

IRELAND: TRANSPORT PARTNERING EXCHANGE



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UK railway suppliers are invited to apply to attend a Transport Partnering Exchange being organised by the Department for Business and Trade. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with Irish and British contractors and OEMs who are looking to participate in major Irish transport projects, such as MetroLink, Luas, DART+ and the Cork Area Commuter Rail.

This will be a hybrid event and the in-person element will be a one-day speed-dating event.

Details

Date: Monday 17th November 2025, 09.00-17.00 (in-person). Any virtual elements will be arranged between 18th and 30th November.

Venue: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, 8 Golden Lane, Dublin 8, D08 VRR7, Ireland.

Costs: There is no cost to attend this event., although delegates are responsible for their own flight, hotel, and related costs.

Getting Involved

UK registered companies are invited to apply. Applications close on Monday 27th October.

The registration requests a 50-word company overview, details of your international work and the specific goods and services you provide, aligned to the needs of the Tier 1 contractors and OEMs.

Based on the application, UK companies will be selected for the event based on the application, UK companies will be selected at the discretion of DBT. We will aim to confirm places by 31st October.

Please do NOT book travel before your place is confirmed.



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Objectives

This event has been designed to match the UK supply chain with Tier 1 contractors / OEMs who are bidding for packages for Metrolink and other Irish projects like DART+ and the Cork Area Commuter Rail. The event will also provide access to the Metrolink project team, Irish Rail, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the National Transport Authority and DBT officials.

Programme

09:00-09:30 Opening remarks and project overviews

09:30-12:50 15-minute programmed meetings

12:50-13:30 Networking lunch

13:30-16:30 15-minute programmed meetings

18:00-20:00 Optional networking at local pub where delegates will fund their own food and drink

Who should sign up?

We are specifically looking for companies that can offer products and services that match the needs of the Tier 1 contractors / OEMs. These include, but are not limited to: digital services, safety & assurance, professional services, consulting services, signalling, civils, specialist subcontractors, materials providers, earthworks, MEP, temporary site accommodation, station fit-outs, design services. based on the application, UK companies will be selected at the discretion of DBT. We will aim to confirm places by 31st October.

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Who's involved?

The Tier 1 and OEM companies include:

- Costain
- Babcock,
- BAM Ireland,
- Jacobs Engineering,
- Dragados-Sisk-Murphy JV,
- Alstom,
- CAF.

Representatives from MetroLink, TII, the NTA and Irish Rail will be present on the day.

Terms & Conditions

- Applications are only open to UK registered companies.
- Travel and accommodation costs will be at the company's expense.
- Travel should not be booked until your place is confirmed by DBT.
- Only 2 representatives from each individual company will be able to attend.

By applying to take part in the event you agree to inform the DBT Ireland of any future Irish market export success.



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Sector Overview

Under Ireland's National Development Plan, €24.33bn has been allocated to transport projects between 2025 and 2030, which will transform the Irish transport network. Additional funding will be granted for projects beyond 2030. Budget 2026 has allocated an extra €800m to the Department of Transport for projects throughout 2026.

Projects

Metrolink is a €9.5 billion metro system set to transform Dublin's transport network. It will connect Swords to the city centre in 25 minutes via a high-capacity, mostly underground, electrified line, integrating with Irish Rail, Dublin Bus, and Luas.

The project includes four main contract packages: one public-private partnership to Design, Build, Operate, Maintain and Finance (M500) and two design-and-build contracts (M401 and M402) for tunnelling and civil works. Advance works (M100 series) cover utilities, land access, demolition, archaeology, and environmental monitoring. Despite challenges in cost, timeline, and community impact, Metrolink promises major economic, social, and environmental benefits.

Irish Rail's DART+ scheme expands Dublin's electrified rail from 50km to 150km, doubling passenger capacity and improving sustainable, frequent service across the Greater Dublin Area. This project is being split into 7 mainly design & build packages, based on specialism: Electrification, Civils & Structural, Capacity Enhancement at Connolly Station, Rail Systems, a new station at Spencer Dock, Signalling & Telecoms Contractor and a new depot.

The Cork Area Commuter Rail scheme expands and electrifies rail links between Mallow, Cork, Cobh & Midleton, adding 8 new stations and boosting frequency for a greener, better-connected transport network.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland is planning to expand the Luas (tram) network across Ireland, with medium term plans for Finglas, Lucan, Poolbeg, Bray, and Cork, plus longer-term orbital and circular routes around Dublin.

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