

**BIOGRAPHY – RORY EARLEY, Director of Investment and SME Finance (ISF),  
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Rory Earley was appointed Director of ISF in February 2004. Prior to that Rory was a Senior Investment Manager at Westport Private Equity Ltd, responsible for developing SME investment products and for fund-of-funds investment in emerging markets. This is Rory's second stint in DTI. Previously he was Head of Small Firms Finance and was responsible for developing and implementing the DTI's first interventions in SME venture capital funds, The UK High Technology and Regional Venture Capital Funds. Rory has been Chairman of a venture-backed University spinout company, chair of an EU expert working group on risk capital, member of the Investment TaskForce advising UK Government and was until recently also a non-executive Director of a Greek SME funding company. Rory holds an MBA from Sheffield University.