



In 2019, ABFI and its category associations successfully rebranded to Drinks Ireland. The number of members grew by a third to 65 manufacturers, distributors and brand-owners of beer, cider, wine, spirits and Irish Whiskey across the island of Ireland. Key Policy issues were the implementation and lobbying on the Public Health (Alcohol Act), lobbying on and working with state agencies to mitigate the effect of US tariffs on the Irish spirits sector; Brexit and the DAFM Agrifood 2030 consultation. For a seventh budget in a row, there was no excise increase on alcohol, following a very successful DIGI SYL campaign. We worked hard to enhance our reputation and extend our stakeholder supporters through election campaigns on both sides of the border, and stronger engagement with state agencies, civil service, throughout our supply chain, and directly with our consumers.

[Read more](#)



As Ireland's agri-food and drink sector begins to develop a new 10-year strategy, FDI has highlighted the cross-cutting strategic challenges and opportunities as well as the necessary policy measures to underpin its continued success across six key areas: jobs and skills; competitiveness; market development; innovation; sustainability; food safety, diet and nutrition. We continued to support members on Brexit contingency planning in areas such as food regulation, to support sustainable packaging solutions and to highlight industry efforts on reformulation. In 2020 we will continue to provide training and upskilling to the sector through the FDI Skillnet and provide comprehensive and up to date business and economic information to members.

[Read more](#)



Throughout 2019, MII has pursued a comprehensive work programme built around the strategic priorities set out by the MII Board. MII led negotiations with farm organisations during a very challenging period of blockades and protests and maintained a strong media presence throughout, articulating industry position. Focussing on the key challenge of labour shortage, MII secured additional skilled knifemen and general operative permits in 2019. Progress was also made during the year on international market access for Irish meat including additional beef plant approvals for China, access to the Ukraine for pigmeat and Japan for sheepmeat.

[Read more](#)



Dairy Industry Ireland (DII) represents the interests of Ireland's primary and secondary dairy processors, including the specialised nutrition sector, through a comprehensive information and advice service, and representation at national, EU and international level. We engage in the policy and regulation formation and implementation process to ensure that industry competitiveness is enhanced, running a range of industry committees to insure full involvement and expertise. We are dedicated to the success and economic sustainability of our members as we work diligently to strengthen Ireland's reputation as a global dairy leader. We are driven to cultivate fair and favourable business conditions that enable our members to prosper and delivering robust representation across a range of fora.

[Read more](#)



The Irish Medtech Association supports members across five key areas, innovation, business excellence, skills, commercial, and entrepreneurship. In 2019 we delivered the latest industry foresight, the best business supports, and industry-led training with Skillnets. We lobbied policymakers including: the Department of Finance, and Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, with our Budget 2020 submission on the supporting startups and investing in innovation with an Advanced Manufacturing Centre of scale; the Department of Health on regulatory readiness for the EU MD and IVD Regulations; and Department of Education and Skills on the apprenticeship programmes. We also hosted two major flagship events, "Manufacturing the Future Conference 2019" and "Medtech Rising" along with numerous working group meetings and the popular QAVRA Forums.

[Read more](#)



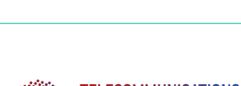
2019 was an important year for BPCI as we celebrated 25 years in existence. Phase 5 of the BPCI industry strategy was launched in Dublin, Brussels and Boston - key priorities are availability of talent, Factory 4.0, Cell and Gene Therapy, developing our industry cluster and working with the research community. BPCI and Ibec gained a major win with the EPA around financial provisions- the ultimate savings to Irish business will be in the region of €100 million- a real tangible benefit for many biopharma plants. BPCI's ongoing lobbying on REACH continues to allow companies to keep using chemicals that are essential for their manufacturing processes.

[Read more](#)



In 2019 Technology Ireland continued to develop and launch new sector specific networks, events and webinars. Technology Ireland's primary goal is to help shape the ongoing and future success of the Irish technology sector. Our Future Needs, Future Thinking 2020 report captures the key policy priorities of the sector, which since 2013 the digital sector has grown at an average of 12% per annum. Past achievements are no guarantee of future success and so we must maximise the prospects for Ireland's technology sector.

[Read more](#)



During 2020 Telecommunications Industry Ireland will continue to represent your interests to key external stakeholders and engage regularly with ministers, government departments, local authorities, all the main political parties, state agencies, the European Commission and the media. We will seek a balanced regulatory environment that promotes investment, fewer barriers to infrastructure rollout and reduced costs and red tape for industry. Telecommunications Industry Ireland is leading a campaign to ensure health concerns regarding 5G are responded to and the benefits of 5G are communicated. It is helping industry to prepare for the impact of the forthcoming Electronic Communications Code. It is seeking the retention of the Government's Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce to ensure a focus on industry priorities.

