



The National Spatial Strategy and the Midlands Region

NSS Core Messages....

- **Better spread of job opportunities..**
- **Better Quality of Life..**
- **Better places to live in..**

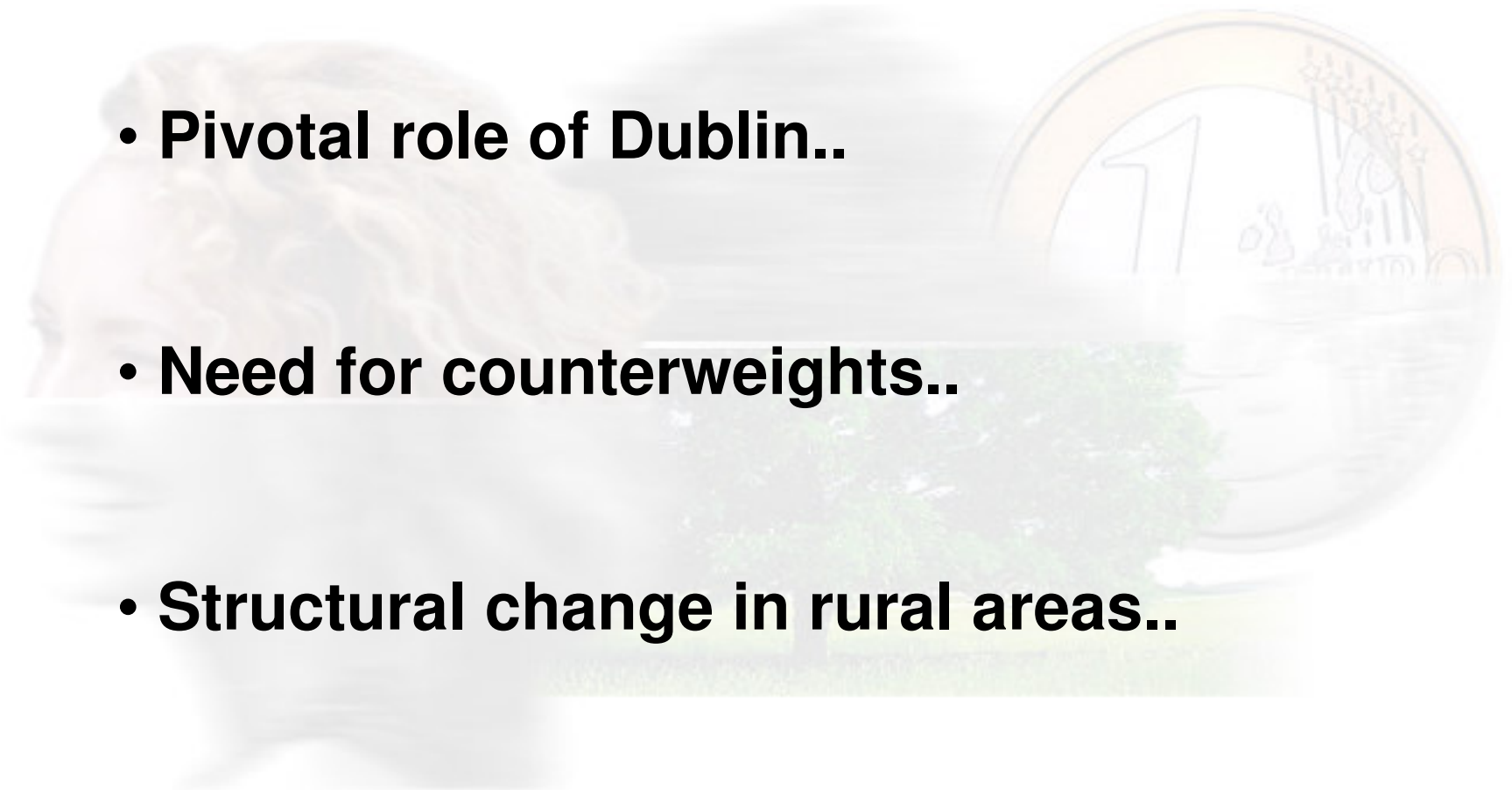
What the NSS will do....

- **Spatial Policy Framework..**
- **Shape future investment..**
- **Enhancing quality in planning..**



Current Development Trends....

