

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How we create our wealth and well-being affects us all

Learning and understanding the complex forces that shape our lives lies at its heart.

With economic development in Scotland facing the kind of challenges not seen since the early 1980s, during our dramatic transformation to a post industrial landscape, staying on top of key developments is vital.

Recent years have witnessed another set of rapid changes. The Scottish Government introduced our first economic strategy encouraging economic growth. Scotland's economic development agencies, Highland and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise were



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reformed with the abolition of the Local Enterprise Companies.

Both agencies increasingly focused resources on strategic projects and businesses.

Scotland's local authorities took on responsibility for the Business Gateway and local regeneration.

Simultaneously, the UK, along with other nations,

experienced the banking crisis and the Scottish economy moved into recession.

The slowdown in world trade and falling business and consumer confidence has been accompanied by tight public sector funding.

EDAS helps make sense of this in terms of our skills, our businesses, and our people.

It does so by building strong networks with like-minded people and bringing them together through a range of services and activities.

Something that is a feature of successful and sustainable economic development.

the independent voice of economic development in Scotland.

EDAS is the country's foremost membership-driven association for all organisations and individuals with an interest or role in Scotland's economic development and regeneration.

Members enjoy –

- **A range of membership services and activities.**
- **CPD courses and events.**
- **Networking with people from across a range of organisations Scotland-wide.**
- **Opportunities to influence policy.**

Membership fees from £30. Discounted rates apply for third sector and unwaged.

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