[Read more](#)



Since its launch in July 2018, membership of ALI has more than doubled, from 14 to 32 companies. This growth provides the mandate for ALI to deliver its core objective - that Ireland remains the global centre for aircraft leasing. To achieve this objective, ALI is working on education and skills policy, technology initiatives, support for related industries and, the expansion and improvement of our global tax treaty network. In addition, as part of Ibec, ALI also adds its voice to thousands of Irish companies on common issues of critical importance to our national competitiveness.

[Read more](#)



Financial services is a sector that underpins and enables all others. It is therefore crucial that our sector's competitiveness lies at the heart of the national competitiveness agenda. In 2019 FSI launched its new strategy to address this challenge. Underpinned by 5 goals focused on technology, diversity, talent, sustainability and the operating environment, it is our clear objective that by 2025 Ireland will be a top 20 global financial centre.

[Read more](#)



While activity increased in the property and construction sectors, it has been a challenging year. Affordability and the availability of housing remain a challenge across all tenures. Property Industry Ireland has been active throughout the year, preparing estimates of the demographic demand for homes, setting out the challenges in the delivery of new homes in meetings with the Central Bank, seeking and securing the extension of the Help-to-Buy scheme and the Strategic Housing Submissions (SHD) process, holding a very successful conference in June, and making submissions to Government on key policy initiatives, as well as Budget 2020. We also gave evidence at the Joint Oireachtas Housing Committee on the SHD review and co-hosted a successful study trip for PII members to Cambridge. We will continue to work on your behalf in 2020.

[Read more](#)



Polymer Technology Ireland brings together the polymer supply chain and plastics manufacturing companies. Membership includes a wide range of injection moulding and extrusion companies as well as suppliers of materials and services. PTI has a major focus on skills and is the promoter of the First Polymer Training Skillnet in Athlone (www.firstpolymerskillnet.com) and the new Polymer Technology Apprenticeship (www.polymertechnologyapprenticeships.ie). These projects are designed to deliver a skilled workforce for the industry and help sustain its long-term growth. PTI also brings together leaders from the industry to address critical policy and business issues that impact its development.

[Read more](#)



The Ibec Engineering Network was established to support strategic networking, skills development, provide employer relations guidance, and advocacy. We hosted a sell-out "Manufacturing the Future Conference 2019", the event offered expert insights trends such as, strategic leadership to grow end-to-end manufacturing, using data and digital solutions to enhance processes, and operational excellence. We delivered industry-led training programmes with Skillnets including, the MORTM Lean Benchmark Model, Continuous Improvement in Manufacturing (Level 5), Driving Operational Excellence through Lean Leadership (Level 9), and Product Development Best Practice Assessment Model. We also published the "Engineering in Ireland and your network to success" which included business case studies and explored key issues for the industry.

[Read more](#)



In 2019, Retail Ireland continued its work to deliver the ambition contained in our industry strategy, 'Shaping the Future of Irish retail 2020'. Using the four pillars of the strategy document as a blueprint for that activity, we continued to highlight the competitiveness challenges facing the sector and the impact Brexit could have on our industry. We significantly upweighted our activity in the area of further education and training and launched Ireland's first apprenticeship programme for the retail sector in November, a real milestone for the trade. In 2020 we plan to showcase the role retail plays in communities right around Ireland and further press the need for increased Government support for Ireland's most important indigenous sector.

[Read more](#)



The Federation of Aerospace Enterprises in Ireland (FAEI) is the national representative organisation for the aerospace industry in Ireland. It is a trade association within Ibec. The FAEI represents the industry and ensures its importance is recognised by policy-makers and that national policies take into account the needs of the industry. The Federation works closely with the Department of Transport and Irish Aviation Authority. It is a founder member of the National Civil Aviation Development Forum (NCADF) and participates on a number of the Forum's working groups. It is by forging connections between companies, and between the industry and policy-makers, that the FAEI plays a vital role in aligning interests and fostering dialogue.

[Read more](#)



Forest Industries Ireland (FII) is placing timber and forestry at the heart of Ireland's rural economy. This is a strong, homegrown industry that is making an enormous contribution to the economy, society and the environment. FII is focused on raising the profile of the industry; generating political and public support; promoting the economic and environmental benefits; generating policy and regulatory change; and bringing together the industry to act as one unified force. FII is building a coalition of stakeholders around timber and forestry to ensure higher planting levels and increased use of timber in the Irish built environment.

[Read more](#)



In 2019 Ibec Networks continued to develop and launch new sector specific networks, events and webinars. Through these forums we connected you with key business issues and linked you across different sector associations to realise real business opportunities. We ran over 35 events & webinars that were attended by 3000+ members. The Ibec Networks team looks forward to working with you in 2020.

[Read more](#)



The work of the public service is critical to the successful economic and social well-being of citizens and businesses who rely on these essential services. With over 300,000 employees, representing 13% of the Irish workforce, Ireland's public sector organisations are among the largest employers in the state. Ibec is proud to support our public sector members through advocacy, business networking and direct services.

[Read more](#)