

# Innovation Partnership - Stage 1 Application Form

## Overview

The Innovation Partnerships element is part of the Farming for Sustainability – Innovation Scheme.

DAERA is inviting applications from groups of farmers working in partnership with industry experts to develop and deliver innovative projects that address key challenges, opportunities, or emerging issues facing the agri-food industry.

Funded projects must demonstrate alignment with one or more of the following priority areas:

- Improved environmental sustainability
- One Health approaches
- Enhanced productivity
- Increased sector resilience
- A more effective and efficient supply chain

Applications must be submitted by collaborations of at least two applicants from different organisations, with the appropriate expertise for the proposed project. At least one applicant must be from a farm business holding a DAERA Category 1 Business Identification Number.

## Contact Details

Name of Operational Group

*(Required)*

Project Title

*(Required)*

Lead Applicant Name

*(Required)*

Lead Applicant Address

*(Required)*

Lead Applicant Postcode

*(Required)*

Lead Applicant Landline Number

(Required)

Lead Applicant Mobile Number

(Required)

Lead Applicant E-mail Address

(Required)

Confirm Lead Applicant E-mail Address

(Required)

Do you have a DAERA Business Id number?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you have answered Yes, please provide your DAERA Business ID Number

## Membership of Group

Please complete the following questions regarding the members of your group.

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

*(Required)*

Group Member Landline Number

*(Required)*

Group Member Mobile Number

*(Required)*

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

## Membership of Group (2)

Please complete the following questions regarding the members of your group.

Group Member Name

*(Required)*

Group Member Address

*(Required)*

Group Member Postcode

*(Required)*

Group Member Landline Number

*(Required)*

Group Member Mobile Number

*(Required)*

Group Member E-mail Address

*(Required)*

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

*(Required)*

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

*(Required)*

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member *(Required)*

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

### Membership of Group (3)

Group Member Name

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

Membership of Group (4)

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of the Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

## Membership of Group (5)

Group Member Name

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

## Membership of Group (6)

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

## Membership of Group (7)

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

Yes

No

### Membership of Group (8)

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

### Membership of Group (9)

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

Do you need to add another group member?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

## Membership of Group (10)

Group Member Name

Group Member Address

Group Member Postcode

Group Member Landline Number

Group Member Mobile Number

Group Member E-mail Address

Confirm Group Member E-mail Address

Please provide a brief description of the expertise they will bring to the group.

Is this person a member of a Farm Business?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes  
 No

If you have answered Yes, please provide the DAERA Business ID number of this group member

## Issue/Opportunity being Investigated

Please provide a brief description of the issue or opportunity being investigated.

Briefly outline why this issue or opportunity is important to the Agri-Food Industry in Northern Ireland?

What types of farms in Northern Ireland would benefit from addressing this issue or opportunity?

What are the key benefits addressing this issue or opportunity will have on these individual farms?

Approximately how many farms in Northern Ireland could be impacted by addressing this issue or opportunity?

## Theme Information

- I. The application must show that the topic or project that the Operational Group will investigate will make a positive contribution to *at least* one of the following themes; and  
II. The application must show that the topic or project the Operational Group will investigate will not have a negative impact on *any* of the following themes:

<b>Productivity</b>	Ambition: an industry that pursues enhanced productivity in international terms, closing the productivity gap which has been opening up with other major suppliers. This will create the basis for a profitable sector which can grow market share.
<b>Resilience</b>	Ambition: an industry that displays improved resilience to external shocks (such as market and currency volatility, extreme weather events, etc.) which are ever more frequent and to which the industry has become very exposed.
<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>	Ambition: an industry that is environmentally sustainable in terms of its impact on, and guardianship of, air and water quality, soil health, carbon footprint and biodiversity.
<b>Supply Chain</b>	Ambition: an industry which operates within an integrated, efficient, sustainable, competitive and responsive supply chain, with clear transmission of market signals and an overriding focus on high quality food and the end consumer.
<b>One Health</b>	Ambition: an industry that appreciates the interdependence of human health, animal health, the environment, and the food chain.

## Productivity

Ambition: an industry that pursues enhanced productivity in international terms, closing the productivity gap which has been opening up with other major suppliers. This will create the basis for a profitable sector which will grow market share.

Please select what kind of impact this issue or opportunity will have on the 'Productivity' ambition.

*Please select only one item*

- Positive Impact  
 Neutral Impact  
 Negative Impact

If you selected 'Positive Impact' or 'Negative Impact' please describe how this might occur.

## Resilience

Ambition: an industry that displays improved resilience to external shocks (such as market and currency volatility, extreme weather events etc) which are ever more frequent and to which the industry has become very exposed.

Please select what kind of impact this issue or opportunity will have on the 'Resilience' ambition.

*Please select only one item*

- Positive Impact  
 Neutral Impact  
 Negative Impact

If you selected 'Positive Impact' or 'Negative Impact' please describe how this might occur.

## Environmental Sustainability

Ambition: an industry that is environmentally sustainable in terms of its impact on, and guardianship of, air and water quality, soil health, carbon footprint and biodiversity.

Please select what kind of impact this issue or opportunity will have on the 'Environmentally Sustainable' ambition.

*Please select only one item*

- Positive Impact  
 Neutral Impact  
 Negative Impact

If you selected 'Positive Impact' or 'Negative Impact' please describe how this might occur.

## Supply Chain

Ambition: an Industry which operates within an integrated, efficient, sustainable, competitive and responsive supply chain, with clear transmission of market signals and an overriding focus on high quality food and the end consumer.

Please select what kind of impact this issue or opportunity will have on the 'Supply Chain' ambition.

*Please select only one item*

- Positive Impact  
 Neutral Impact  
 Negative Impact

If you selected 'Positive Impact' or 'Negative Impact' please describe how this might occur.

## One Health

Ambition:- An industry that appreciates the interdependence of human health, animal health, the environment, and the food chain

Please select what kind of impact this issue or opportunity will have on the "One Health" ambition

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Positive Impact
- Negative Impact
- Neutral Impact

If you selected "Positive Impact" or "Negative Impact" please describe how this might occur

## Funding

Have any of the partners been granted, or have applied for, public funding for any of the actions set out in the action plan?

*(Required)*

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

If yes, please detail what public funding has been granted.

Will the lead partner be funding the operational group until the Innovation Partnership grant is received?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

If no, please detail how the group will be funded until the Innovation Partnership grant is received.

## Declaration

As lead applicant I confirm that: (1) The information in this application form is correct and; (2) I have read, understood & agree to the Application Terms and Conditions set out in the Scheme Brochure.

I agree. *(Required)*

## Acknowledgement

Thank you for submitting your Innovation Partnerships application. After the closing date your application will be checked to ensure it aligns with DAERA priorities. It will then be assessed by a panel, and a member of the Innovation team will contact you in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact [Innovation.Partnerships@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Innovation.Partnerships@daera-ni.gov.uk)