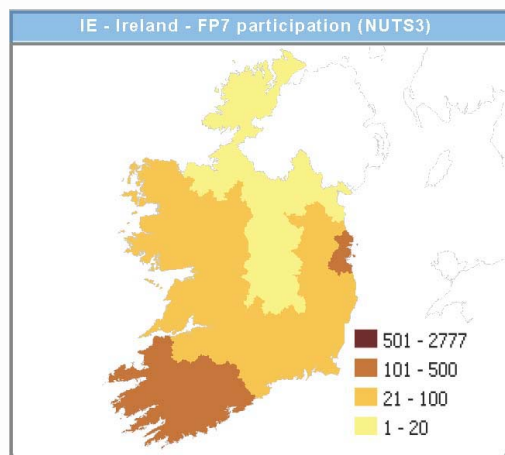




IRELAND



Until the financial crisis Ireland made very substantial progress in increasing its R&D intensity and in transforming itself in a knowledge based economy. This involved for instance the successful development of high tech sectors such as pharmaceuticals, ICT and medical equipment which provide both growth and jobs and demand for innovation, but also contributed to innovation and growth evolution in some more traditional sectors such as the food sectors.



While undertaking a necessary fiscal consolidation, Ireland must ensure that public R&D spending is not subject to further cuts and that it resumes its earlier growth. The R&D intensity target of 2.5% well above the 1.77% in 2009 is ambitious but is realistic if the recovery is sustained. Further progress requires a greater participation of domestically owned firms in innovation and related to this a greater exploitation of the results of publicly funded research.

Innovation Union Scoreboard position	9 out of 27
R&D intensity target	2.5%
Number of eligible proposals	3.895 in response to 294 FP7 calls for proposals
Number of applicants	4.994 (1.59% of EU-27)
Success rate (EU-27 =21,5%)	22.9%
Rank in number of participants signed contracts (EU-27):	15
Rank in budget share (EU-27)	13
Top collaborative links	UK, DE, FR, IT, ES
Total Population & EU 27 Population Share	4.480.858 (0.9% of EU-27)