investment from Government and Industry.

Lero, the Irish Software Research Centre is one of five New World-Class SFI Research Centres in Ireland that will receive part of the €245 Million

The funding of €155 million from the Department of Jobs will be delivered through Science Foundation Ireland's (SFI) Research Centres Programme, coupled with €90 million in cash and in-kind contributions from industry partners. The funding will support cutting-edge research in critical and emerging sectors of the economy which are key for job creation in

## Lero to benefit from €245m of government funding



Ireland. The funding will be provided over the next six years, 2014-2020 directly supporting 700 researcher positions across the five Universities.

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The global medical device market is currently valued at \$315 billion and is forecast to reach \$362 billion by 2015. A steady growth between 4 and 6% is expected in most countries worldwide with a particular increase in China and regions where an increasing aging population is prevalent. With remote monitoring and increasing software complexity in hospital based systems, the medical device/healthcare software development market is set to grow considerably over the coming years.

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## Ireland can become global software valley



Prof Mike Hinchey Director of

Ireland is well on the way to becoming a global software centre with major jobs potential, according to the annual report of Lero, the Irish Software Engineering Research Centre which is supported by Science Foundation Ireland.

In his director's statement, Professor Mike Hinchey says, "We believe that Ireland can become Europe's software capital or Software Valley. Our vision is for Ireland to be to software what Germany is to the automotive industry or Sweden is to design."

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## **Towards enlightenment**

The EVolving Open Software Systems (EVOSS) research group hosted an industry-focused event entitled 'Cloud Computing: Towards Enlightenment' on Friday Oct 31, 2014. Attended by 60 delegates, the event wassupported by the Irish Software Research Centre (Lero), Whitaker Institute, and the Business Information Systems discipline.



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