

# South East Technological University and Unified Tertiary Programmes

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# Backdrop

**The Further Education and Training Act (2013)**  
SOLAS

**First national FET Strategy 2014-2019**  
(target 10% FET to HE)

**Future FET - Transforming Learning Strategy 2020-2024 -**  
*“People will move seamlessly between FET and HE with clear transition criteria in large numbers”*

**DFHERIS Statement of Strategy 2021-2023** - improve transition to further and higher education for school leavers

**2023 - Progressing a more Unified Tertiary System** - A more unified further and higher education and research system

# Barriers to HE progression



## Structural

- Transport, accommodation, food, loss of earnings
- Caring responsibilities
- Financial capacity, IT capacity



## Institutional

- Fees
- CAO points
- Class sizes, lecturer accessibility



## Social

- Fear, apprehension, 'not fitting in'
- Supports?
- Is it worth it?

# Entering HE via FET vs after LC

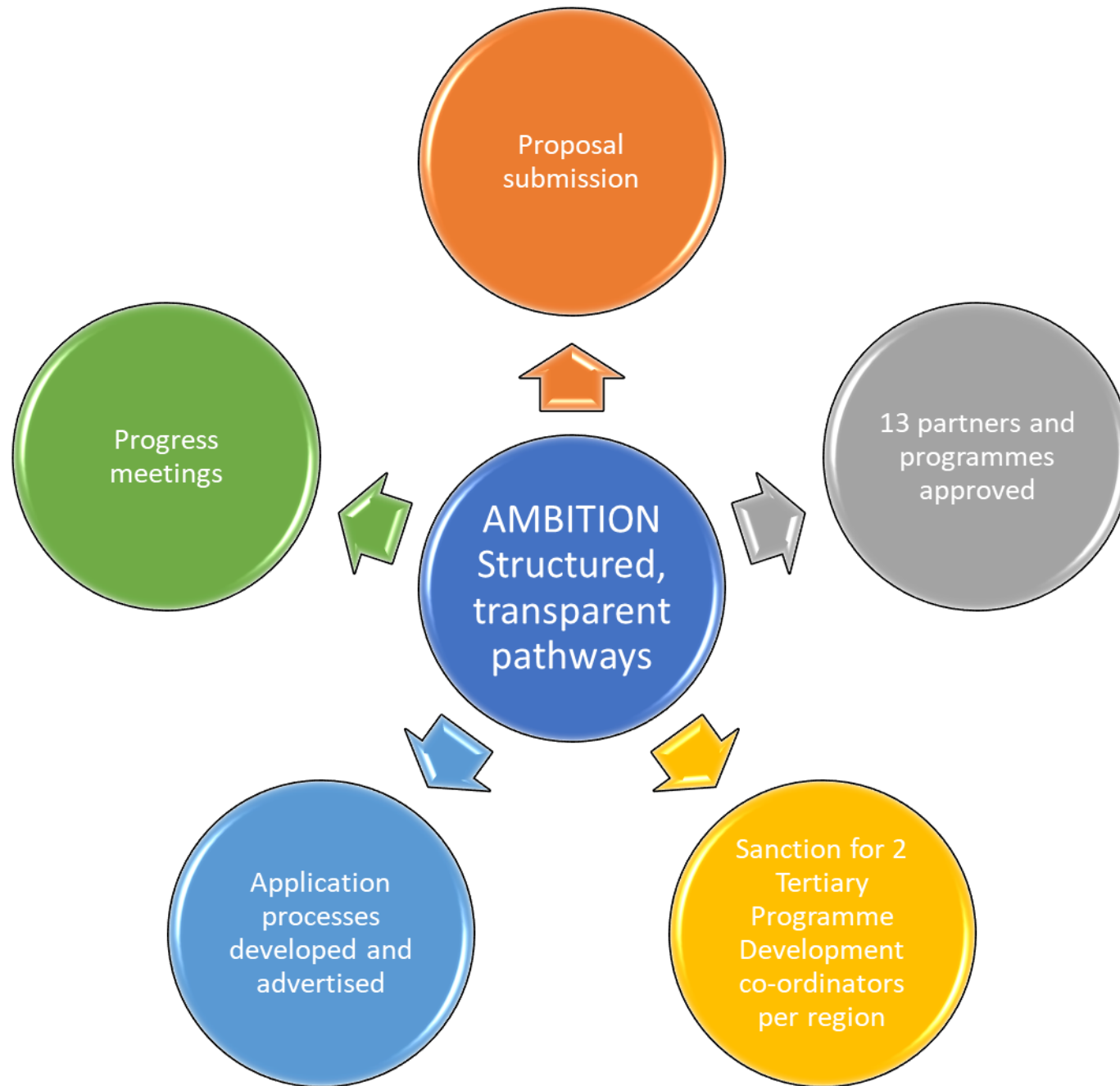
Retention

Specialised skills

Academic Writing Skills

Life Experience / Maturity

Personal Responsibility



# NATIONAL TERTIARY OFFICE

Transitioning pathways from Further  
Education to Higher Education

HEA | HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
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SOLAS  
learning works

Harness momentum &  
levels of willingness

Enable, develop &  
nurture the relationship  
with all partners,  
regions &  
representatives

Enabling structures

Surface all good work &  
developments

Positive & Proactive

Tertiary Programme  
Coordinators/Leads

Share challenges &  
achievements

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Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh  
Atlantic Technological University



**msletb**

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Mhaigh Eo, Shligigh agus Liatroma  
Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim  
Education and Training Board



