

Consultancy company helps SMEs with funding, creates 19 jobs in Dublin

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2016: A UK-based consultancy company today (Tuesday) launched their strategic operations centre in Dublin, creating an additional 19 jobs.

Alien Technology Transfer specialises in project financing, project management, development of concepts and business models for innovative products.

Alien Technology Transfer plans to support the company's global growth from its new Irish hub in Dublin City Centre, creating 19 jobs over three years. The company was introduced to Ireland through ConnectIreland, the company responsible for delivering the Government's Succeed in Ireland initiative, as part of the Action Plan for Jobs, in association with IDA Ireland.

Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, welcomed today's announcement: *"Alien Technology Transfer is among a rising number of companies who have decided to set up a European base in Ireland. Once again, this is a testament to our talented Irish workforce and also to Ireland as a great place to do business. I wish Paul and his team all the best for the future."*

Alien Technology Transfer works with small and medium-sized companies to help them secure grant funding under Horizon 2020. The Irish operation will be in charge of project management activities and development of business plans for clients across Europe, in sectors including ICT, energy, health, manufacturing, transport and eco-innovation.

Horizon 2020 is an EU-wide Research and Innovation programme with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020). The programme, aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness, focuses on supporting new projects and getting them off the ground quickly.

Alien Technology Transfer guides the application process and provides comprehensive support from proposal preparation and feasibility study performance to project management.

Paul Pietrangelo, COO of Alien Technology Transfer's Ireland operations, said: *"We chose Dublin for our expansion as it is one of the best places in the world for start-ups to grow and do business. With the presence of both research focused universities and big tech companies, Dublin is a becoming a centre of excellence for innovation. We hope to work with many local start-ups in achieving their financial and commercial goals".*

Alien Technology Transfer is currently recruiting for Project Managers. Interested applicants can apply by sending their CV and covering letter to info@alientt.com.

The company chose to locate in Dublin because of the highly educated, multilingual workforce, as well as the booming start-up culture and high concentration of small and medium-sized companies.

Joanna Murphy, CEO of ConnectIreland, said: *"Alien Technology Transfer provide invaluable support to small and medium-sized companies looking to access important EU funding. We are delighted that they recognised the value of Ireland's business community and wish them every success in the future".*

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About Alien Technology Transfer

ATT was founded in October 2013 as a specialised consultancy in the SME Instrument, the dedicated grant scheme in Horizon 2020 for the benefit of European Small and Medium Enterprises. The company works closely with clients in order to identify a strategy towards obtaining the SME Instrument grant and leading the product prototype to market. ATT is composed of 25 full-time professionals and the company is headquartered in London, with offices in Rome, Vilnius and now Dublin. ATT professionals have experience in engineering, business analysis, project management and project financing through European grants. The company prepares proposals, performs feasibility studies and manages international projects within the H2020 SME Instrument from its Dublin office.