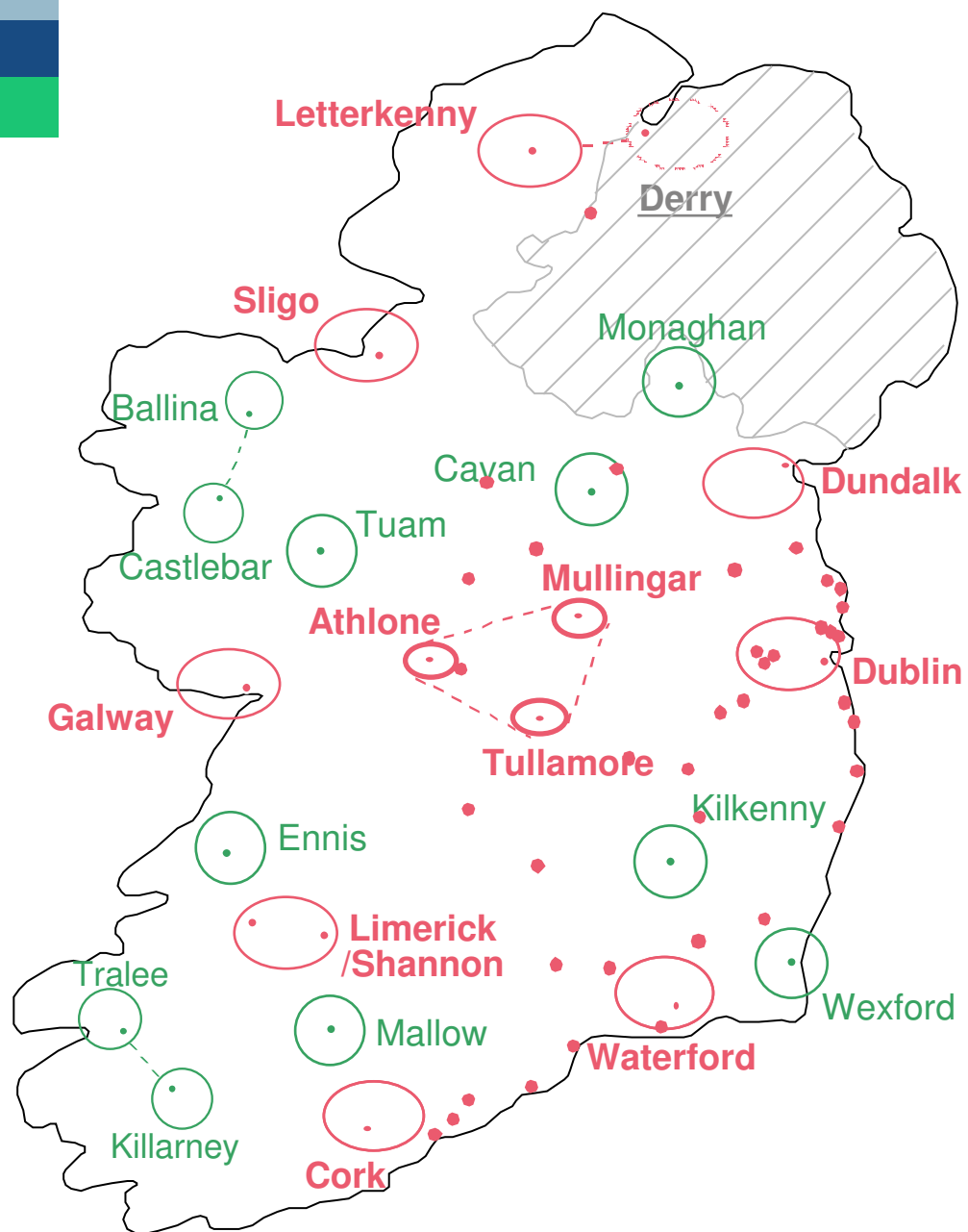
- **Pivotal role of Dublin..**
- **Need for counterweights..**
- **Structural change in rural areas..**

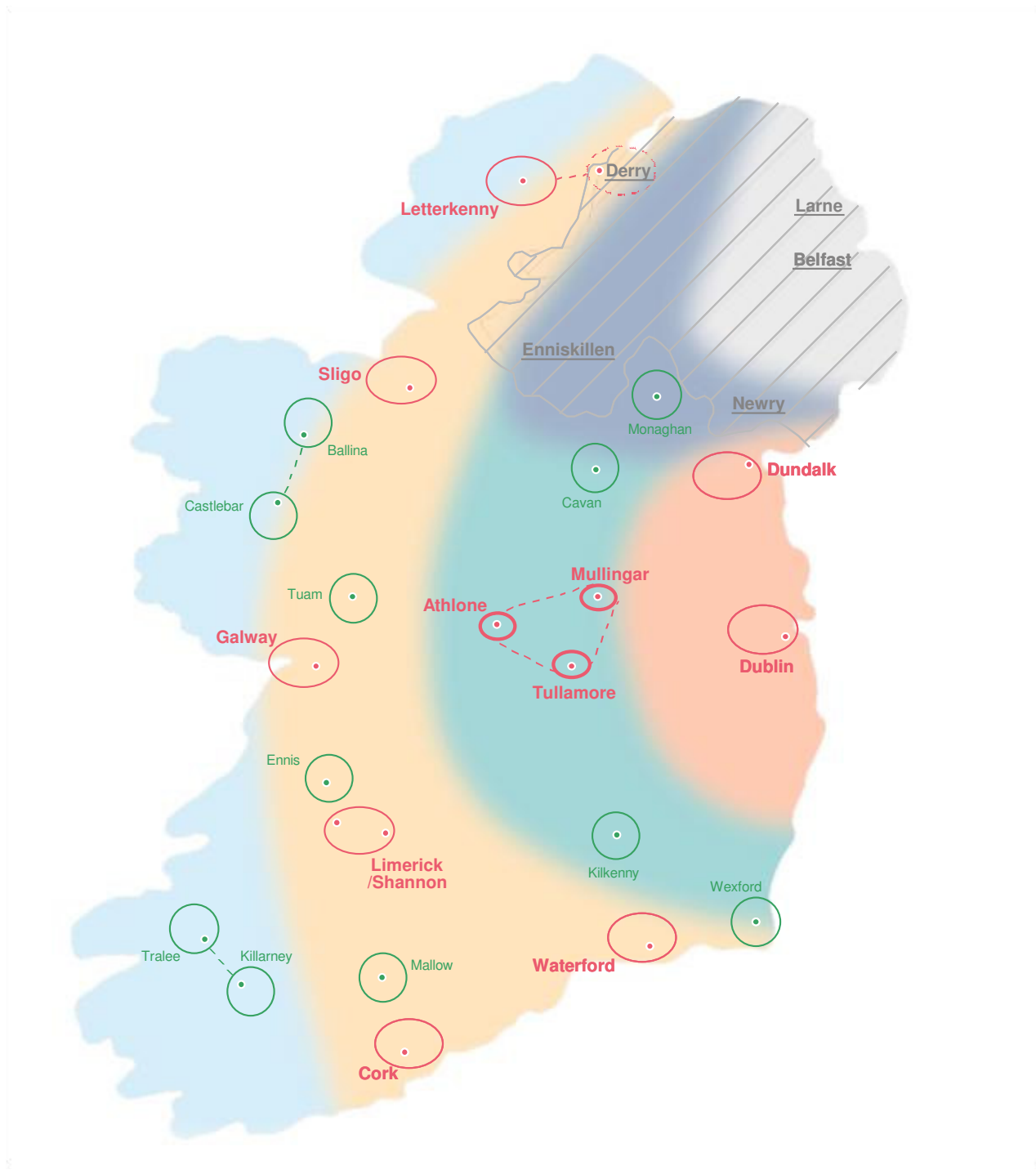


How to strengthen areas and places....

