

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Skillnets
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Skillnets
<b>Scheme ID</b>	110
<b>Country</b>	 Ireland
<b>Reporting year</b>	2015
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for companies
<b>Type of entry</b>	Single instrument

<b>Short description</b>	Skillnets is a government initiative that funds and facilitates training through training networks of private sector companies who operate in the same sector or region and have similar training needs. Each training network delivers subsidised training to its member companies and, since 2010, to unemployed people. Skillnets training networks programme is funded from the National Training Fund.
<b>Short description of the related instruments</b>	nap

<b>Level of operation</b>	Sectoral
	Regional
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	nap
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Various regions
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Various
<b>Relevance</b>	Marginal scheme
<b>Objective(s) and target(s)</b>	To increase participation in company training; to improve competitiveness and provide improved access for workers to industry-specific/transferable skills development.
<b>Year of implementation</b>	1999

<b>Year of latest amendment</b>	2012
<b>Operation/management</b>	Skillnets Ltd is governed by a board containing representatives of employer associations and trade unions as well as ministerial appointees. A budget is allocated from the National Training Fund.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	Industry-led networks, their members - private companies and their employees; unemployed people.
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	None
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Skillnets training networks programme programme (TNP) is funded from the National Training Fund; money is transferred via FÁS.
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	Under the current training networks programme (TNP) up to 50% of the cost of all eligible network activities is provided  Allocation: Companies meeting predefined criteria best are funded.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Fees and other costs related to education and training
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	na
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	There are no figures available on the companies benefiting from this scheme. 43 974 individuals were funded in 2012.
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	Skillnets.
<b>Monitoring/evaluation reports available</b>	<a href="http://www.skillnets.ie/publications">http://www.skillnets.ie/publications</a>
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	<a href="http://www.skillnets.ie/">http://www.skillnets.ie/</a>
<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="http://www.skillnets.ie/">http://www.skillnets.ie/</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	Since 2012 Skillnets has operated a new programme, ManagementWorks. This programme was established under the Government's Action Plan for Jobs. This had the objective of addressing the need to enhance the level of management capability of small and medium-sized enterprises, which was identified in the report of the Management Development Council in 2010.
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.skillnets.ie/">http://www.skillnets.ie/</a>  <a href="http://www.skillnets.ie/sites/skillnets.ie/files/pdf/indecon_evaluation...">http://www.skillnets.ie/sites/skillnets.ie/files/pdf/indecon_evaluation...</a>

