



SFI Strategy Development Webinar

30th August 2018

Webinar overview

- **Context and current strategy**
- New Strategy Development Process
 - What's in store for the next 6 months
- How to Engage
 - Have your say on what comes next

Science Foundation Ireland is Ireland's largest competitive funder of research

Founded in
2000

Officially
established in
2003

As at 31 December 2017

750 Live Awards

with future commitments totaling

€450m

€2.2bn

Spend and

€2.7bn

Committed
to date in

**5,240
Awards**

SFI's current strategy, Agenda 2020, focusses on Excellence and Impact



1 To be the **Best** science funding agency in the world at creating **impact** from **excellent** research and demonstrating clear value for money invested

3 To have the most engaged and **scientifically informed public**

4 To represent the **ideal modern public service organisation**, staffed in a lean and flexible manner, with efficient and effective management.

2 To be the exemplar in **building partnerships** that **fund excellent science** and drive it out into the market and society



Agenda 2020 includes structured objectives, actions, and key performance indicators

GOALS

Why this objective is important

People with a high level of training and skills are a key requirement for innovation, leading to higher value products and services, and improved living standards.

ACTIONS

How we will achieve this objective

Industry Fellowship Scheme supporting Researchers (Postdoctoral to Professor) to spend 1 year in industry, globally

KPIs

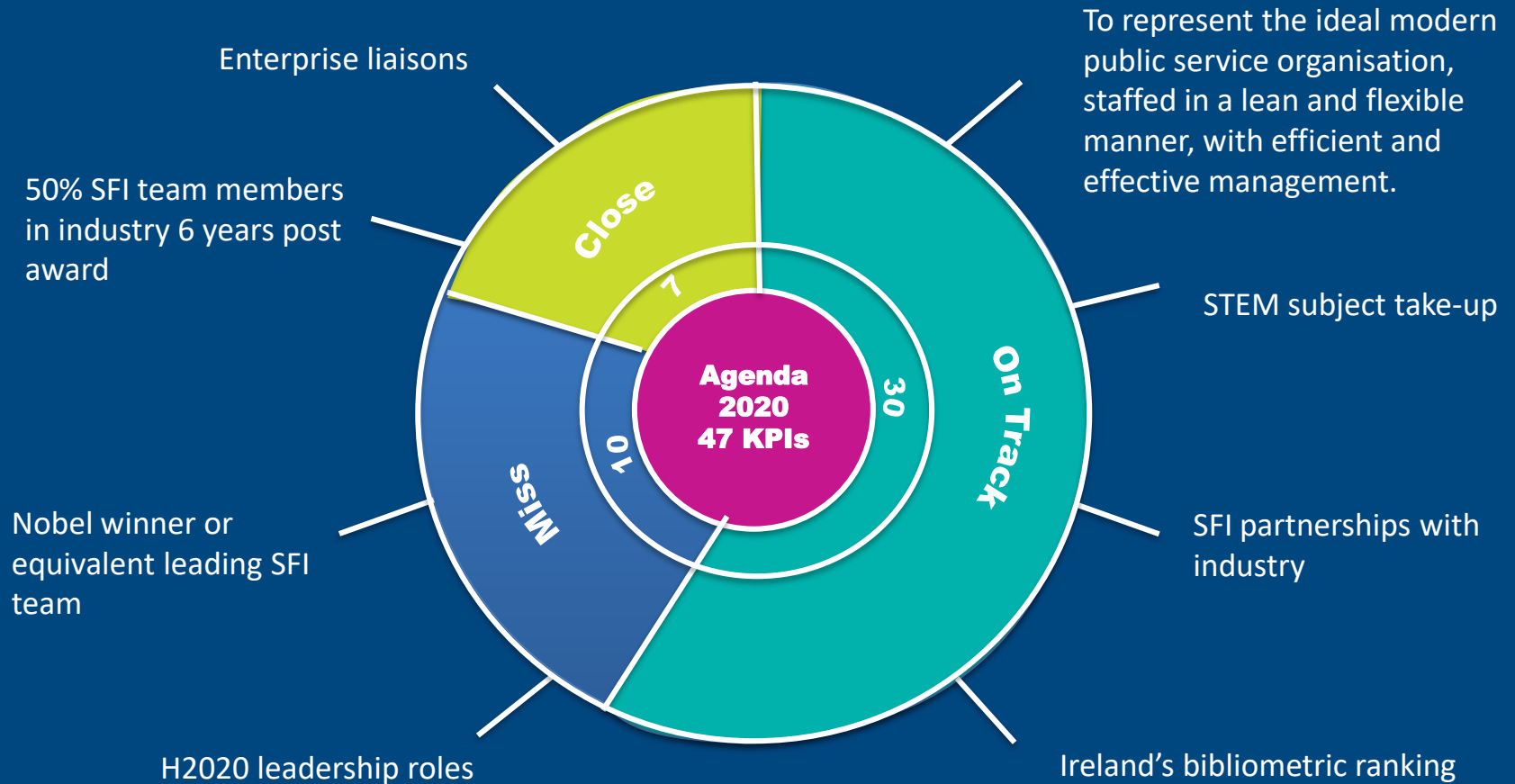
How we will know the objective has been achieved

Percentage of Science Foundation Ireland trainees moving to industry as a first destination.
Target = 50% by 2020

SFI regularly reviews Agenda 2020 implementation



Agenda 2020 targets are broadly being met



The targets reveal a number of areas of strength...

