



Tionól Réigiúnach
an Deiscirt

Southern Regional
Assembly



Cumann Réigiún na hÉireann
Association of Irish Regions

IRISH REGIONS: BUILDING CAPACITY TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF A CHANGING IRELAND



Statutory Functions of Regional Assembly

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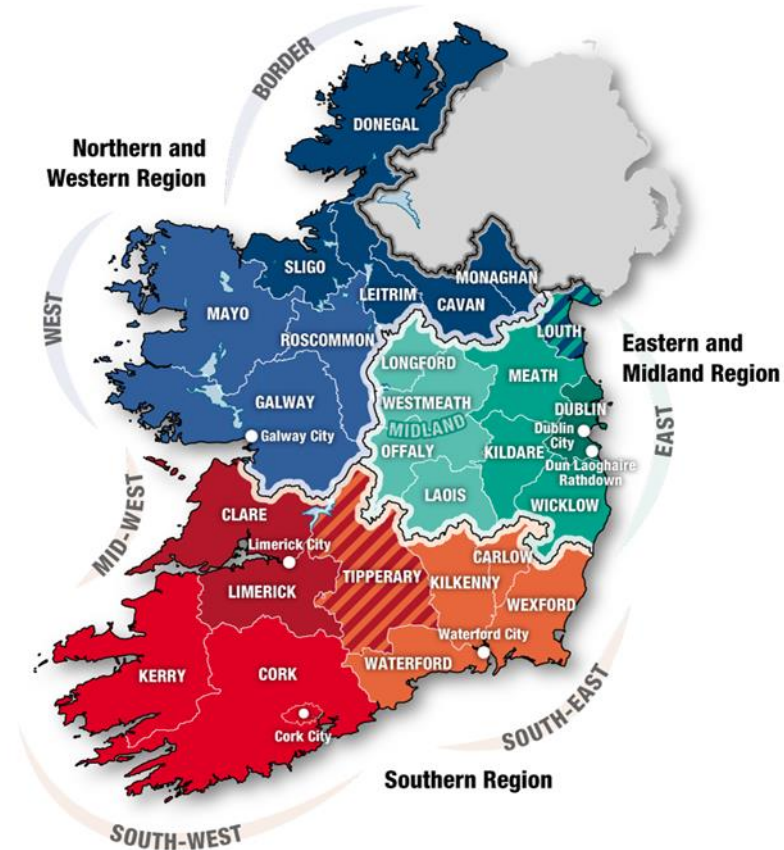
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1994-1999



2000-2014



2015





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regional
economic
and spatial
planning

the
management
of European
Regional
Development
Funding

development
implementation
and promotion
of regional
development
policy and
activities

acting as
the national
contact point
for EU-funded
transnational
programmes

The Assembly
coordinates
actions to support
effectiveness in
Local Government
and public
services

IRELAND PLANNING POLICY HEIRARCHY 2016+





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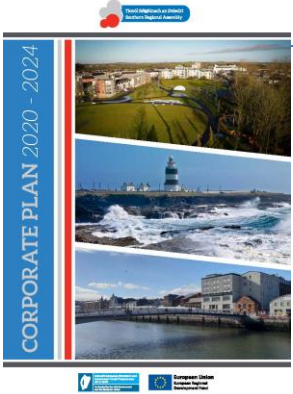
S.I. No. 573 of 2014

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1991 (REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES)
(ESTABLISHMENT) ORDER 2014

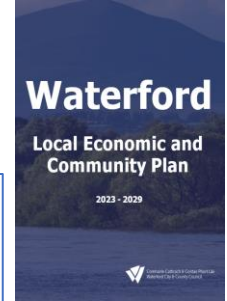
In the performance of its functions, a regional assembly shall have regard to the general welfare, strategic planning and sustainable development requirements of the region, including:

- a) The physical, economic, social, demographic, infrastructural, and environmental situation of the region, its economic and other development potential, and the protection or improvement of its environmental, heritage, amenity, and cultural resources.
- b) The programmes, plans, policies, proposals, and objectives of the Government and of any Minister of the Government and of local authorities and other public authorities, as appropriate, and the need to promote coordination of and/ or consistency with them.
- c) The resources that are available, or are likely to be available, for the performance of their functions.
- d) The specific need for coordinated action to promote effectiveness in local government and public services, to promote consistency with the programmes, plans, policies, proposals, and objectives of the Government or Minister of the Government, and to ensure coherent spatial planning and sustainable development within and between regions.

Statutory Functions of Members



annual-report:
 work-programme:
 noac:
 corporate-plan:
 rses: cdp's:
 lecp's:
 budget:



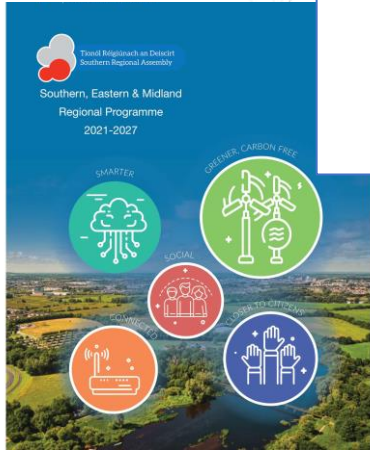
Functions in connection with assistance from the European Union

Northern & Western Regional Programme 2021-27
The Northern and Western Regional Programme 2021-2027 is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union.

