Innovation Vouchers — Enterprise Ireland's €5,000 SME-to-University Knowledge-Transfer Scheme

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since a 2007 pilot, Enterprise Ireland has given SMEs €5,000 vouchers to buy problem-solving work from registered public knowledge providers. About 5,600 vouchers (€27m) had reached ~3,500 firms by 2019; an external evaluation reported €4.72 net value added per €1.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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