NORTHERN IRELAND – KEY FACTS

- Capital - Belfast
- Land area - 14,130km²
- Population 1.81 million
  - Fastest growing population in the UK
  - One of Europe’s youngest populations
    60% under the age of 40
- Small business economy
- Regional economy focused on:
  - Increasing the private sector and reducing our over dependence on the public sector
  - Creating employment opportunities and increasing exports
  - Increasing the levels of investment in innovation and research and development
**Economically Active**

887,000
(Rate* = 73.5%)
people aged 16+ who are in work or seeking and available for work

**Economically Inactive**

570,000
(Rate* = 26.5%)
people aged 16+ who were either not looking for work or not available for work

**Employment**
837,000
people aged 16 and over are in work

**Unemployment**
50,000
people aged 16 and over are not in work but are seeking or available for work

Employment Rate 69.3%
Unemployment Rate 5.6%

**Economically Inactive by Age**

- 16-17: 38,000
- 18-24: 53,000
- 25-49: 102,000
- 50+: 380,000

**Unemployment Rate by Country**

- Germany
- United Kingdom
- Northern Ireland
- Poland
- Ireland
- Total EU
- France
- Eurozone
- Italy
- Portugal
- Spain
- Greece

*Please note that the levels refer to 16+ population while the rates refer to the 16-64 population.
Our Innovation Strategy...

In 2015.....
£749.6m investment in R&D
BERD - £540m (72%)
HERD - £192.9m (26%)
GERD - £16.7m (2%).
Historically Large Public Sector

SME Dominated Business base

- Micro (0-9)
- Small (10-49)
- Medium (50-249)
- Large (250+)

Construction 4%
Manufacturing 12%
Distribution 21%
Services 62%

Sector split
Export Focus....

NI Manufacturing Exports by Trade Territory
Latest 12mth Rolling Period Oct 15 - Sept 16

Source: Regional Trade Statistics, HMRC (December 2015)
Note: Includes Live Animals, Tallow and Based on Recorded Figures.

Exports by Sector (£bn) 2014

Manufacturing £6.02bn
Non-Manufacturing £3.7bn

Total NI Manufacturing Exports £7.409bn (£7.41bn)

External Sales = £22.5bn (GB: £12.7bn + Exports: £9.8bn)
Exports = £9.8bn
Facilities

• Open University
• St Mary’s University College
• Stranmillis University College
• College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise
• Six Further Education Colleges

(41% of workforce educated to degree level.)

Centre for Secure IT (CSIT)
• UK’s largest cyber-security research centre at Queen’s University Belfast
Catalyst Inc - NI Science Park
• Over 2,600 engineers, researchers, entrepreneurs and executives work in campuses in Belfast, Derry/ Londonderry and Ballymena.
1 in 5 computer drives has a part created in Northern Ireland
40% of the world’s mobile stone crushing and gravel screening equipment is made in Northern Ireland
75% of inward investors have reinvested in Northern Ireland

Did you know?

1 in 3 London buses is made in Northern Ireland
Northern Ireland people are the happiest in the UK

1 in 3 of the world’s aircraft seats is made in Northern Ireland
Belfast is Europe’s leading destination city for software development and technical support investment