

Ireland's Knowledge Economy Policy: Beliefs and Drivers

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Belief System

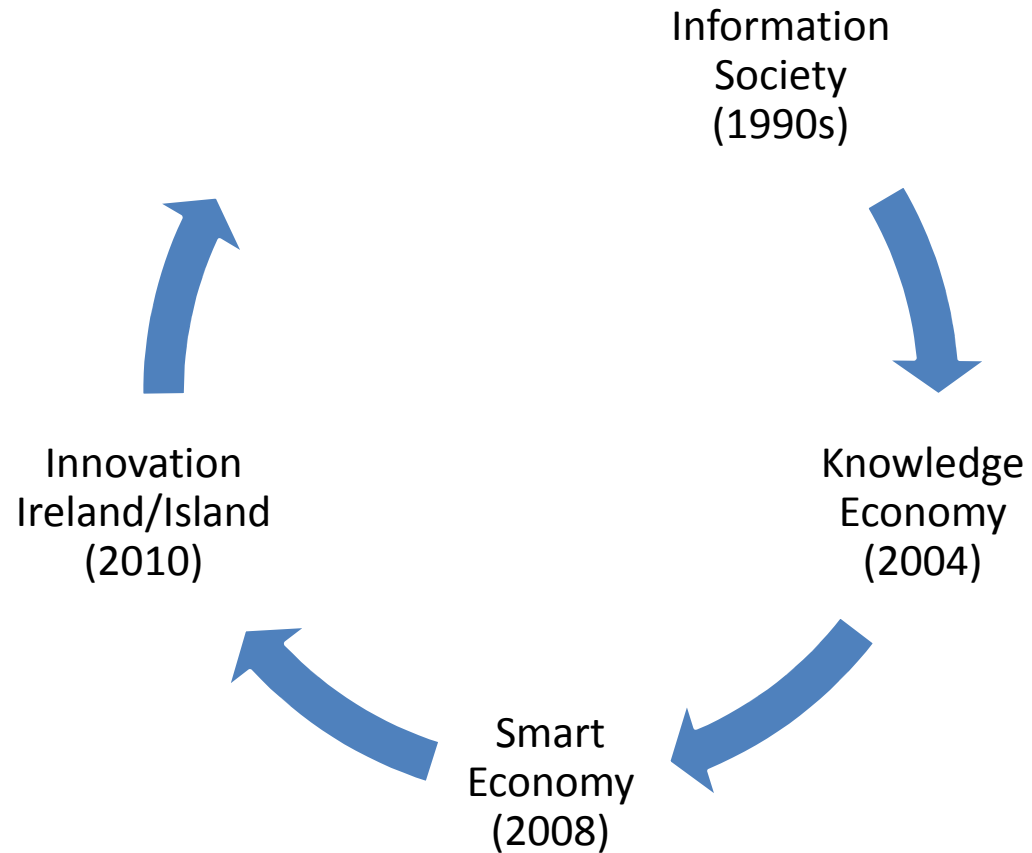
- Policy core beliefs
 - Move up the value chain
 - Knowledge economy is a selling point for attracting foreign investment
 - No alternative
- Secondary beliefs
 - Importance of science and technology
 - Research prioritisation

Who is Driving the Knowledge Economy Policy?

- Politicians
 - Mary Harney; Micheál Martin
- Bureaucrats
 - Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
 - Industrial Development Agency, Enterprise Ireland, Forfás and Science Foundation Ireland
- Corporate sector
 - Primarily multinationals (eg. Craig Barrett, retired CEO of Intel)
 - Irish Business and Employers Confederation and American Chamber of Commerce
- Education
 - University presidents
 - Irish Universities Association and Higher Education Authority
- Public opinion
 - Top-down policy
- Media

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R&D



Knowledge



Innovation



Competitiveness

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