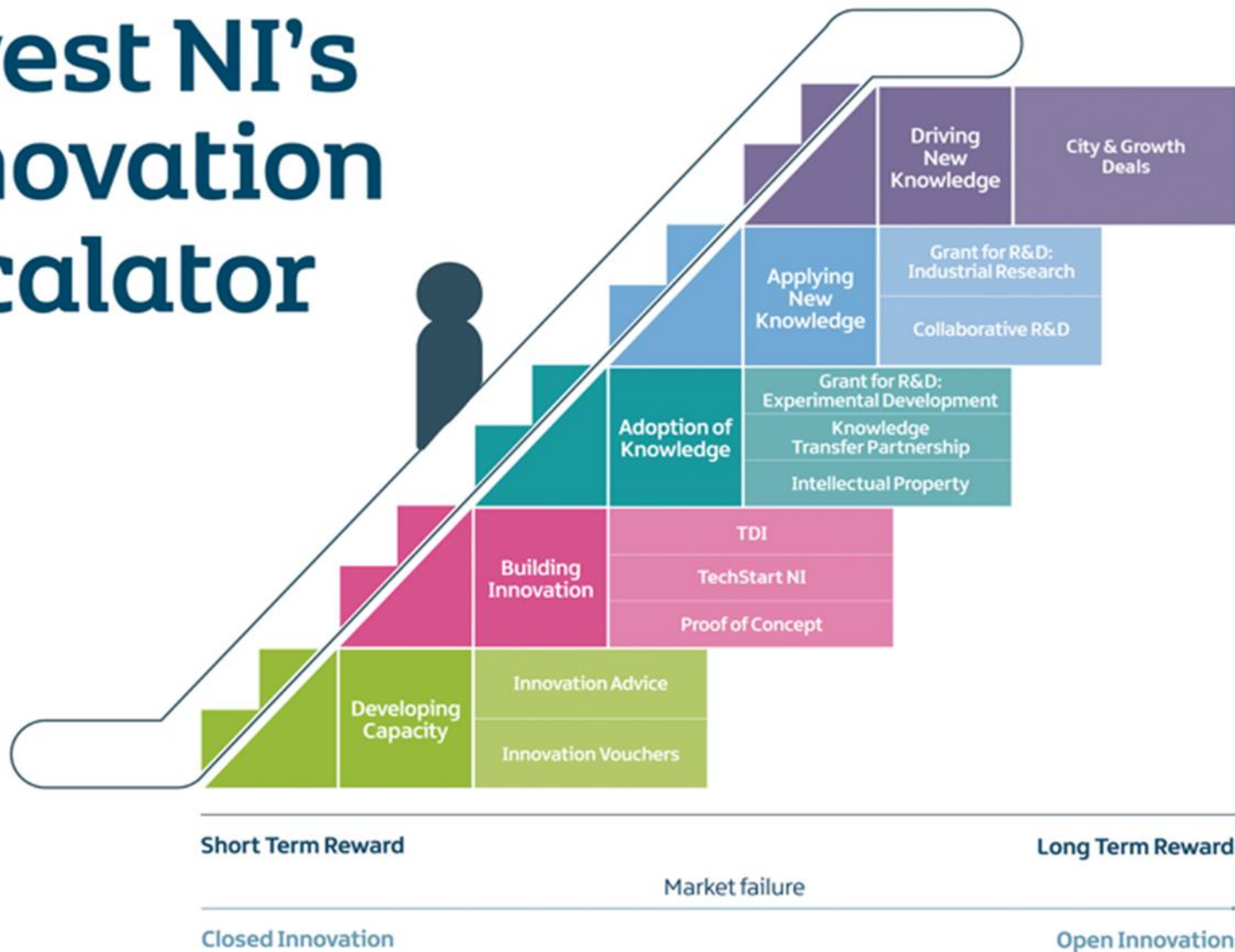


Invest Northern Ireland's R&D Support

Innovation Advisor Role

- Work with companies, to guide them through our R&D support schemes
- Help to scope out their R&D project
- Advise on local university, college and company capabilities in NI, for potential collaborations
- Review draft applications before submission

Invest NI's Innovation Escalator



Other funding opportunities

Business Info Centre

Innovate NI

Developing Capability

- Technical advice and guidance from TAU, Energy Specialists and Innovation Advisors

Innovation Vouchers

- A voucher is worth up to £5000 and is used by SMEs to allow them to work with a Knowledge Provider
- Businesses may have a maximum of 3 vouchers for different projects, but only one voucher at a time
- 4 open calls for applications per year – Next call expected to open early 2025.

Building Innovation

TDI

- Support for external private consultancy
- International consultancy is eligible
- Max project costs £60k with max grant 50% capped at £25k

Adopting and Applying Knowledge

Grant for R&D

- Support for technically risky projects
- Ideas must be exploitable
- Support for future work - not retrospective
- Support is discretionary - subject to Invest NI decision

Adopting and Applying Knowledge

Scheme details

- Project Definition (planning phase)
- Main Grant for R&D
- Streamlined R&D Application (SME's only)
- Support rates based on company size and level of innovation
- Project theme created by the customer not by Invest NI

Adopting and Applying Knowledge

Eligible costs;

- Internal labour (including 15% overhead)
- External consultancy
- Subcontracting
- Materials
- Equipment (depreciation or lease only)
- Trials and testing
- IP (SME's only)

Adopting and Applying Knowledge

New higher R&D Grant rates

- SME's who have not had a Grant for R&D offer from INI in last 3 years – IV, TDI and PD do not exclude you
- 70% flat rate of grant on eligible costs up to £100k of grant support
- Support is De-minimis – check your headroom for support (max €300k in last 3 years)
- Trial to encourage more SME R&D
- Speak to your CE, IA or TE

In addition

NI based companies can access;

- DESNZ
 - Relaunched and possibly renamed IETF
- Horizon Europe funding
 - Access to €95bn of EU funding
- Innovate UK funding
 - Innovate UK's NI team is based in our INI offices

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