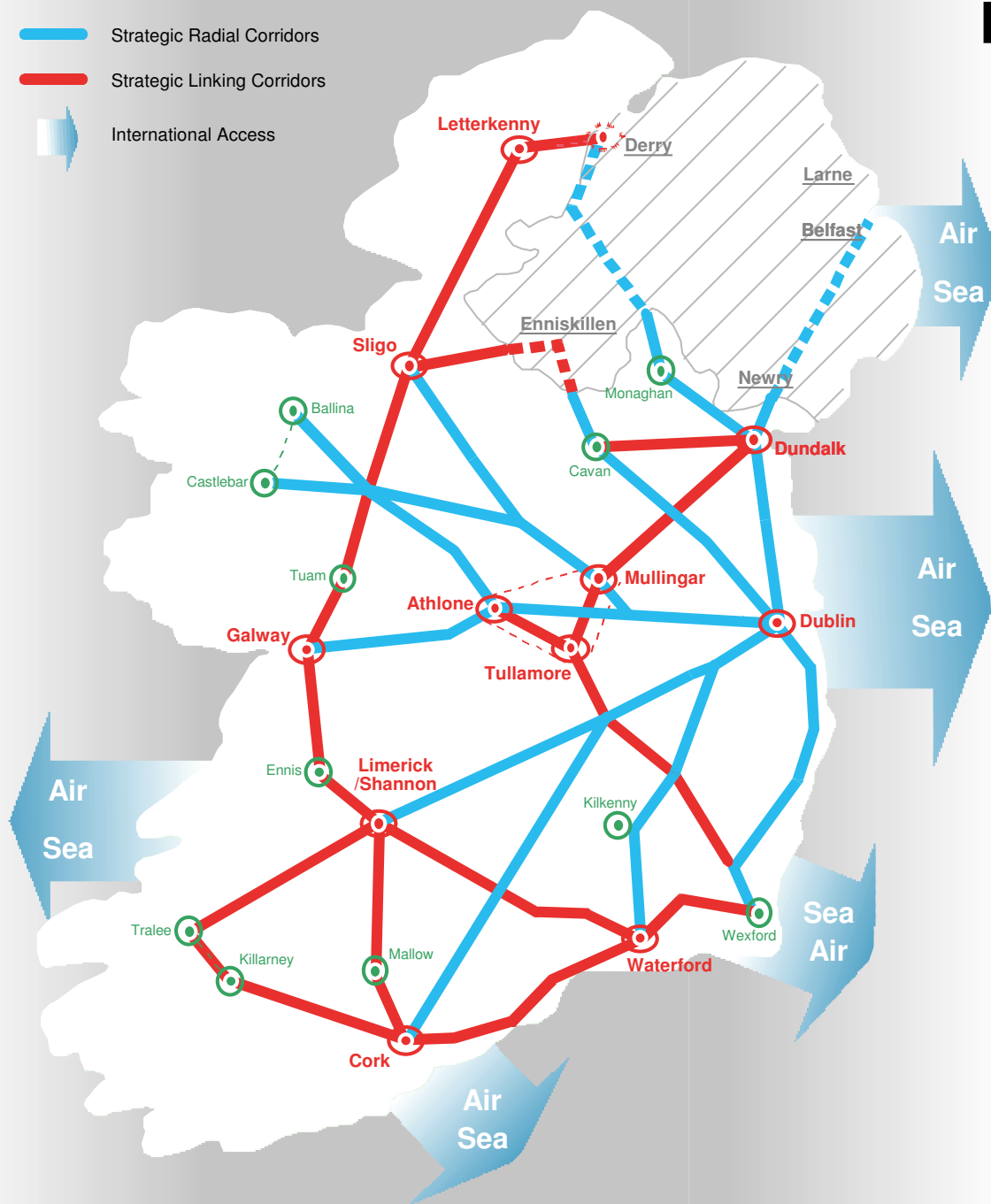
- **Enhancing Competitiveness..**
- **Scale and Critical Mass is crucial..**
- **Unlocking potential of wider areas..**

