



Innovate
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Innovate UK - Place

Place R&D – Innovation, co-creation and
the English Devolution agenda



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Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency

As part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), **Innovate UK** is publicly funded to drive innovation and productivity across the UK.

We work to create a better future by inspiring, involving and investing in businesses that are developing life-changing innovations.



Our strategic priorities



Domains

Powering the race to **net zero**. Ensuring healthy lives and economic growth by supporting **life sciences, food and agriculture**.

Leveraging **digital and technology** innovation for safe and sustainable productivity and economic growth.



Place

Working with partners, supporting regional development and international engagement. Enabling new skills and talent, and new collaborations to drive sustainable growth for businesses across the UK.



Products & Services

Investing funding, expertise and support in accelerating future economic growth. Meeting the changing needs of businesses, expand research opportunities and support communities.

Place - Innovate UK's Strategy

Place matters at the regional and national level, as an enabler of impact and domain-led outcomes

- Vibrant local business clusters attract investment and talented workers, meaning businesses can grow and scale
- Helping businesses in a local supply chain to innovate and do things differently to improve productivity and enrich local economies
- Supporting innovation in places helps to build strong national capability and support regional growth across the UK



Strengthening UK Capability in Places

Investing in local strengths that are critical to building and maintaining overall UK capability



Connecting National to Local

Making it easier for businesses to find the best support, whether local or national



Driving local impact

Tailored support to clusters of innovative businesses to improve local economies

National body deepening our local reach



We help companies to grow through their development & commercialisation of new products, processes & services, supported by an outstanding innovation ecosystem that is agile, inclusive and easy to navigate.



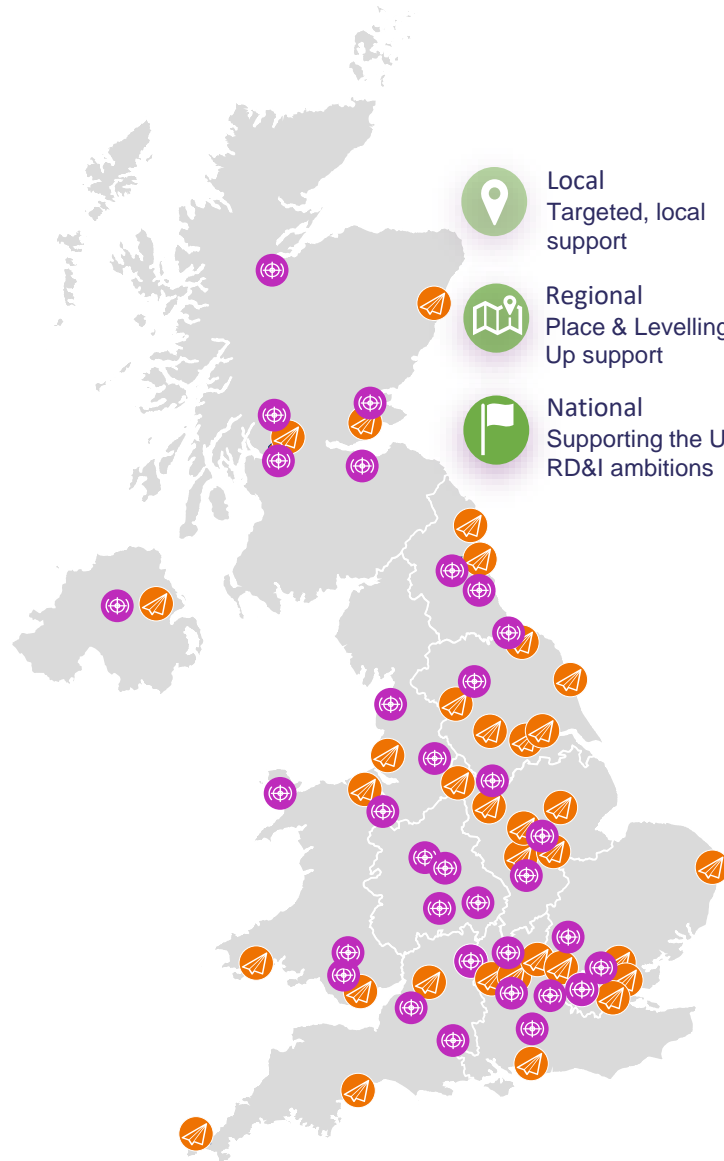
We connect innovators with new partners & opportunities beyond their existing thinking; accelerating ambitious ideas into real-world solutions.



