

# Networks in the Irish Bioeconomy

The final maps does not show us any specific location in space but how the many players in the Irish bioeconomy sector are connected. This so-called network map highlights how embedded the bioeconomy is within a range of Irish sectors including government departments, academia, and private businesses.

Some of the players appearing on the map have already made appearances in this week's map series, such as IT Tralee, the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM), the Irish Bioeconomy Foundation, UCD and TCD through the INCASE project, and Teagasc.

All these players are interconnected to varying degrees with some being centre points, such as DAFM and Teagasc, highlighting the importance of agriculture in the bioeconomy, the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI), and Enterprise Ireland as a catalyst for emerging businesses. Another set of key players are bodies dedicated to the further development of the bioeconomy such as the Bioeconomy Implementation Group (BIG) and Bioeconomy Research Centre (BEACON, BiOrbic).

