



CONNECTING  
**CORK**

**YOUR**

**GLOBAL BUSINESS**

**DESTINATION.**



Cork is projected to be the fastest growing region in Ireland in the next 20 years with the City's population to grow by 50%. Over 180 foreign investors have decided to locate in Cork, building strong industry clusters and employing over 43,000 people in the region. Ideally situated between USA and Asia-Pacific markets, Cork delivers top class talent and, as Ireland's maritime haven and food capital, offers an attractive work-life balance. Cork can be your solution!

### Strong Clusters

- Industry clusters supported by world-class research groups and centres of excellence
- Ireland's second centre for financial services
- Life Sciences cluster spans the pharmaceutical, bio-pharma & medical device sectors
- Growing offshore renewable energy cluster with huge potential for exponential growth
- Multiple EMEA operations servicing multiple markets in the local language



### strong clusters

ICT, pharma, cyber security, renewable energy, financial and professional services, maritime, agri-food

### BIG ON LIFE

- Cork's strong regional industry clusters offer high quality roles to grow a rewarding professional career
- Compact city-living
- Among 100 cities participating in EU Mission for climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
- Cork City centre's night-time economy has retained its Purple Flag accreditation (ACTM 2022)
- Spectacular rural and coastal environment
- Festival city-region
- Food capital of Ireland
- Found to be the most active city across Ireland in 2022
- Ireland's maritime haven

big  
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### No.1 European small city

for Economic Potential

### No.1 for Business

- Cork ranked no.1 small European city for Economic Potential, 2nd Overall, 3rd for FDI strategy and, 4th for Business Friendliness.

FDI Intelligence European Cities and Regions of the Future 2022/23)

- Cork City generates the highest revenue per person in Ireland
- Strong pro-business environment
- Collaborative, inter-agency partnerships
- Thriving start-up community and entrepreneurial spirit and with first class accelerator initiatives
- 100 Gbps fibre connectivity between Cork & the US & UK

180+  
overseas  
companies

43,000+ employees in FDI businesses

### 180+ Overseas Companies

- FDI investors employ over 43,000 people in the region
- Multicultural workforce from over 100 different countries
- Cork is home to several strong industry clusters built on a mix of FDI investment and indigenous SMEs
- Strong track record of successful international investment and re-investment

## 580,000+ Population

- Ireland's second largest city with a population over 220,000 and 580,000+ in Cork County
- Cork City's population is set to increase by 50% by 2040
- 30% of Cork population under 17 years of age
- Located on the south coast of Ireland with direct access to EU markets
- EU's second largest English-speaking city
- Ideally situated between USA and Asia-Pacific markets
- Only 2.5 hours from Dublin

  
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## Strong Talent Pipeline

- Cork delivers top class talent with its two regional universities
- UCC & MTU have over 40,000 students and 10,000 graduates combined
- Excellence in R&D and innovation through third-level research institutes
- UCC is in the top 1.1% of universities in the world and is home to CUBS – Ireland's largest business school
- MTU, Ireland's highest ranked technological university, works closely with industry to develop relevant, industry focused courses
- Four other third level institutes within a 2-hour commuting distance

  
**40,000**  
third level students

**transport links** 

## Transport Links

- Flights to hub airports in London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Rome & Manchester
- 50+ destinations served from Cork International Airport
- World's second largest natural harbour with new routes to Belgium, France & the US
- Hourly trains between Cork & Dublin

**office rental**   
Highly competitive comparable rates

## Office Rental

- Prime Cork City centre office rents are 52% that of Dublin City centre office rents (Savills Research – Review and Outlook 2023)
- Highly competitive rates
- New state of the art office space in the city centre
- Gold and Platinum LEED offices
- 17 innovative co-working hubs in the county



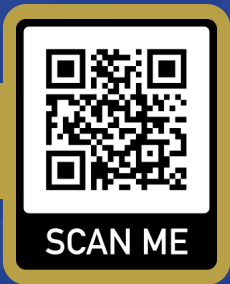
## Cork is a creative, innovative and vibrant region.

As Ireland's second city region, it is an international gateway to Europe and lies at the centre of the global economies of Asia and the Americas. Cork has a strong track record in attracting and retaining investment. There is a positive can-do attitude with a strong talent pipeline and collaborative inter-agency that inspires confidence in international investors and makes visitors feel instantly welcome.

Offering the perfect combination of vibrant and compact city-living, with spectacular rural and coastal scenery on the doorstep, Cork is full of character and offers a perfect work-life balance.

## Come join us!

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