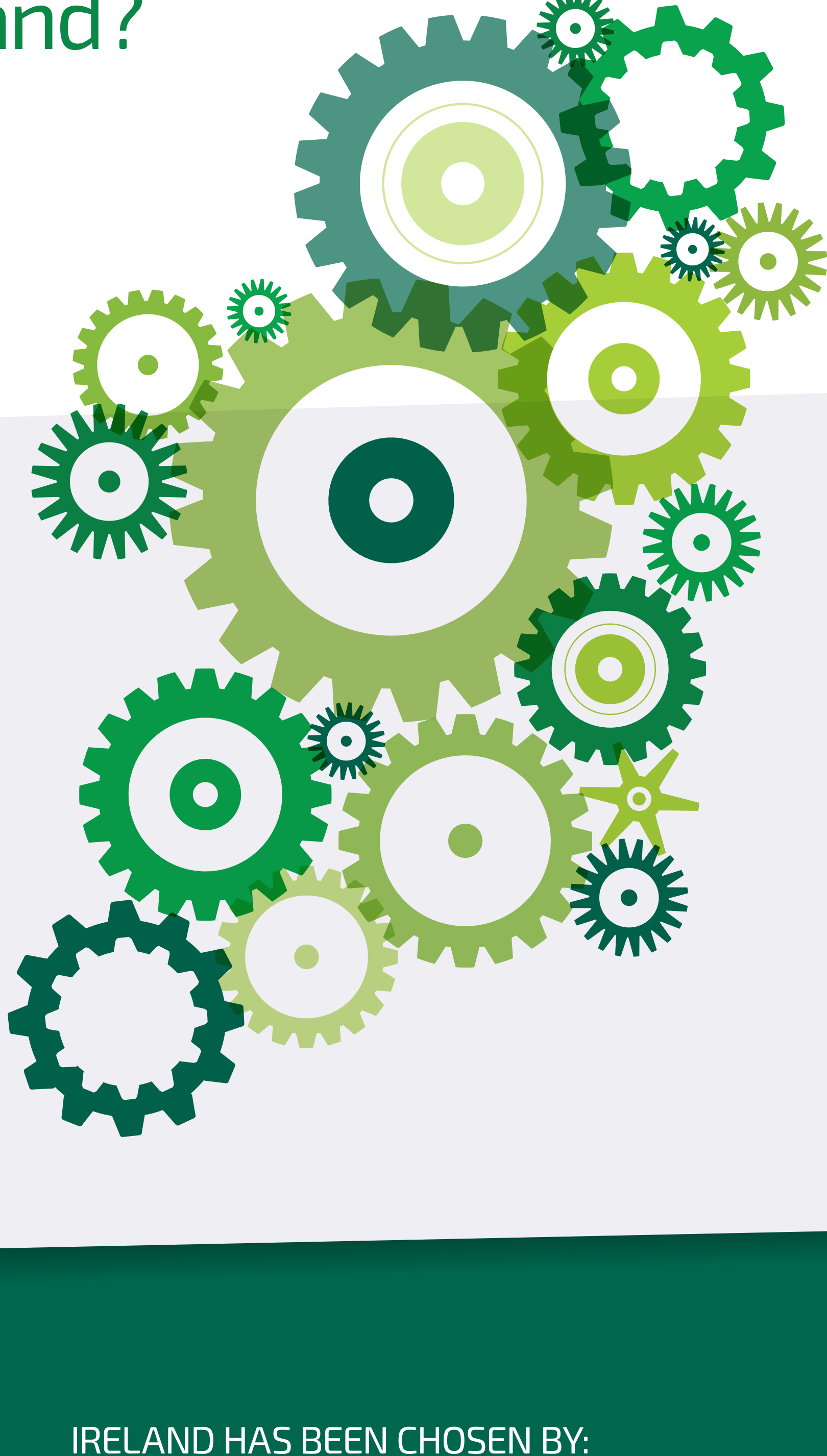


Why invest in Ireland?

