

ReaDI-Watch | 2025 Top 100 Ambitious Start-Ups in Ireland | Spark Crowdfunding

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Every year, [Spark Crowdfunding](#) prepares a list of the "Top 100 Most Ambitious" Start-Ups in Ireland.

"The Top 100 seeks to uncover those Irish companies who have the strongest desire and determination to succeed and have already demonstrated their capabilities and intentions in this regard. This year's programme attracted almost 200 nominations from throughout every county in Ireland. After an intense judging session, our judges trimmed these nominations down to 100 finalists, over many hours of debate and we are delighted to announce these today."

ReaDI-Watch are delighted to have been nominated in 2025, among friends, customers, partners and suppliers in the Irish start-up ecosystem.

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Dave Byrne, Aisling Kirwan & Prof. Gerry Byrne

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Dave Byrne is the driving force behind ReaDI-Watch, helping companies embrace and unlock Innovation and R&D (RD&I) through an AI-assisted expert service platform. As Co-Founder and CEO, he has successfully scaled the business across Ireland, the UK, and Canada since its launch in 2023.

Founded during the Covid pandemic, ReaDI-Watch has grown—bootstrapped—to a team operating in three markets. With a vision to become a global leader in digital solutions for RD&I management, funding, and collaboration, the company has earned prestigious accolades, including Tech Startup of the Year (Ireland National Startup Awards 2023).

Dave's background includes an MSc in Finance (UCD Smurfit) and an Alternative Investments Programme from Harvard Business School. Prior to ReaDI-Watch, he was a Founding Board Member of GB Innovation Ltd, leading a team of 10 consultants in RD&I strategy. His expertise has been featured in the Irish Times and presented to global innovation bodies.

Expected employee numbers

2025: 10	2026: 12	2028: 15
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Company Profile

A new way to Innovate with Confidence.

- Overwhelmed by the incessant demands of R&D and Innovation for your business?
- Embrace and unlock your Research, Development and Innovation potential with our award winning service and platform.

ReaDI-Watch delivers hands-on expertise and seamless digital tools that are tailored to support your business to become RD&I Ready.

Designed for companies with limited resources, we help you efficiently build, manage, and fund your R&D strategy, while protecting your intellectual property.

Company Achievements to Date

Since its inception during the Covid pandemic, ReaDI-Watch has rapidly grown into a leading force in Innovation and R&D (RD&I) management. Bootstrapped from the ground up, the company has expanded across Ireland, the UK, and Canada, building a team and establishing itself as a trusted partner for businesses seeking to enhance their innovation strategies through AI-assisted solutions. ReaDI-Watch has a strong list of customers across many sectors and sizes, including Combillift, Modular Automation, Keelings Group, Equal1 Laboratories, Mincon, Magrowtec and more.

ReaDI-Watch has received significant industry recognition, winning Tech Startup of the Year at the Ireland National Startup Awards 2023 and being a finalist in the Irish Times Innovation Awards 2023. Other notable accolades include SFA Small Business (Emerging) Winner 2022 and recognition in Ireland's 30 Under 30 Entrepreneurs (2021). The company was also an IMR Product Innovation & Design Finalist 2022 and a Dave Byrne was nominated runner-up in the AMBA & BGA Entrepreneur of the Year 2025.

Beyond awards, ReaDI-Watch has successfully participated in accelerator programmes, including Euronext's IPO Ready Programme, Web Summit's Rise Summit, and Furth's Investor Ready Programme. Aisling Kirwan has also achieved ISO56002 certification for Innovation Management, reinforcing its commitment to best practices in RD&I.

With an ambitious goal to become a global leader in digital innovation solutions, ReaDI-Watch continues to expand its impact, helping businesses drive real-time innovation success.

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You can access the full 2025 Top 100 nominees [here](#).