

**BIA EQUIP****EXAMPLE AGENDA BASED ON PREVIOUS EVENTS**

**Venue:** BIA Innovator Campus, Athenry, Co. Galway

**Programme:** Part of the BIA Accelerator | Co-funded by ERDF under Smart Regions

**Morning Session: Equipment Design, Specification & Compliance****9:30 AM – Welcome & Introductions**

**Lynn Harte, Smart Regions Programme Manager**

- Overview of BIA Accelerator & context of BIA EQUIP

**9:45 AM – Food Facility Planning: From Layout to Workflow**

**Colm Foley, BIA Innovation Manager**

- Kitchen zoning, production flow, space optimisation

**10:15 AM – Equipment Specification & Pre-Purchase Planning**

- Kitchen/Production Area Practical Demonstration -PPU
- What to know before you buy: usage, capacity, compliance, longevity

**11:00 AM – Coffee Break & Networking****11:30 AM – Regulation, Food Safety & Equipment Compliance**

- Key legislative & regulatory standards (HACCP, FSAI, EHO)
- How equipment choices impact audit readiness & food safety systems

**12:15 PM – Q&A & Panel Discussion**

- Open floor with technical, regulatory and operational experts

**12:30 PM – Lunch Break (Networking)****Afternoon Session: IFAC Equipment Cost, Capex & Investment Strategy****1:00 PM – The Financials Behind Equipment Investment**

**Maura O’Callaghan & Kieran Coffey - IFAC**

- Capital expenditure, depreciation, financing vs leasing options

## SCOPE SOURCE SCALE

### **1:30 PM – Planning for Profit: Equipment as a Growth Asset**

- Kieran Coffey, IFAC
- Integrating asset management into long-term scaling strategies

### **2:00 PM – Futureproofing: Technology Trends & Investment Readiness**

- Smart systems, accountancy software, software compatibility

### **2:30 PM – Workshop: Build Your Equipment Strategy Roadmap**

- Risk management, ROI calculation, grant options

### **2.55-3.10pm Afternoon Coffee Break & Networking**

### **3.00pm Panel Discussion Financial Pitfalls to look out for when purchasing equipment**

### **3:30 PM – Final Reflections & Participant Takeaways**

- Key insights from the day
- 1:1 Follow up sessions (1 hour) to draft a tailored purchasing & replacement plan with IFAC
- 1:1 Follow up sessions with BIA Technical kitchen/production area design and planning for compliance
- BIA Source links to next modules in the Accelerator

### **4:00 PM – Close of Workshop**