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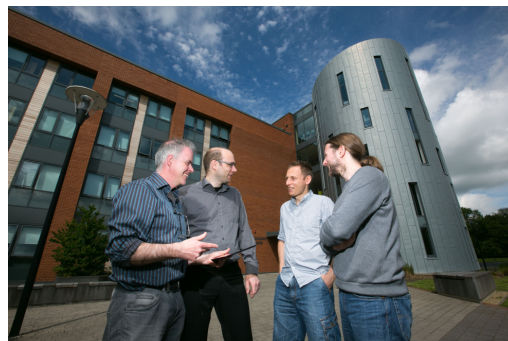
Thousands of Irish software jobs could be forced overseas unless measures are taken to combat a skills and investment shortage, according to a new report published today. The "Irish Software Landscape" study was conducted by Lero - the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre; the Kemmy Business School at the University of Limerick, and the Centre for Science, Technology & Innovation Policy at the University of Cambridge. "The companies surveyed have increased the numbers involved in software development by over 30% in the past three years. However, given the shortage of suitably skilled workers domestically, there is a danger that thousands of jobs could be created overseas rather than in Ireland,"

commented Professor Brian Fitzgerald, chief scientist at Lero.

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Lero wins industry commitments of over €400,000 for software programmes

Lero has won industry commitments worth in excess of €400,000 for software modernisation programmes. "The reality is that there is a lot of old software out there which is still at the heart of many critical applications, particularly in the area of financial transactions. For example, more than 50 years after the COBOL language was invented, the stark fact is that there are 200 times more COBOL transactions daily than Google searches," commented Professor Brian Fitzgerald, Chief Scientist, Lero.



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Poor selection of ICT projects costs Irish business and public sector organisations millions of euro

Many companies and public sector organisations in Ireland are wasting millions of Euro through failure to select the right ICT (Information, Communications & Technology) projects to implement, according to new research from Lero, the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre. The study which was carried out by Lero researchers at NUI Galway, finds that organisations not only make poor choices of projects but also struggle to deliver those projects effectively in a multi-project environment. The study finds that this has massive implications for Irish business. The global cost of failed ICT projects estimated at being anything between \$3 and \$6 trillion.



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