Research Centres,
enterprise is now
paying to play

Balancing
Gender

International
– partnerships,
network and
reputation,

Entrepreneurship
training / culture

Education &
Public
Engagement

**Scientific
Excellence**
(bibliometrics) -
high quality
when normalised

Research
Integrity



....and weakness



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Science Foundation Ireland needs a new strategy to replace Agenda 2020 when it expires

New
Economic
Climate



New and
Expanding
Horizons

IoT Robotics
Smart Agriculture
AI
Future of Work
Sustainability
Personalization

International
Best Practice



Ambitious &
competitive

Incremental
& Step
change

New Strategy for a New Future

Innovation leader

Maximum impact

The best funder

We're looking for your input and ideas

Extensive Consultation

Researchers, students, higher education institutions, other funding organisations, government agencies, the public...

What's working?



What's not working?

Step changes?

Who is SFI?



What's missing?

Major challenges facing Ireland?

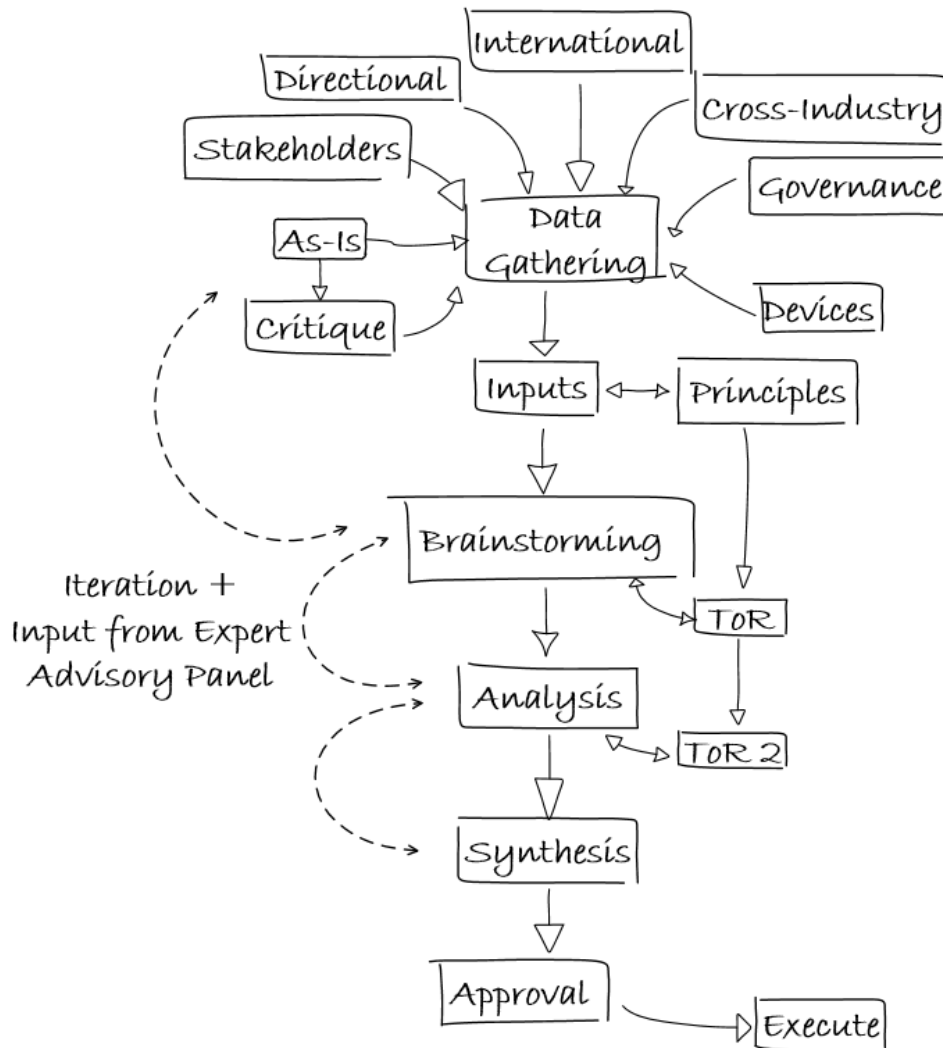
7 years from now?



Ground-breaking or major changes?



We will use novel tools and a very consultative approach to develop the new strategy



There will be several opportunities to engage and input

Second Webinar - Live



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Here's how we hope you will engage

- ✓ Survey is live now at www.sfi.ie
- ✓ Email the strategy development team strategy2025@sfi.ie



- ✓ Second live webinar with Q&A scheduled for late November/Early December
- ✓ Draft strategy document to be released early 2019 followed by public consultation process





Thank You

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