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EU funding boost for FDT Engineers

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Mark Sweeney of Enterprise Ireland with Michael Clancy, Conor Roe, Fiona Hegarty and Dan Donnelly of FDT Consulting Engineers

Company: FDT Consulting ENGINEERS, CPL Scientific

Done deal: €1.6 million

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Dublin Company FDT Consulting Engineers has secured European Commission funding for a €1.6 million eco-innovation project.

FDT's Process for Upgrade and Recovery Of Polyphenol Extracts (PUREOPE) project aims to develop a business that uses new methodologies to extract high-value polyphenol compounds from waste in brewing, malting and cereals production.

PUREOPE has secured 50 per cent funding under the EU CIP Eco-Innovation Programme. As lead partner on the project, FDT will work with partners CPL Business Consultants and Exima, with the support of expert consultants from Ireland, Britain and Germany.

PUREOPE will aim to develop a business based on the recovery of polyphenols, which although a by-product, have similar health benefits to those found in red wine, green tea, berries and olive oil, according to the company.

The project will include an industrial-scale demonstrator, which will be tested in brewing and distilling and used for volume demonstrations in other sectors. It is planned that this will be followed by commercial installations on sites in the beverage and food industries.

"We are delighted with this success for an Irish company under the initiative. FDT is an example of a company that has benefited from Environmental Protection Agency funding at a national level and progressed to European funded projects," said Mark Sweeney, national contact point, Enterprise Ireland's CIP Eco-innovation/Horizon2020.

"Companies should note that there are many new opportunities for Eco-innovation funding in Horizon 2020, the new European Commission Research and Innovation Framework Programme. We are actively looking for companies with innovative products and processes that reduce environmental impacts."

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