The National Spatial Strategy



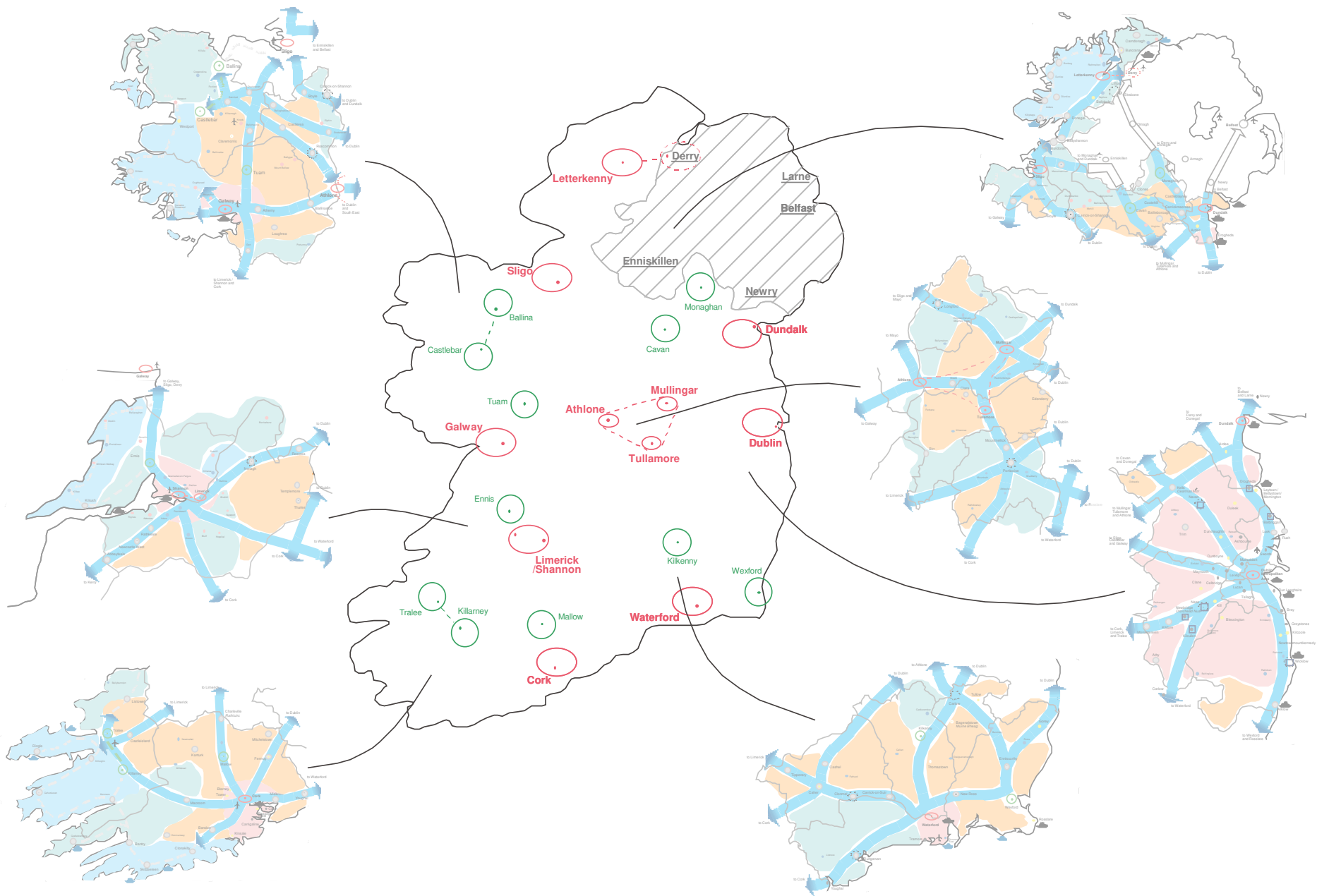


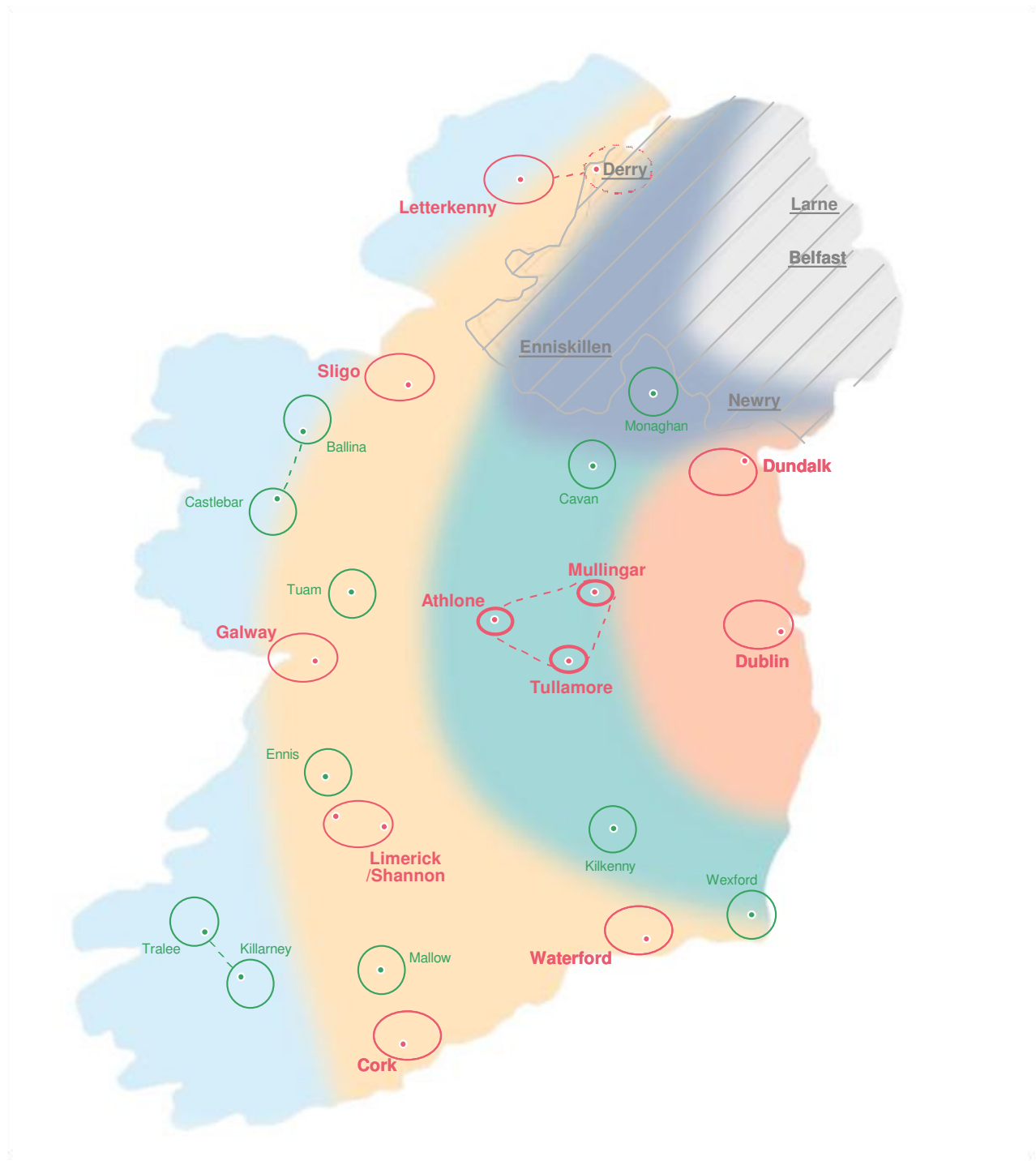
National Transport Network



Rural Policies....

- Rural and Urban partnership in balanced development..
- Strengthening rural communities..
- Protecting environmental qualities..
- Rural Settlement:
 - Accommodating the needs of rural communities..
 - Areas close to cities/main towns..
 - Building up the village structure..
 - Areas with a weaker urban structure..





NSS and the Midlands Region....

