

Glasgow City Region Innovation Accelerator — A £100m UK Pilot to Devolve R&D; Funding to City Regions

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A UK government pilot put £100m (2022–25), extended by £30m for 2025–26, into regional R&D.; Glasgow City Region's 11 projects engaged 250+ companies and secured £48m in private co-investment — a test of devolving innovation funding to city regions.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[UK Research and Innovation \(UKRI\) / Innovate UK, with Glasgow City Region](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[Glasgow City Region — Innovation Accelerator](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[UKRI — Innovation Accelerator programme boosts growth across the UK](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

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