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Eveline van Manen has been running cybersecurity firm Forus-P from Bunclody, Co. Wexford, for more than 11 years.

The company, which offers services in web application scanning and penetration testing, was founded by Eveline van Manen's father Robert in the Netherlands in 1991.

Despite her professional background being mostly in online marketing, Eveline accepted her father's invitation to join the firm during a period of dramatic growth. However, when he announced his desire to retire in 2021, Eveline admits to feeling somewhat reluctant about the prospect of taking over the company.

"I didn't want to take over the company on my own, and since Dafna Peters, our COO, and I were already a strong team, it made perfect sense to continue the business together. Dafna is based in the Netherlands and I'm in Bunclody. We have three female staff members in Ireland and also work with several independent contractors. We're an Irish company, just one with Dutch roots," she says.

In the Netherlands, Forus-P is already working with a wide range of clients to deliver in-depth vulnerability scans and full-scale penetration tests. One of those clients is a national trustmark that certifies online retailers for quality, legal compliance, and cybersecurity. As part of that process, Forus-P performs mandatory scans on all member websites.

In Ireland, Forus-P is bringing that same depth of expertise to support local businesses. "We're here to raise the bar," she adds. "Our goal is to make regular security assessments a core part of doing business online. We are also committed to helping grow the cybersecurity industry in Ireland by creating more awareness with training and encouraging a more proactive approach."

Eveline hails ACORNS as a "great programme" for female entrepreneurs in rural Ireland. "You get fantastic input from your mentor and peers. It's great to hear that what you're doing is the right thing and have that reassurance and support," she adds.

Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.



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