



## E-process Scheme

Helping businesses identify the benefits of embracing technology by focusing on key business objectives

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### Introduction

Our E-process Scheme aims to help businesses identify and quantify the potential benefits of embracing technology by focusing on key corporate objectives or new market development opportunities.

### How will it help me?

Under the scheme, our E-business Advisors can help participants:

- identify the key ICT processes that address business objectives;
- quantify the breakdowns in the process;
- quantify the realisable benefits of ICT;
- redesign the ICT processes and the supporting operational practices; and
- prepare a high-level implementation plan to move forward.

### How does it work?

The scheme is delivered through one-to-one consultations, E-process Reviews and specialist advice. Financial assistance is also available.

Businesses can use the service for multiple, distinct projects, subject to approval. The E-process Scheme is split into two elements:

#### E-process Review

This involves an initial diagnosis and analysis of requirements through a short workshop and aims to help senior management identify specifics on how e-business can help their business.

Designed to provide maximum benefit with minimum disruption, the E-process Reviews also map out the specific courses of action which may be pursued through the consultancy service on offer.

#### E-process Project

Further consultancy support is provided to the business at the daily rate of the consultant. This is subsidised by Invest NI, depending on the size of the business. The maximum number of consultancy days is 20 days per individual project.

### How much does it cost?

There is no charge for the workshop element of the scheme.

There are general guidelines for possible financial support for the project element of the scheme.

Financial support is at the discretion of Invest NI and is dependent on the recommendation and verification of the ICT Advisor. The amount of financial assistance is dependent on:

- the scale of the project;
- the nature of the proposed project;
- the potential of the project to add value to the business and the economy; and
- Invest NI's current support levels at the time of contract.

### Who is eligible?

The scheme is available to all Invest NI clients. Where considered suitable by an Invest NI Client Executive, the scheme may also be available for small and medium sized enterprises with up to 250 employees.