There is **not just one** reason why companies choose to invest in Ireland, **there are many.**



Track Record

Ireland is home to **1,200** overseas company operations and continues to attract companies from sectors such as ICT, Life Sciences, Financial Services, Internet, Engineering and Business Services. Many of these companies are undertaking strategic activities such as **advanced manufacturing, R&D** and **global business services** in Ireland.

IRELAND HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY:

- 9 of the top 10 global Software companies.
- 9 of the world's top 10 Pharma companies.
- 13 of the world's top 15 Medical Technology companies.
- 9 of the top 10 US ICT companies.
- 15 of the world's top 25 Financial Services companies.



Talent

Ireland stands out with the youngest population in the EU - 40% of the population is under 30 years of age.⁴

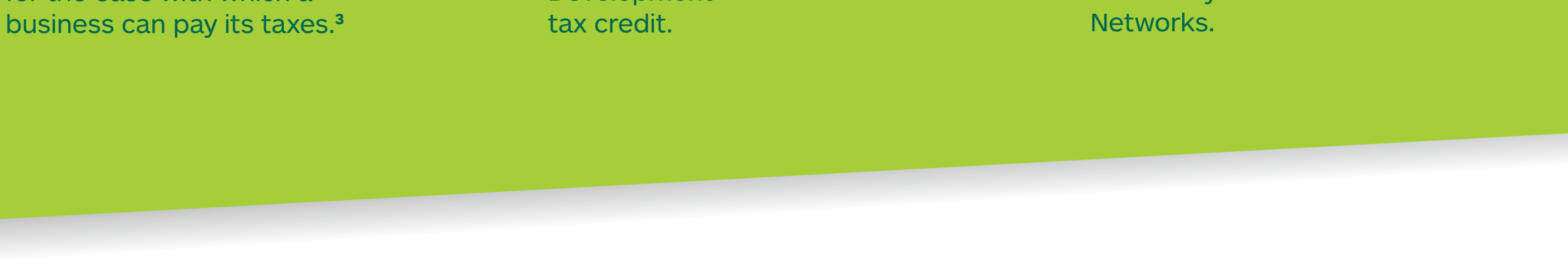
Ireland ranks 1st in the world for the flexibility and adaptability of its workforce.²



Tax

The Irish tax regime is open, stable and transparent and complies fully with OECD guidelines and EU competition law.

Corporate tax rate in Ireland



Ease of doing business

Forbes has ranked Ireland **4th best country in the world** for business 2015.

Ireland has one of the most resilient supply chains in the world - **ranking 4th of 130 countries** in the 2015 FM Global Resilience Index

Ireland is one of the most economically free countries in the world, **ranking 9th of 186** countries in the Index of Economic Freedom 2014.

Ireland ranks 13th of 189 countries in the 2015 World Bank Doing Business Report.

IDA Ireland partners with overseas companies to help them establish and grow their business in Ireland through a wide range of services, from **Facts and Funding** to arranging **Site Visits** and providing **Property Solutions**.

Education

Ireland's Education System ranks in the **top ten countries in the world**.³

The % of the population aged 25-64 who have successful completed third level education is **one of the highest in the EU, at 41%**.⁵

Ireland has **one of the highest % proportion of graduates in Science, Maths & Computing in the EU**.⁵

Europe

Ireland - a member of the EU since 1973 and Eurozone member.

Ireland provides easy access to the European market of over 500 million consumers.