- ***Reinforcing***
- **Scale and Critical Mass**
- **Self Sustaining Development**
- **Harnessing complementary strengths**
- **Building on nationally strategic location**

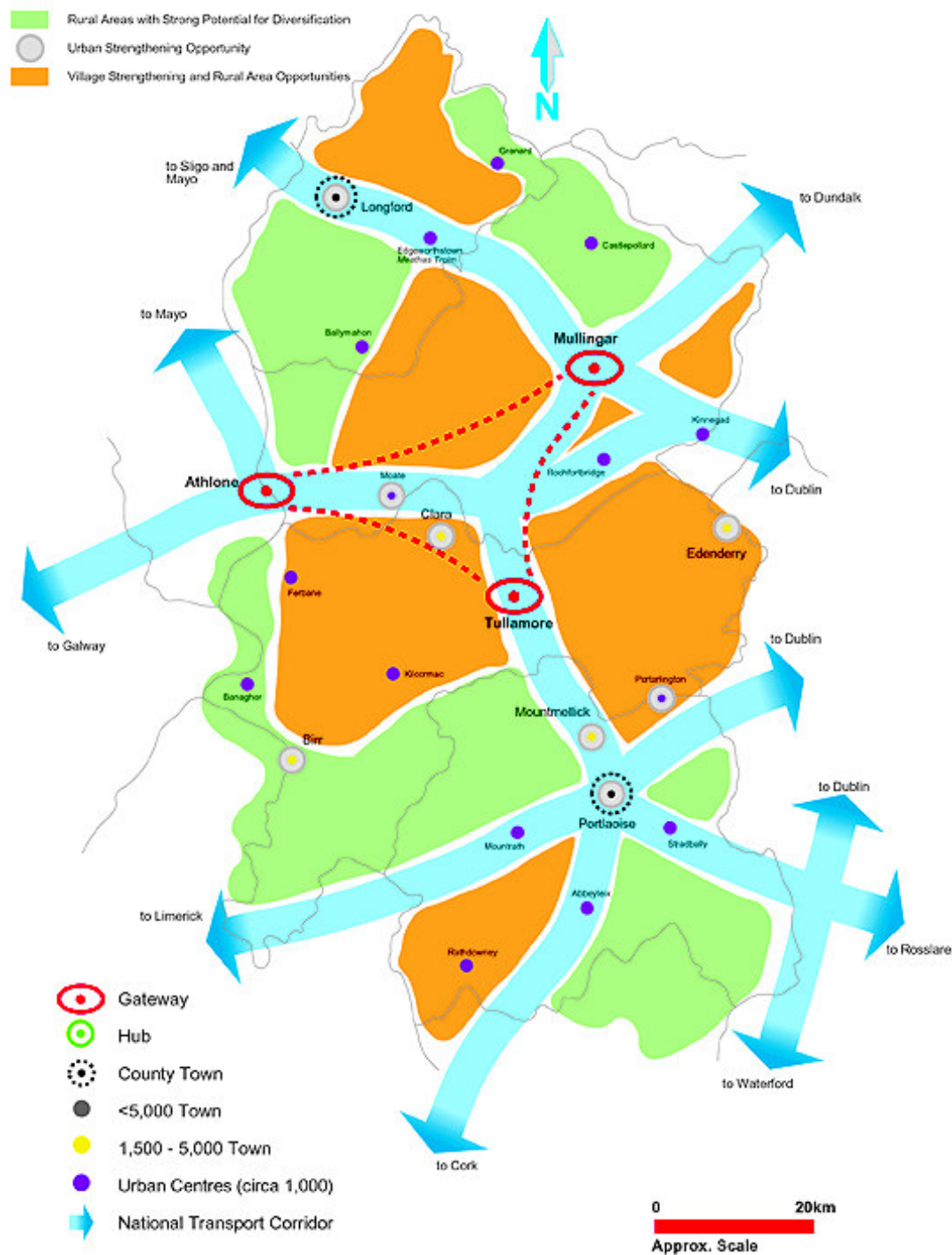
NSS and the Midlands Region....

- **Linked - Gateway..**
- **Partnered by - Longford - Portlaoise..**
- **Birr - Edenderry - Mountmellick + others**
- **Village structure**
- **Rural Areas - diversification opportunities**

Linked Gateway....

- **European examples..**
- **Complementary Development Strategies..**
- **Local Authority partnership..**
- **Joint Development Groups..**
- **DoELG support..**

