Our Region in Ireland

- 9 Local Authorities
- 8 Counties
- 3 NSS Gateways & 5 Hubs
- Cross-Border context
- Gaeltacht
SO… WHAT DO WE DO?

Create Better Places and a more Competitive Region. Your Region.

1. Create BETTER PLACES by ensuring our region adopts effective planning and economic development policies centered on sustainable and resilient growth.

2. Enhance our COMPETITIVENESS by optimizing all exchequer and EU funding (with local & regional partners) to ensure appropriate levels of investment and infrastructure are secured for our region.

3. Act as a PLATFORM for collaboration, knowledge transfer and ultimately regional economic development.

Our vision is that our Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies has the capability to CONNECT us.
Reflecting on the past..........legacy of under-investment
Some Placemaking Questions

- How should Brexit and other significant international influences be addressed and how transferable are interventions from other countries to Ireland?

- How could the Government best invest to create future value based on unrealised potential in the Region?

- If the Region is to prioritise investment choices on the basis of limited financial resources (particularly with regard to infrastructure) what are the key regional priorities to be advanced?
Placemaking Questions

- What are the emerging growth sectors that could attract human capital, attract capital flows and secure infrastructure in the context of the 4th industrial revolution?

- Is it possible to identify key economic and social corridors/catchments/communities for targeted strategic planning within the region and outside the region into other parts of the island and at international level and if so what are they?

- How can the West & North West region of Ireland grow the employment base within existing sectors, such as ICT, Life Sciences, Engineering, Financial Services, and Agri-Food, and in doing so, create additional geographical expertise, copper fastening sectoral innovation by County/Region.
Thank You

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