We support those building scalable businesses to achieve their goals, in every sector & from seed to scale stage.



We support businesses in transforming great ideas into valuable products & services. We are a network of world-leading technology and innovation centres.



600
Innovation & Growth Specialists across the UK

over 20 years of innovation expertise

150
Investor Partnerships

5000
Live projects

17 Critical Technologies across **3** Domains

9 Catapults; **50** centres across the UK

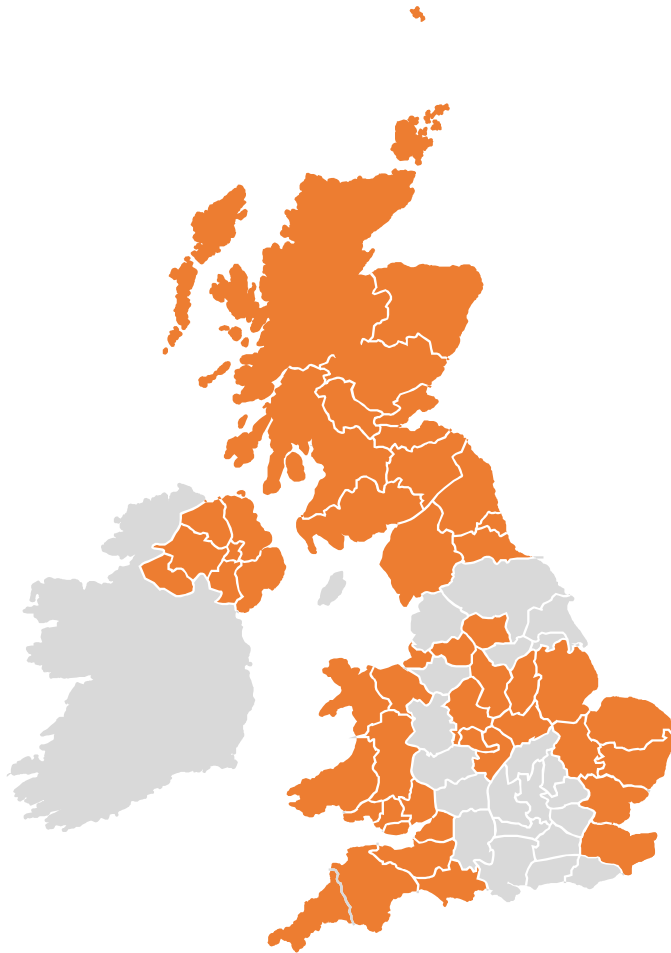
Over 30 Products & Services

450,000 innovators; aim to reach **1m** by 2025



IUK - Targeted support to Innovation Clusters

Innovate UK has taken a leadership position on delivering place-based innovation. We have developed an offer which is driving collaboration and co-creation with regions for targeted impact



Launchpads

£80m into 11 new co-created Launchpads, targeting support to SME clusters to provide innovation led growth

Innovation Accelerators

A new model of co-creation, investing £100m into three city regions with mature innovation ecosystems

Strength in Places Fund

£316m, with Research England, into 12 projects that build on existing regional strengths in research and innovation

(IUK) Local Action Plans

- Developed in partnership with local leadership
- They outline the shared commitments to build greater coherence between local and national strategies and to develop local strengths and clusters.
- Each has a similar, (but not identical!) structure:
 - Clusters and Strengths
 - Assets and Facilities
 - Commitments and Actions



Sharing reflections.....

- We have moved beyond polarised viewpoints
- Co-creation
- Culture change
- Relationships
- Patience!
- Looking ahead – industrial strategy