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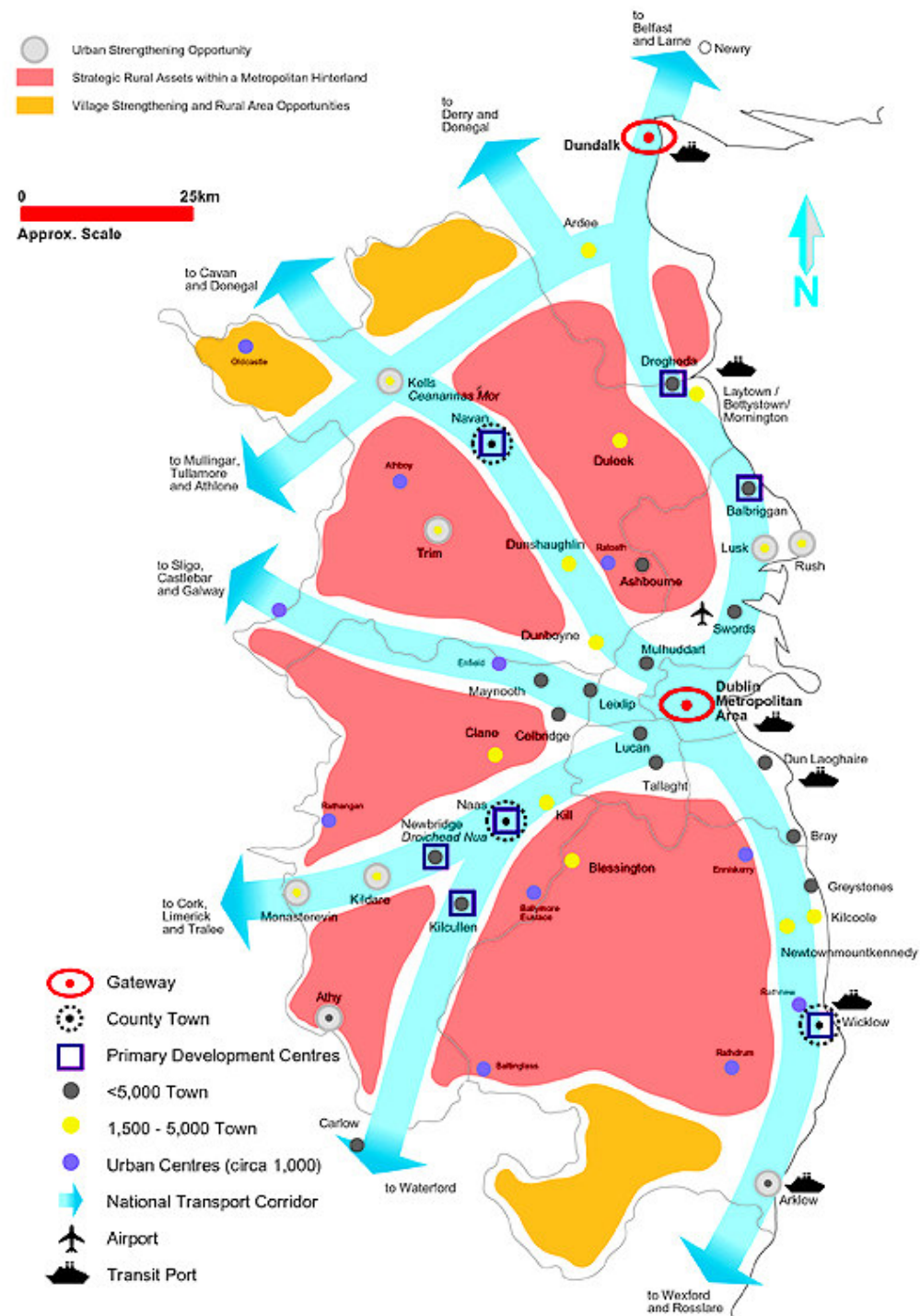


The National Spatial Strategy Adjoining Regions

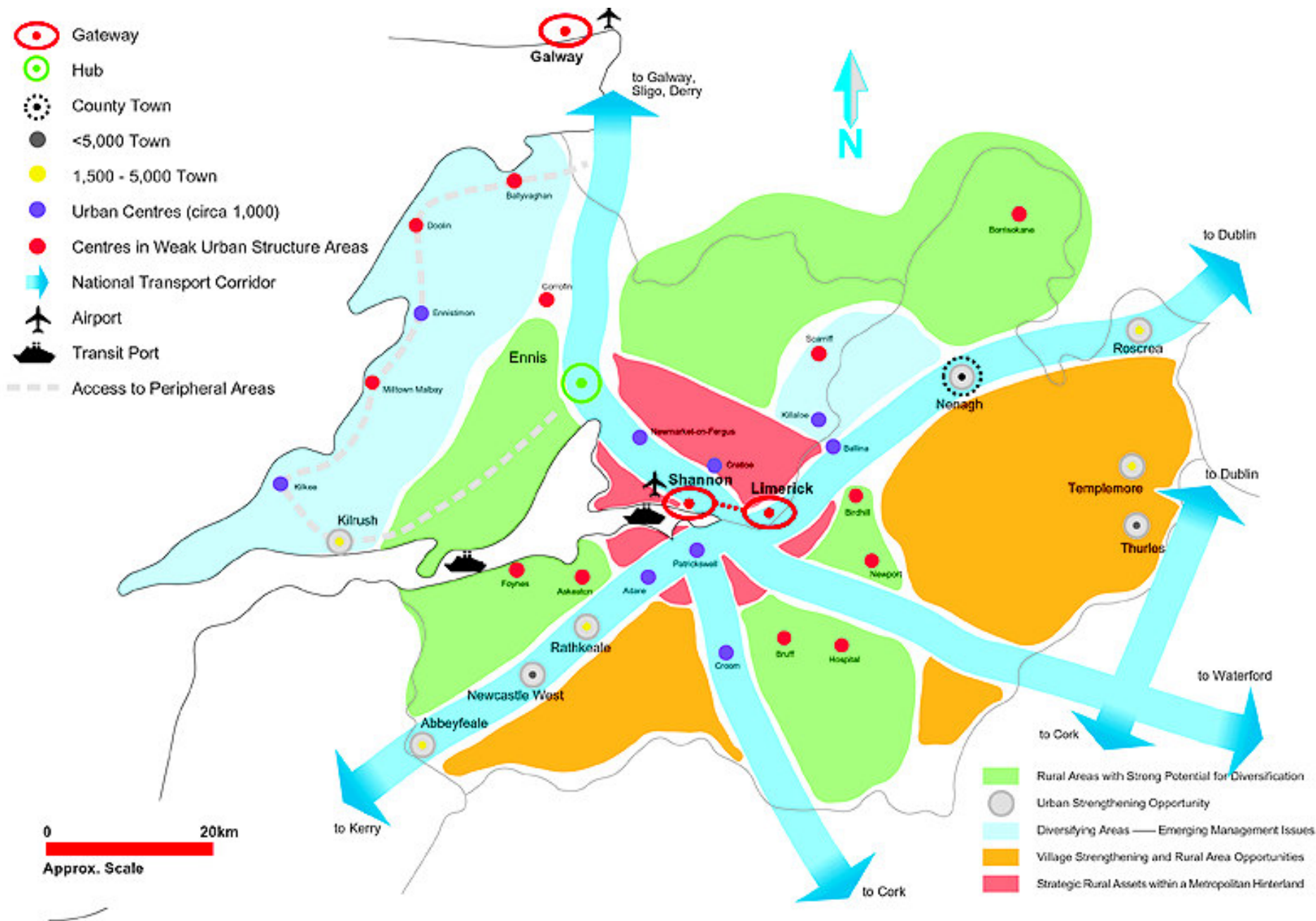
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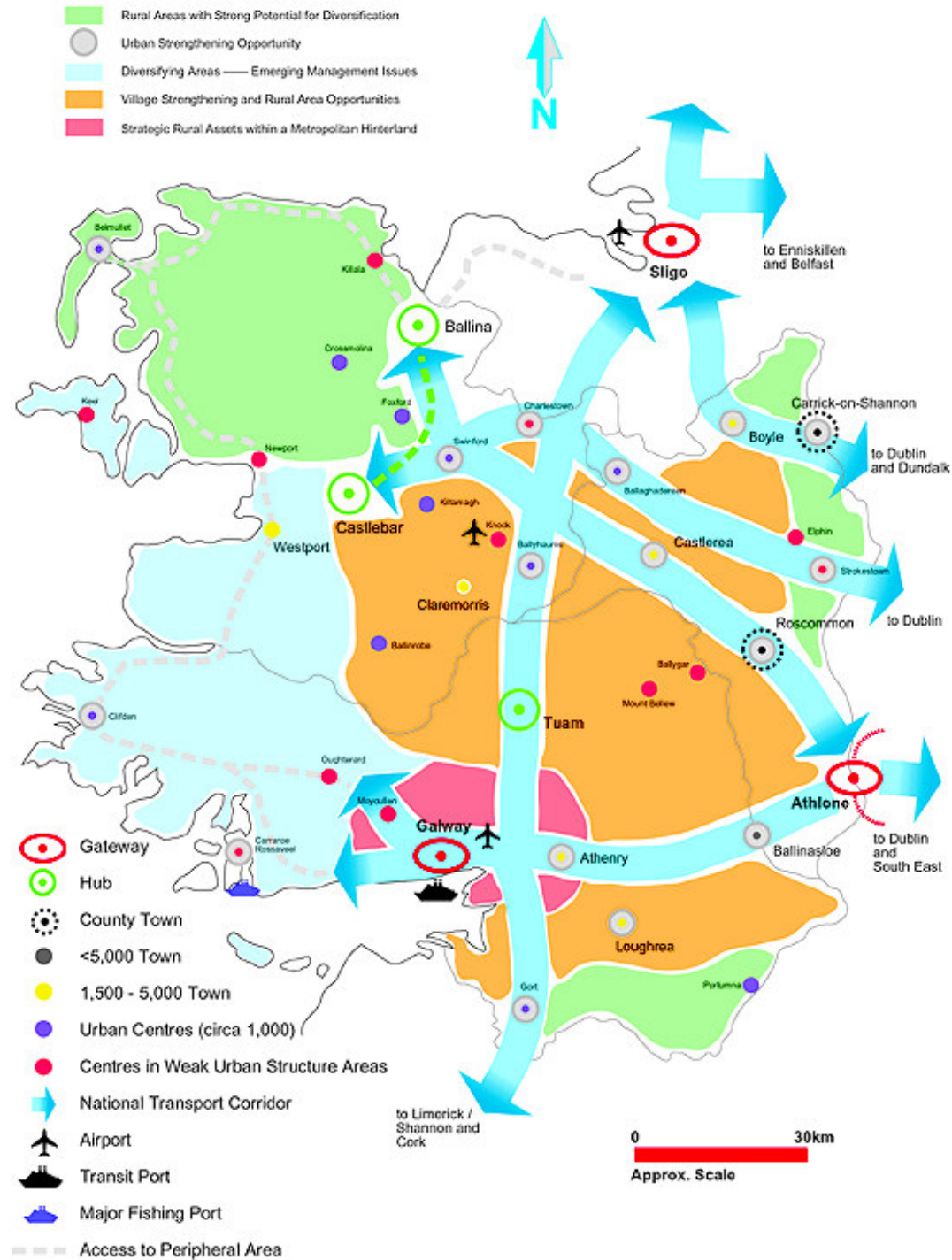
Dublin and Mid East



