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### How to secure funding an invest in innovation

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### A network of networks

KTN has over 140,000 contacts across all UK business sectors and technologies



### Connecting people to accelerate innovation

After working with KTN 42% of organisations reported faster outcomes (most commonly 1 to 2 years faster)





# Find Solutions. Find Markets

90% of the collaborations facilitated by KTN are expected to lead to collaborative R&D activity and the progression of commercial opportunity





61% of the innovative businesses that engaged with KTN were helped to find new market opportunities



## Get yourself noticed...

KTN helped raise the profile of over 55% of the R&D-active SMEs that we work with

## Why talk to KTN?

The innovative businesses we work with describe us as neutral and trusted



#### UK R&D SpendingRole of KTN



PS Advisory Board
Strategic Vision
Sector & Cross-Sector Events
International Expert Missions
Newsletters

Co-ordinate Research Clubs e.g. SARIC

Research Councils

c.£3bn

Briefing Events
Application Reviews
Partnering

Innovate UK

c. £600m

Pitch Training
Mentoring
Showcase Event

Privately financed businesses

c. >£15bn

**TRL 10** 

TRL 1

**CONCEPT** 

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**COMMERCIALISATION** 

#### KTN/Innovate UK Investment Showcase





#### Summary



- Highly competitive competitions, Innovate UK funding pot limited, many great projects not funded
- Significant investment grants (£50k to £2m) and no equity dilution/consideration
- A 'business plan' approach to questions
- Follow on funding on completion is often inevitable but significantly de-risked
- The focus of KTN is to support companies who are driving innovation
- KTN the ideal conduit between Innovate UK, Investor Community and Industry



#### Thank You

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