**gretb**

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna na Gaillimhe agus Ros Comáin  
Galway and Roscommon  
Education and Training Board



DUN LAOGHAIRE



**kwetb**

Kildare and Wicklow  
Education and Training Board

**CDETb**

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath  
City of Dublin Education and Training Board



**TUS**

Technological University of the Shannon:  
Midlands Midwest

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta na Sionainne:  
Lár Tíre Iarthar Láir



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Laois and Offaly  
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**UCC**

Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh, Éire  
University College Cork, Ireland



**MTU**

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta na Mumhan  
Munster Technological University



**BORD OIDEACHAIS AGUS OILIÚNA CHIARRAÍ**  
KERRY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD



**cetb**

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Chorcaí  
Cork Education and Training Board

# LOETB & SETU Tertiary Degree Programmes

Years 1 & 2 Portlaoise Institute	Years 3 & 4 SETU's Carlow campus
Honours Degree in Business (Level 6)	Honours degree in Business (Levels 7 & 8)
Honours Degree in Software Development (L 6)	Honours Degree in Software Development (L 7 & 8)



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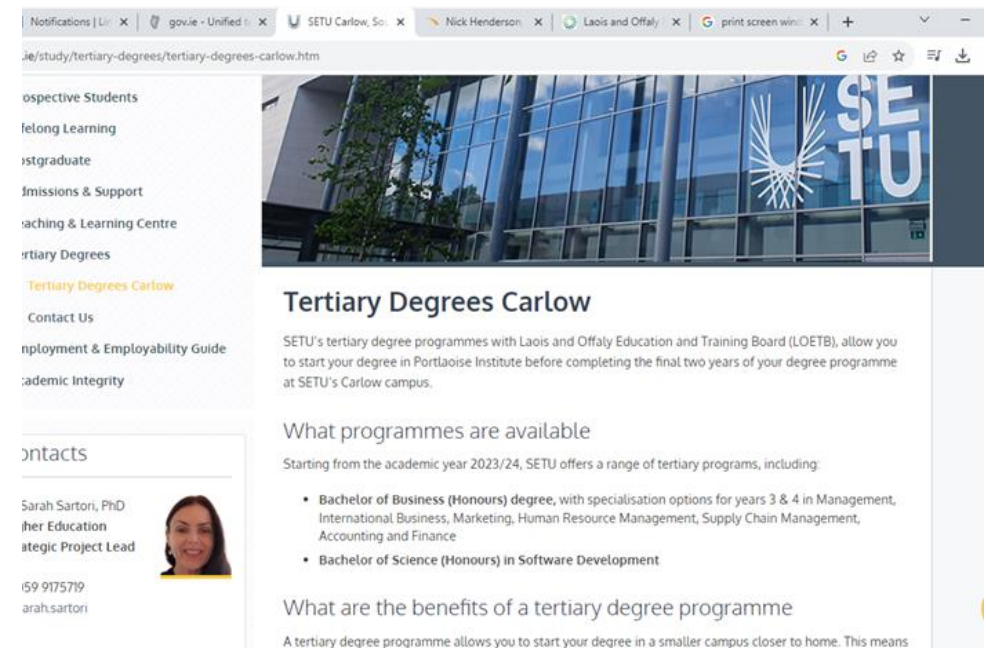
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## SETU Degree Programmes at Portlaoise Institute

SETU and LOETB offer access to degrees courses to further education learners

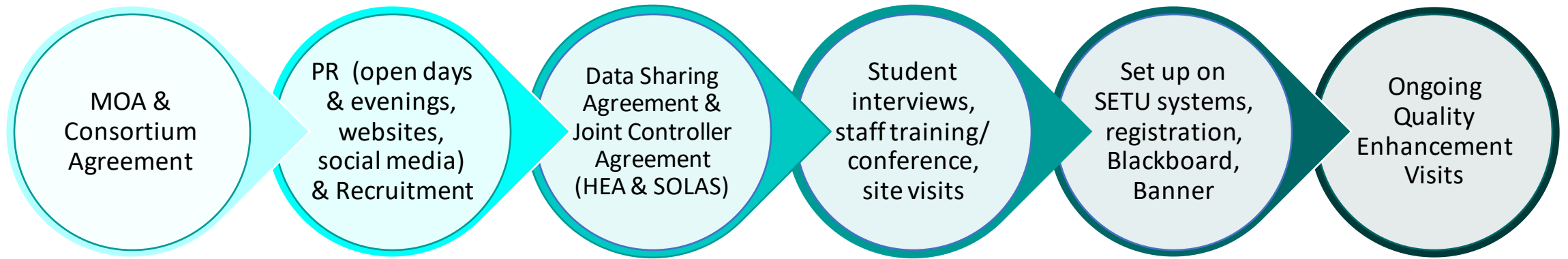
LOETB has partnered with South East Technological University (SETU) to increase access to degree courses in business and software development for learners. These programmes will run for the academic year 2023/24.

The NTO was established by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and





# Progress so far...



## Additional Supports

Ensuring learners with additional needs have access to same level of supports

## Learner Experience

Ensuring learners have access to same level of resources, e.g., classrooms, equipment, sports, library, clubs & socs

## Academic Standard

Collaboration between teachers and lecturers, programme coordinators, programme boards, assessment

# 2024 & Beyond

- Additional Programmes with other ETBs
- Learnings from the 2023 pilot; action research evaluation
- Developing bespoke programmes in collaboration with industry

Thank you!

Questions?...

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