

# Fintech Ireland + Copenhagen Fintech

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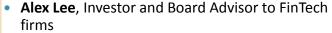
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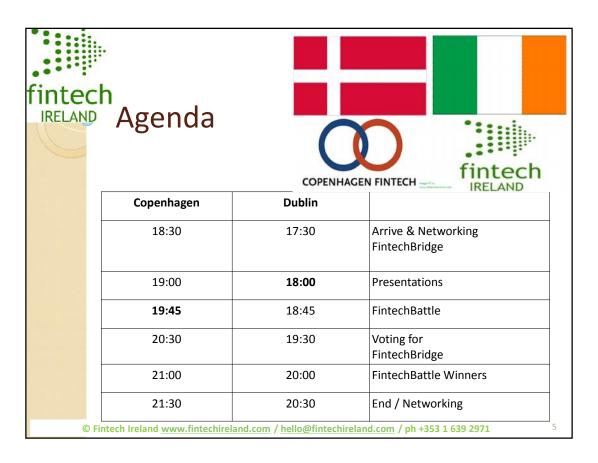
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#### Fintech Ireland

fintech - What Is It?

**IRELAND** 

- Fintech Ireland formally established in August 2014 (existed earlier as an informal group)
- The idea behind Fintech Ireland is to help put Ireland on the global fintech map
- A core foundation was, and remains, to help local fintech firms understand and navigate the regulatory requirements in Ireland and for entrepreneurs looking to expand overseas, to help them with international introductions
- We connect fintech firms with those looking to invest in them, we introduce them to mentors and potential business partners too.

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- No fees charged for events
- Not a subscription membership base
- Independent and impartial
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- Website visits per month =10,000+
- 2,700 plus twitter followers (@fintechireland)
- 630 LinkedIN Group members
- Connected universe of 5,000+ professionals

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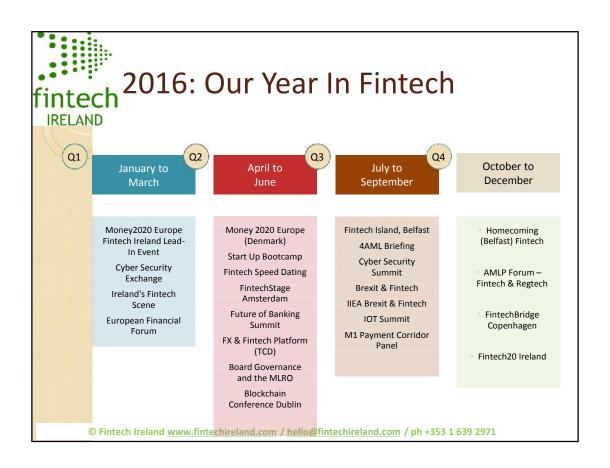






- Marked step up from 2015, which was the year where we played a very active and leading role in helping improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the fintech authorisation regime in Ireland
- Raised the profile of Fintech Ireland (and Fintech in Ireland) locally and internationally
- Involved in host or collaborating in more 20 events in Ireland and overseas

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# And if that wasn't enough.. (1/2)

 Board Presentations to the International Offices of Credit Agricole and KBC



- We took the CEOs, CFOs and CIOs through transformation in financial services, fintech strategies and blockchain
- More of these presentations are being lined up now



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# And if that wasn't enough... (2/3)

 Meetings with Members of the European Parliament, Staff of the European Commission, Ministers, Central Banks and Regulators in Europe



 Through our separate work, we (Dave, Alex, Peter and I) have mentored Irish and international fintechs free of charge



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# fintech And if that wasn't enough... (3/3)

 Worked with a local University as part of the Internal Panel reviewing a planned MSc in FinTech



