

NICHE Project Launch

Donegal recently welcomed European delegates and guest speakers to a unique food conference in Letterkenny.

Hosted by Local Enterprise Office, Donegal County Council, the conference marked the launch of NICHE, a European project which aims to develop innovation in the food industry in seven European regions where food has been identified as key for jobs and economic growth.

The conference included a series of key talks as well as workshops and Q&A sessions. The next stage of the NICHE project will be to assess the current level of innovation among food businesses in each of the project partner regions, including Donegal.

Following this, the project will aim to facilitate collaboration among the project partners to further develop the level of innovation in the food sector in these regions.

For more information on the NICHE Project and to improve the level of innovation in your business, contact Patrick Devine, Local Enterprise Office, Donegal County Council.

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Speakers at the NICHE conference included (l-r):

*Dr. Nils Dülfer - IMP³rove – European Innovation Management Academy,
James Burke – James Burke Associates, Brian Boyle – Donegal County Council,
Eve-Anne McCarron – Local Enterprise Office Donegal, Eunan Cunningham – WESTBIC,
Raluca Cibu-Buzac - Regional Development Agency West Region, Romania,
Dr. Séan Duffy – Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Pauline McGrellis – Nvolve Group,
Cathaoirleach Cllr. Terence Slowey – Donegal County Council
and Michael Tunney – Local Enterprise Office Donegal.*

