







SFC Strategic Plan Outcomes

Outcome 1: efficient and effective regional college structures

Outcome 2: access for people from the widest possible range of backgrounds

Outcome 3: the right learning in the right place

Outcome 4: high quality, efficient and effective learning

Outcome 5: a developed workforce

Outcome 6: sustainable colleges and universities

Outcome 7: a research base that is internationally competitive and improving its reputation and standing in the world

Outcome 8: university/industry collaboration and the exploitation of research





Dual Support System

Funding Councils

- Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council.
- Higher Education Funding Council for England.
- Higher Education Funding Council for Wales.
- Department for Employment and Learning, Northern Ireland.





Dual Support System

Research Councils (RCUK)

- Arts and Humanities Research Council.
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.
- · Economic and Social Research Council.
- · Medical Research Council.
- · Natural Environment Research Council.
- · Science and Technology Facilities Council.





Research Councils UK

- 1. Provide a highly skilled workforce as the basis for economic growth and sustainability.
- 2. Support national capability in essential disciplines.
- 3. Focus on strategic research and outcomes.
- 4. Support critical mass and centres of excellence.
- 5. Encourage multidisciplinary research collaboration.



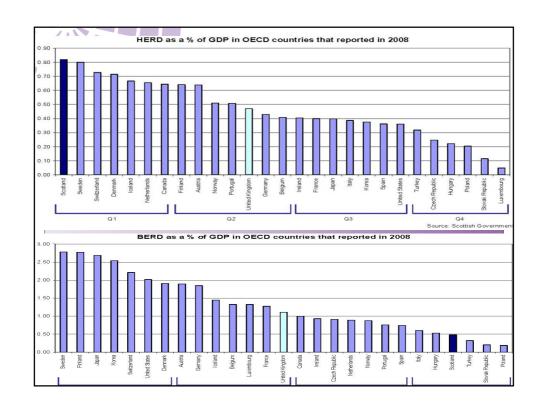




Other sources of funding

- Technology Strategy Board Catapults, Knowledge Transfer.
- National Institute for Health Research (UK).
- Chief Scientist's Office (Scotland).
- Research Charities Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, etc.
- European Commission Framework Programme (FP7).
- European Research Council.
- National Institutes for Health (NIH).
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.







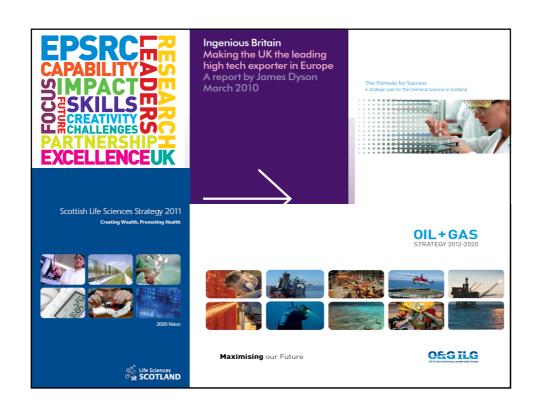


Scotland CAN DO

- An increase in entrepreneurship and innovation activity from individuals and businesses in Scotland resulting in more businesses being formed and new products and services from existing businesses;
- More people from all walks of life with the ambition and skills to create, lead and grow successful businesses;
- An education system with entrepreneurship and innovation at its core, seizing the opportunities presented by Curriculum for Excellence, college reform and the worldleading strength of our universities;
- More of our knowledge and intellectual capital being commercialised and greatly increased collaboration between business and the academic sector; and
- A greater focus on, and share of, global markets as our business leaders grow in confidence and expand their horizons internationally.



















Innovation Landscape

- Pooling
- Interface Innovation Vouchers Skills?
- Easy Access IP
- Innovation Scotland
- Alignment with SE and HIE
- Innovation Centres
- Horizon 2020

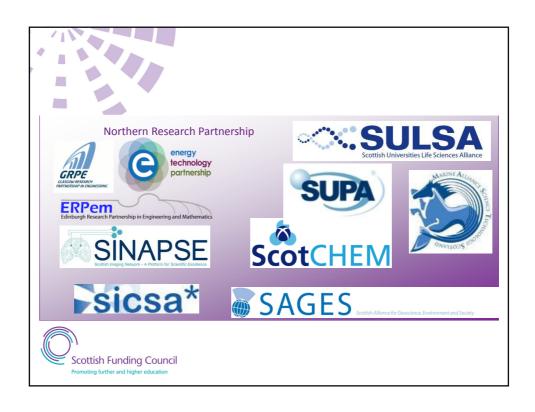




Aims of Research Pooling

- Excellence
- Critical mass
- Competitiveness and Leverage
- Facilities
- Training
- Culture change







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