Interreg  Co-funded by the European Union
 North-West Europe



funding
 eu-projects
 managing-authority
 interreg
 monitoring
 advice



Interreg Europe  Co-funded by the European Union

Interreg Atlantic Area  Co-funded by the European Union

Appointment to Regional Assembly

- Every member of a regional assembly shall be appointed by the constituent local authority.
- Numbers per LA set out in S.I. – based on population
- Appointed at the annual meeting of local authority held after every election, or soon thereafter.
- Member of Committee of Regions, if not already a Member of RA



Albania
unitary state
local: 61
regional: 12

Austria
federal state
local: 2,100
intermediate: 9
€

Belgium
federal state
local: 589
intermediate: 10
regional: 3
€

Bosnia and Herzegovina
federal state
local: 145
regional: 10

Bulgaria
unitary state
local: 265

Croatia
unitary state
local: 555
regional: 21

Cyprus
unitary state
local: 380
€

Czech Republic
unitary state
local: 6,258
regional: 14

Denmark
unitary state
local: 98
regional: 5

Estonia
unitary state
local: 213
€

Finland
unitary state
local: 313
regional: 19
€

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
unitary state
local: 82

France
unitary state
local: 36,658
intermediate: 99
regional: 16
€

Georgia
unitary state
local: 72

Germany
federal state
local: 11,313
intermediate: 295
regional: 16
€

Greece
unitary state
local: 325
regional: 13
€

Hungary
unitary state
local: 3,201
intermediate: 19

Iceland
unitary state
local: 74

Ireland
unitary state
local: 126
regional: 3
€

Israel
unitary state
local: 260
regional: 6

Italy
unitary state
local: 8,006
intermediate: 110
regional: 20
€

Kosovo*
unitary state
local: 1,323
* See p.48

United Kingdom
unitary state
local: 419
regional: 4

Ukraine
unitary state
local: 10,885
intermediate: 488
regional: 25

Turkey
unitary state
local: 19,695
€

Switzerland
federal state
local: 2,324
regional: 26
€

Sweden
unitary state
local: 290
regional: 20

Spain
unitary state
local: 8,176
regional: 19
€

Slovenia
unitary state
local: 212
€

Slovakia
unitary state
local: 2,930
regional: 8
€

Serbia
unitary state
local: 174
regional: 2

Romania
unitary state
local: 3,181
regional: 41

Portugal
unitary state
local: 3,400
regional: 2
€

Poland
unitary state
local: 2,497
intermediate: 380
regional: 16

Norway
unitary state
local: 428
regional: 19

Netherlands
unitary state
local: 390
regional: 12
€

Montenegro
unitary state
local: 23

Moldova
unitary state
local: 1,679
regional: 35

Malta
unitary state
local: 68
€

Luxemburg
unitary state
local: 105
€

Lithuania
unitary state
local: 60
€

Latvia
unitary state
local: 119
regional: 5
€

129,472
towns & cities

1,401
provinces & counties

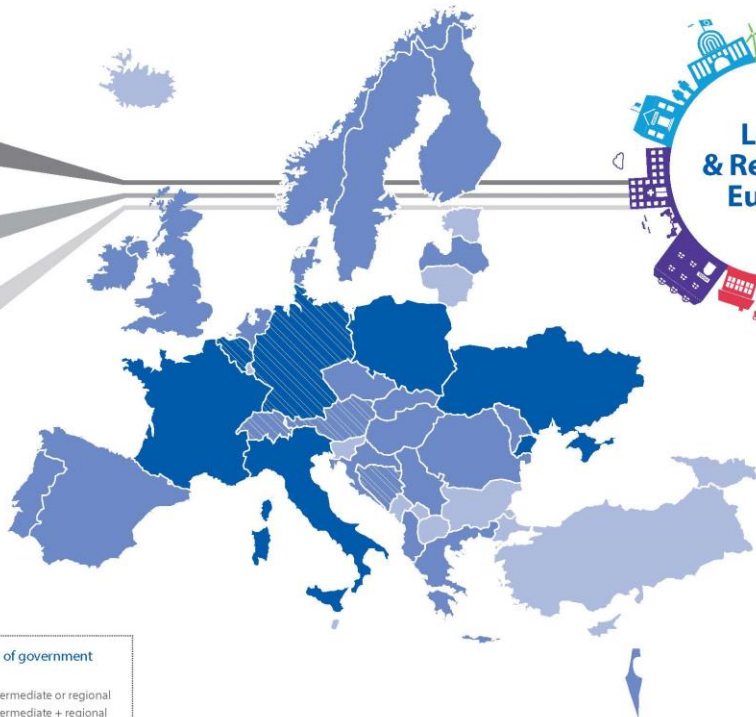
401
regions

5 states
federal status

5 states
compulsory voting

19 states
Euro as currency

State structure	Subdivision of government
federal state	only local
unitary state	local + intermediate or regional
	local + intermediate + regional





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Thank You

