

MDR is in the **Agricultural heartland** of Ireland

Home to one of the largest dairy and mushroom producing **Co-operatives** in Ireland

MDR industries include **food processing, pharmaceutical and chemical industry**

MDR Hub - Lisheen Mine - Closed December 2015

Master plan for Brown field site re-industrialisation



Investment in Irish MDR for sustainable chemicals

- ▶ **Dairy** biorefinery - €50M - biobased chemicals
- ▶ **Mushroom** integrated production facility and biorefinery €35M - biobased chemicals, (including biobased fertilizer)
- ▶ **BEACON** - Bioeconomy research centre - €18M - biobased chemicals research
- ▶ **Feasibility study** for pilot scale facility for bioeconomy €100K
- ▶ **Pilot scale facilities** - €5M

Factors essential to attract investments

- ▶ **Strong Agri-food industry**
- ▶ **Policy development**
 - ▶ Taoiseach's (Prime Minister's) office - bioeconomy policy statement
 - ▶ MDR - local policy development
- ▶ **Infrastructure**
 - ▶ 3 airports and 3 ports within 1.5 hours
 - ▶ Renewable energy, Water
 - ▶ Roads, Weighbridges
 - ▶ Buildings
 - ▶ Electrical substation

Barriers to reinforcement

- ▶ Pilot scale facilities to enable industrial innovation
- ▶ Bioeconomy campus
- ▶ National bioeconomy policy
- ▶ Policy to support innovation

Thank you

▶ **European Sustainable Chemicals Support Service**