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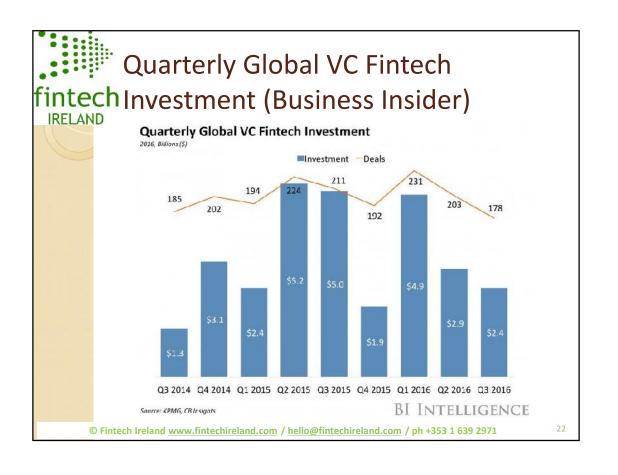


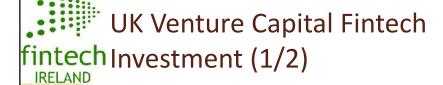


- Acknowledge the negative consequences of a hard Brexit on Ireland
- Mobilising a group of talented people to promote Ireland as the international home of both regulated and unregulated fintech
- Being independent means being able to call out and address blockages in the fintech regime to ensure the right thing is done
- There will be more events in 2017 the challenge is fitting them all in the one year!

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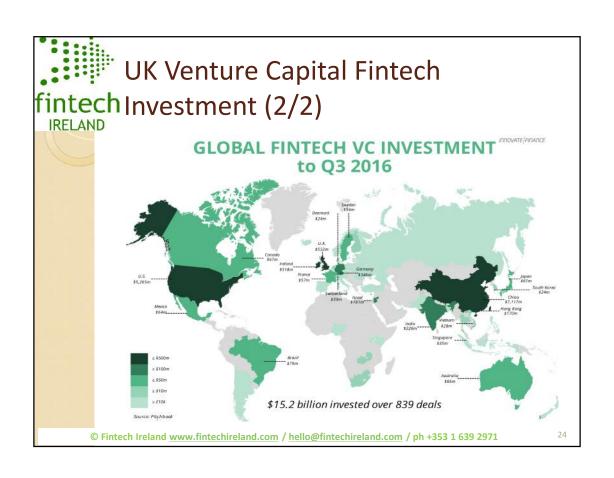
"Just last week, Innovate Finance released figures showing UK VC investment for fintech firms decreased by 26% in Q3 2016 to \$532 million and is approximately half of the total 2015 investment of \$1.1 billion"



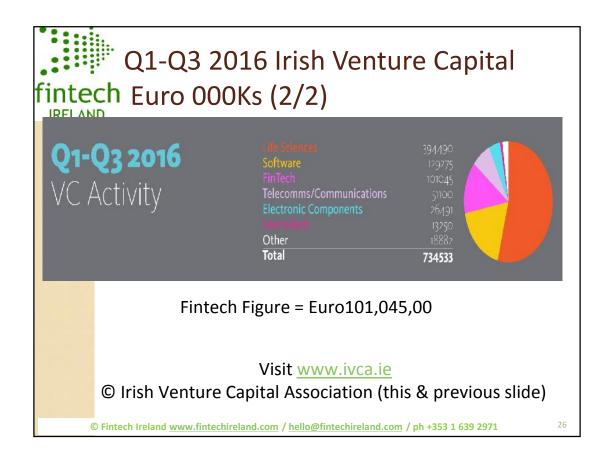
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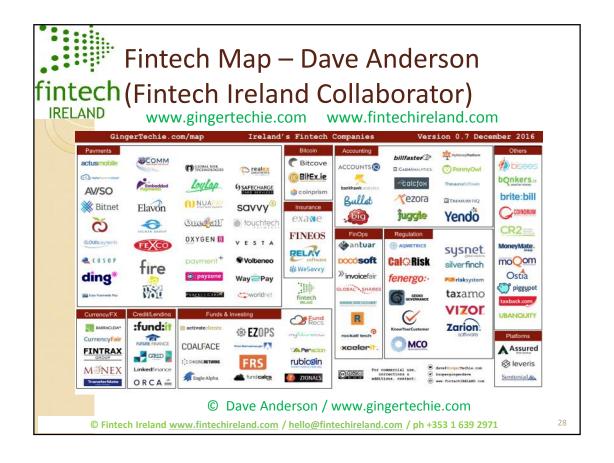
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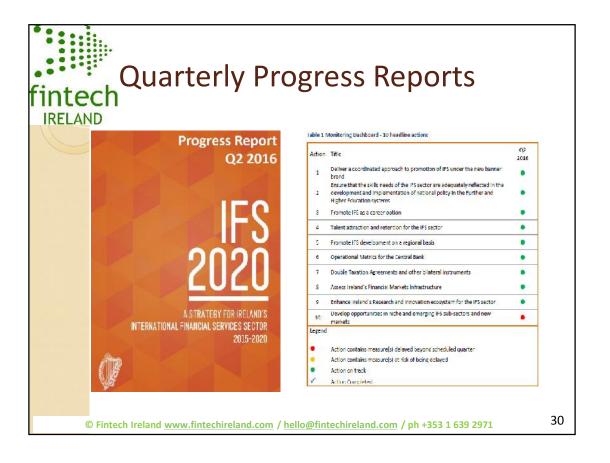