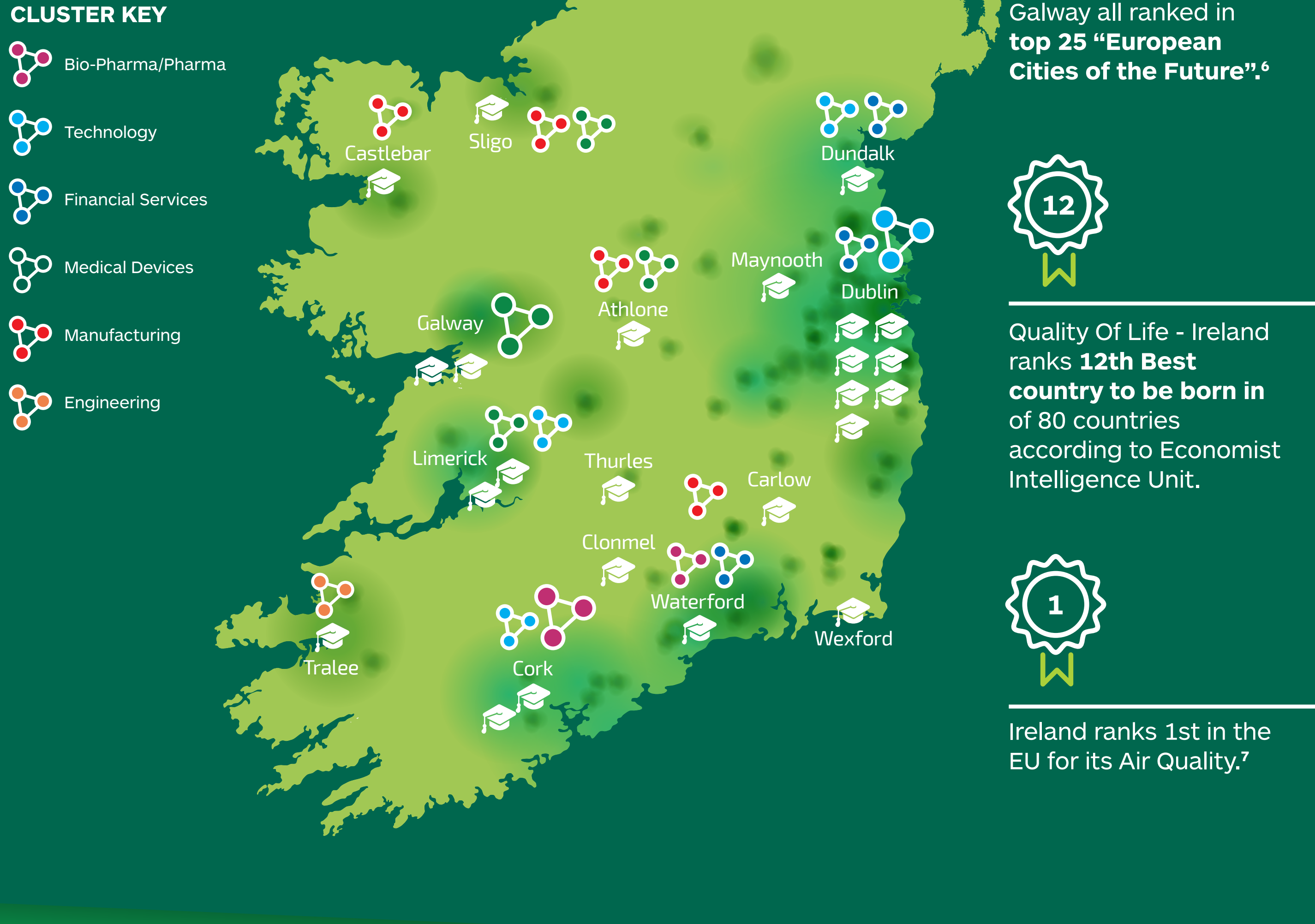
Ireland - the only English speaking member of the Eurozone.

High skilled Europeans are attracted to **work and live in Ireland**. Companies in Ireland have access to a European labour force of approximately 250 million.

Cities & Clusters

Ireland has a large number of attractive cities/towns that have proven ability to attract Foreign direct investment.

50% of IDA clients are located outside of Dublin



Connected Research



Strategic Research Areas
Pharma, Big Data, Medical Devices, Nanotechnology / Materials, Microelectronics, Marine Renewable Energy, Food for Health/Functional Foods, Perinatal Research, Applied Geosciences, Software, Digital Content and Telecommunications.



Cutting Edge Companies

Some of the world's most innovative brands have chosen to Invest in Ireland. These Include:



These companies join a cadre of cutting-edge companies that is Irish enterprise

