

The companies that would qualify for the funding/assistance should be EU companies looking to expand into the UK and be from the following sectors:

- Manufacturing, including Aviation, Aerospace, Automotive, Marine, Rail and associated sub sectors
- Energy including renewables and offshore wind
- Business, Professional and Financial Services
- Technology, creative and digital
- Life Sciences, including e-health, stratified medicine, vaccines and tropical diseases
- Logistics and transport including retail and manufacturing logistics

If the companies fall into these sectors and can fulfil the pre-qualification criteria shown below and who are likely to be able to attend Liverpool at least to take the benefit offered by the International Business Festival in June 2018.

Pre-Qualification criteria:

- Companies must not have operations currently in the Liverpool City Region
- Companies should not be solely looking for a trade partner or distributor
- Companies must have a minimum turnover in excess of £1m to ensure any investments made are sustainable and shall not cause business failure etc
- Engagement must be with decision makers
- A Company that has or is developing a plan for expansion for outside of their home market and has not made a location decision
- The company operates in one of the Key sectors as identified above
- The timescale for the investment is within the next 24 months
- Funding is available for the investment
- The potential lead has agreed to a meeting with the LCR Inward investment team to discuss the proposed investment