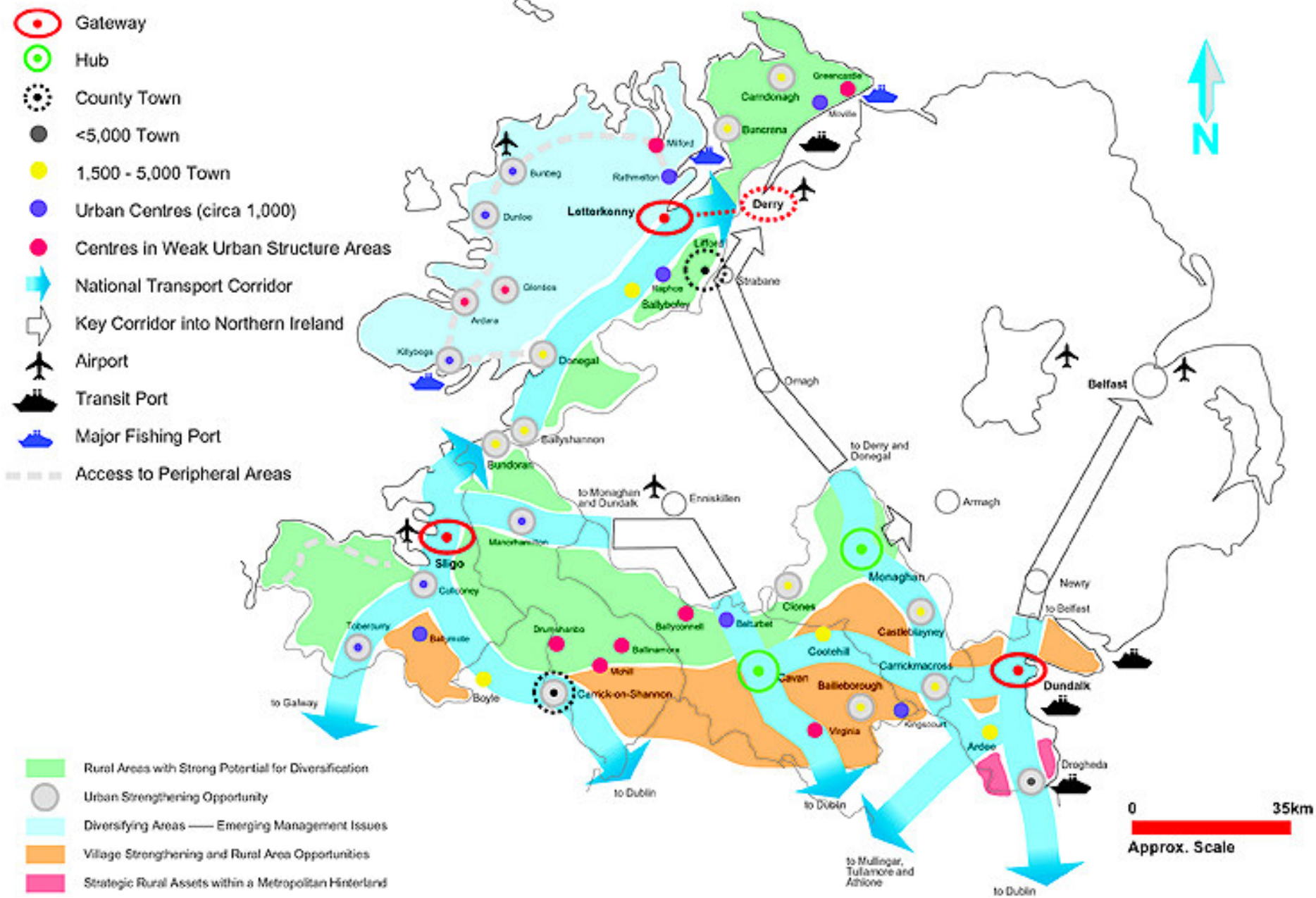
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Border



