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## Successful CCF RED Ecosystems projects

Project name	Higher Education Providers	Industry partners	Funding amount	Biography
Strategic Commercialisation Ecosystem North East (SCENE)	Durham University (lead) Newcastle University Northumbria University University of Sunderland Teesside University	Associate HEPs: Cumbria University; York University  Private Sector Partners: Arup; CPI; Energy Systems Catapult; Offshore Renewables Energy Catapult; Procter and Gamble; Royal Academy of Engineering; Sunderland Software City; UMi  Public Sector Partners; North East Combined Authority; Tees Valley  Combined Authority; Department for Business and Trade	£8,641,892 over 5 years	<p>Since 2018, North East universities have built a strong collaboration to commercialise our research through creation of high-growth businesses. Since launching Northern Accelerator 52 spinouts have been created, catalysing new investment and jobs.</p> <p>SCENE represents an exciting next phase in our regional collaboration. Structuring an enhanced, connected, ecosystem around research commercialisation, we will drive a sustainable step-change in our impact.</p> <p>SCENE will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen and expand the region's ecosystem, engaging businesses, sector bodies, Catapults and investors more actively in commercialising university research;</li><li>• Expand the pipeline of high-quality, investible new spinouts;</li><li>• Support growth for existing spinouts, helping secure them for the long-term;</li></ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase adoption of university IP by businesses of all sizes in strategic sectors;</li> <li>• Attract new UK and international investment into the formation and growth of research-led businesses; and</li> <li>• Enhance structures, systems and leadership to support regional commercialisation ambitions.</li> </ul>
Forging Ahead/ Forging Beyond	Loughborough University (lead) Aston University University of Birmingham Birmingham City University Cranfield University Coventry University Derby University De Montfort University Keele University Leicester University University of Lincoln University of Nottingham	Public Sector: West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCA), Midlands Engine, Northamptonshire Council, Energy Systems Catapult, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, West Northamptonshire Council, East Midlands Freeport, Leicester & Leicestershire Business Board, Nottingham Growth Board;  Private Sector: Investors: Midlands Mindforge (MM), Minerva Business Angel Network Professional Service Organisations: HGF, Venner	£9,902,235 over 5 years	<p>A mature commercialisation ecosystem relies on the knowledge base, availability of investment, and access to talent. The Midlands boasts a strong knowledge base. Work is ongoing to enhance the investment ecosystem. However, the talent, expertise and skills in the Midlands, is highly fragmented.</p> <p>Our project will address this gap through the implementation of an holistic portfolio of interventions including: the creation and management of a Talent Pool; the scale up our best-practice accelerator programmes across the region; the creation of inward investment champions and colocation/innovation export networks; plus tailored interventions in our priority sectors: Health &amp; Med Tech, Advanced Manufacturing, Net Zero, and Creative &amp; Digital.</p>



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	Nottingham Trent University University of Warwick University of Wolverhampton	Shipleigh, Rowleys, Barker Brettell, Shoosmiths llp, Edwards, Boscobel & Partners, CRSI, Trinity House Ecosystem: Precision Health Tech Accelerator, Tech West Midlands, Bruntwood Sci Tech, Pioneer Group, Siemens, Tyseley Energy Park, Rolls- Royce, Barclays Eagle Labs, Horiba MIRA, HQ Recording Studio, Create Central Broadway Media, & Jaguar Landrover.		
Biologics Regional Innovation and Technology Ecosystem (BRITE) North	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (lead) University of Liverpool Liverpool John Moores University Edge Hill University	LYVA Labs, Univercells, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA), STFC Hartree Centre (HC), Health Innovation Northwest Coast (HINWC), iiCON, Centre for Process Innovation (CPI), National Measurement Laboratory (NML), Bionow, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (APBI), BioNow, Croda, Pharmaron,	£4,747,826 over 3 years	BRITE aims to establish a sustainable biologics ecosystem in the Liverpool City Region (LCR) by addressing gaps in bioprocess development, scale- up, and commercialisation. Despite world-class research and a strong pharmaceutical sector, the region lacks the infrastructure needed to translate biologics from discovery to commercial application, leading to economic leakage and missed growth opportunities.  BRITE will enhance bioprocess development and scale-up capabilities by addressing the shortage of

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		TriRx, The Pandemic Institute (TPI), Astra Zeneca, Unilever, Seqirus		<p>local biomanufacturing facilities and ensuring that biologics assets developed within LCR are commercialised locally. It will strengthen collaboration between academia, industry, and civic partners to create a connected innovation ecosystem and accelerate the translation of biologics for antimicrobial resistance, infectious diseases, and emerging health challenges.</p> <p>Aligned with the UK's £2Bn Engineering Biology investment and LCR's Health &amp; Life Sciences Investment Zone, BRITE will create high-value jobs, enhance commercialisation pathways, and transition to long-term regional governance - positioning LCR as a global leader in biologics innovation and manufacturing.</p>
Agri-Tech Commercialisation Ecosystems (ACE)	University of Lincoln (lead) University of Cambridge University of East Anglia	Barclays Eagle Labs, Agri-TechE, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, BAYER, SVG Thrive, Jim Godfrey, West Lindsay District Council, AgriFutures	£4,996,703 over 3 years	The Agri-Tech Commercialisation Ecosystems (ACE) project, led by the University of Lincoln in partnership with the University of Cambridge, Cambridge Enterprise and University of East Anglia, aims to establish a world-leading, self-sustaining Agri-Tech research commercialisation cluster in Greater Lincolnshire and East Anglia. The initiative builds on the success of the Ceres Agri-Tech partnership; an ongoing research translation program which commercialises leading UK HEI science and

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				<p>innovation to drive economic growth and sustainability across the agricultural sector.</p> <p>ACE's key objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating an evergreen venture fund to sustainably finance research translation and spinout growth.</li><li>• Establish a national Agri-Tech technology transfer office (TTO) to support research commercialisation across the UK.</li><li>• Encouraging UK-wide and global collaboration in Agri-Tech innovation.</li><li>• Developing a pipeline of high-potential Agri-Tech spinouts, enhancing food security and sustainability.</li></ul> <p>With support from Barclays Eagle Labs, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, New Anglia LEP, and Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough Combined Authority plus commercial partners the project will accelerate Agri-Tech, creating a globally recognised and sector specific centre of excellence for commercialisation.</p>
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