

Top 10 exporting highlights from the Irish Exporters Association in 2015

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The Irish Exporters Association (IEA) has published an infographic that summarizes the year's activities for Irish exporters;

- Membership increased by 12%
- Consular services handling quadrupled since 2011
- The top five countries for visa applications were China, India, Russia, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia
- Africa is the fastest growing market with visa applications to Ghana, Kenya and Cameroon all on the rise and a growing interest in companies looking to do business with Iran
- Over 1,000 Life Science professionals were trained in Good Distribution Practice and 97% of attendees on its Customs compliance courses would recommend its training
- 1,940 people attended market and industry focused events
- The National Export Hub and National Export Campaign was launched with over 2,100 attendees gathering at eight regional showcases. 95 companies were assisted with introductions to potential business partners in international markets
- Combilift announced Exporter of the Year 2015 and Paddy Cosgrove received a Gold Medal for his dedication to the export sector
- 25% of assists to members were overseas introductions, helping them to enter new markets
- Lobbied on a number of key issues for exporters including the Development of a new National Skills Strategy to 2025; Export Finance; the Public Consultation on the Scheme of a Proposed Consumer Rights Bill; Budget 2015; Public Sector Wages and the effect on our cost competitiveness, entrepreneurship, female entrepreneurs in Ireland and for their participation

in the Tech Sector; the National Economic Dialogue; the Ports policy; Brexit and TTIP. [Full infographic available to view [here](#)]