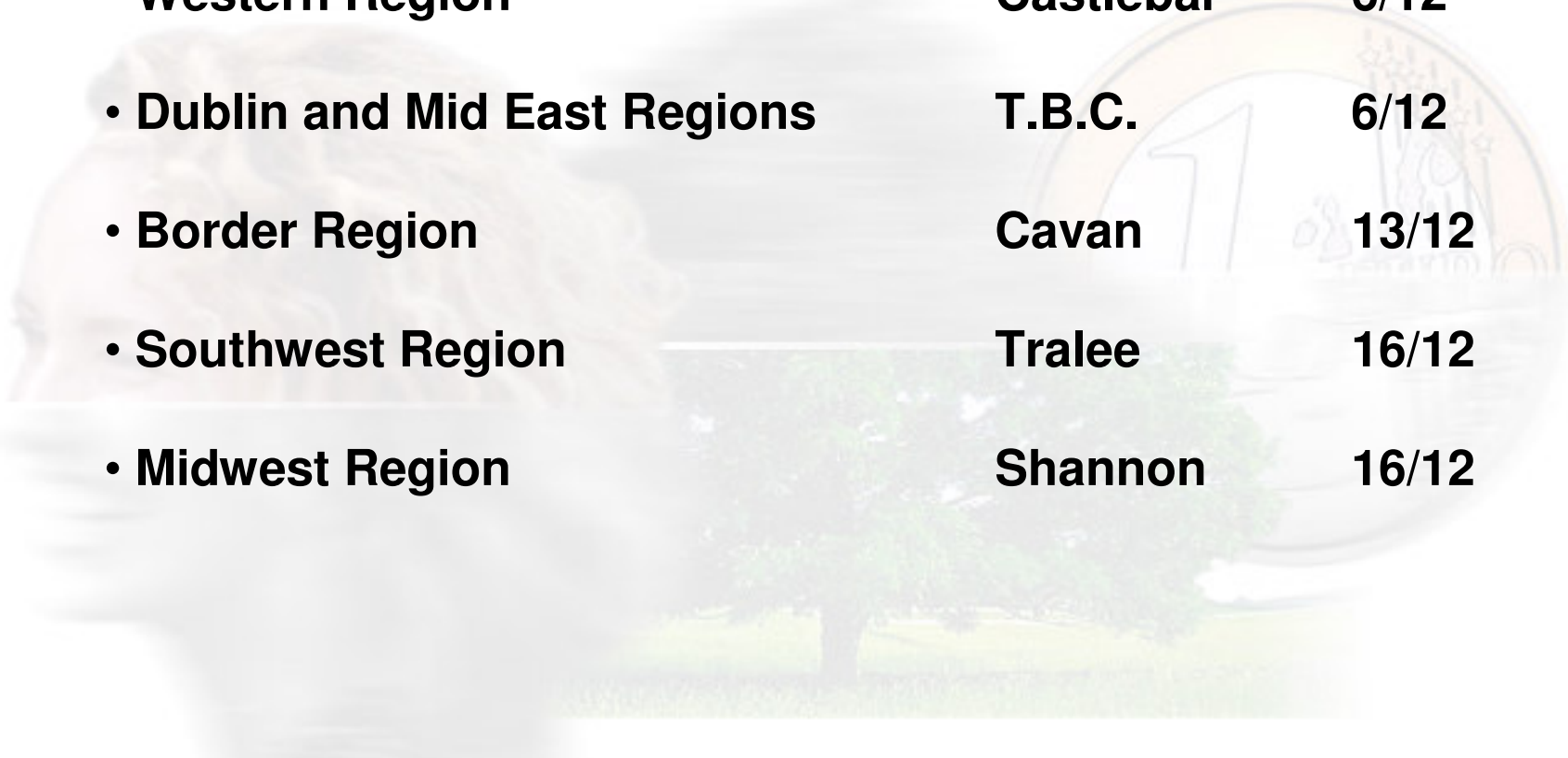
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The National Spatial Strategy - Implementation and Communication

Implementation....

- **Minister for Environment and Local Government..**
- **Regional Planning Guidelines..**
- **Gateways and Hubs..**
- **Integration into other policies and programmes..**
- **Mid Term Review of NDP..**
- **Within one year..**
- **Within five years..**

Communication - Regional Roadshows....



• Western Region	Castlebar	6/12
• Dublin and Mid East Regions	T.B.C.	6/12
• Border Region	Cavan	13/12
• Southwest Region	Tralee	16/12
• Midwest Region	Shannon	16/12

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