## EU Parliament - Fintech Report



- "Fintech is a big new part of our financial services industry in Ireland. We need to be prepared for what comes out of the EU in terms of regulation. Dublin has a huge amount of expertise in the Fintech sector and has adapted well to the rise of Fintech as a global trend.
- "The potential for further development of the sector in Ireland is enormous. Globally, Fintech investment more than tripled to about 12 billion US dollars in 2014 and this has almost doubled in 2015.

Brian Hayes MEP confirmed to lead negotiations for the European People's Party in the European Parliament on a report on Fintech

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### Regulatory Sandboxes (examples)

- United Kingdom
- Australia
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- Lithuania (planned)
- USA? A House Bill published in September 2016 to compel financial service regulators to establish 'Innovation Offices'

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Fintech can also help markets become more competitive by enabling new firms to enter a market and compete with existing firms in a viable way.

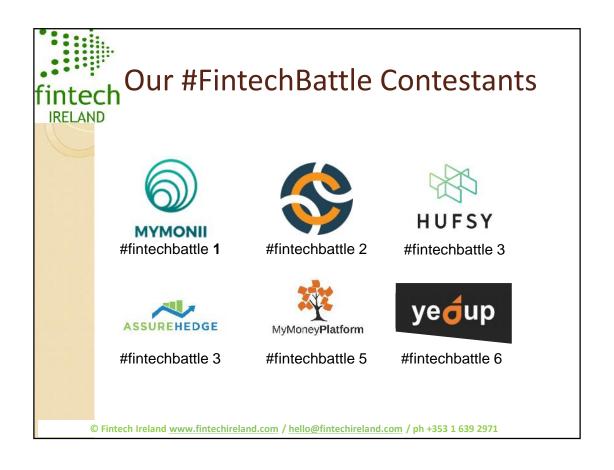
However new innovations bring new risks for consumers and new challenges for supervisory authorities and it is important that supervisory authorities remain focussed on their core responsibilities for consumer protection while recognising the potential benefits for consumers

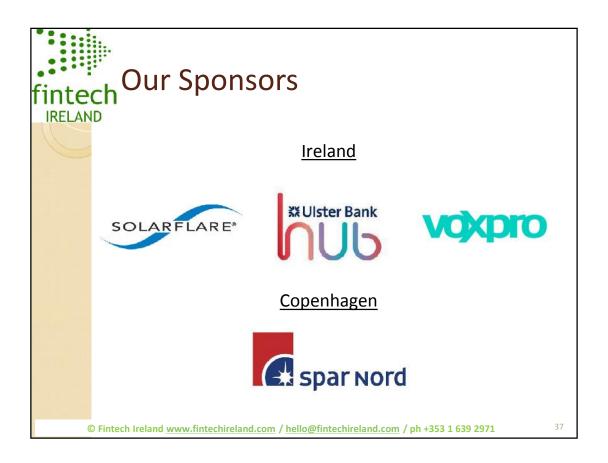
 Director of Consumer Protection, Central Bank of Ireland, Bernard Sheridan

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