

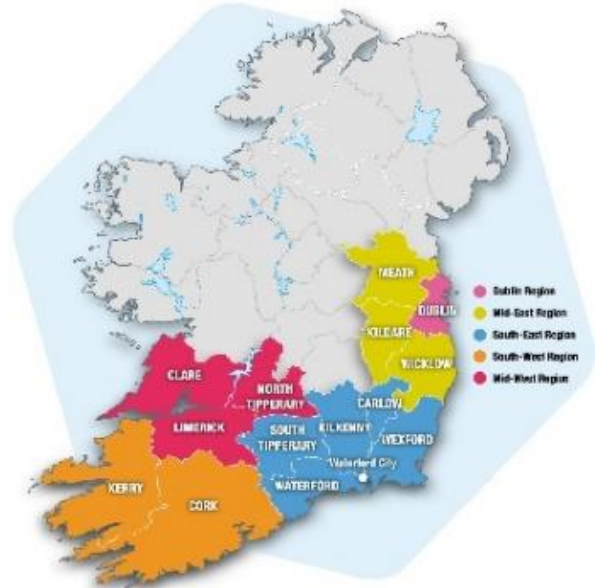
Southern & Eastern Regional Programme 2014-20

Annual Implementation Report 2022

Citizens' Summary

The Southern & Eastern (S&E) Regional Programme 2014-20 is €620.1 million funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and national funding which supports activities in the S&E region of Ireland.

The Programme co-funds activities aimed at improving the quality of life of people living in the regions of the Programme Area by focusing on specific growth opportunities and sectors identified in Ireland's smart specialisation strategy, to support the creation of new quality jobs, boost innovation, increase licenses granted, and help to grow the local economies in the region.



Beneficiaries include public sector, academic and private sector organisations across the S&E region.

The Southern Regional Assembly is the Managing Authority for the overall Programme and the co-financed activities under each priority are implemented through specific schemes.

The ERDF co-funds activities aimed at strengthening economic and social cohesion across the European Union by correcting imbalances between regions.

Programme Progress to 2022

Strengthening RTDI	4 world class research centres supported	653 new researchers in supported research centres	870 industry partners engaging with research centres	97 commercialisation fund awards
SME Competitiveness	55,358 enterprises receiving financial/ non-financial supports	1,024 employment increase in supported enterprises	54,459 number of participants on enterprise training programmes	
Low Carbon Economy	12,214 households with improved energy consumption classification		10,796 tCO²eq estimated annual decrease in GHG	
Sustainable Urban Development	9 integrated growth centre strategies implemented		1,652,174 people living in areas with integrated urban development strategies	
Coronavirus Response	111,346,031 Items of PPE Purchased		€207,809,245 Value of PPE Purchased	

Strengthening Research, Technology, Development & Innovation

Increasing the level of research with company engagement in the S&E region by fostering applied research and increasing the number of companies undertaking industry research & development.

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Strengthening Research, Technology, Development & Innovation is delivered through four schemes.

SFI Research Centres: Supporting the development of world-leading research centres to facilitate research-industry collaborations to develop new technology for commercialisation, attract international research capital, and increase researchers employed in industry.

SFI Spokes: Promoting further development of SFI Research Centres to incorporate new research areas, industry and academic collaborators aligned to the Research Prioritise Exercise for Ireland.

Science Foundation Ireland is the Intermediate Body for both schemes.

Commercialisation Fund: Supporting science and engineering researchers in third level institutions and research organisations in applied research projects that generate outputs to benefit the Irish economy.

Innovation Partnership Programme: Encouraging Irish-based companies to work with Irish research institutes for mutually beneficial cooperation and access expertise & resources to develop new/improved products, processes, services, and generate new knowledge/expertise.

Enterprise Ireland is the Intermediate Body for both schemes.

SME Competitiveness

Increasing employment levels in micro-enterprises and SMEs in the S&E region by supporting business start-ups, expansion and higher innovation levels in enterprises.

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SME Competitiveness is delivered through the Micro-enterprise Support Scheme.

Increasing the rate of business start-up/ expansion, and enhancing management capability, competitiveness, innovation, technological adaptation, and export-orientation of micro-enterprises with supports such as provision of business information, advisory services, capacity building, mentoring and financial supports.

Delivered by Enterprise Ireland via 18 Local Enterprise Offices in the S&E Region.

Low Carbon Economy

Contributing to Ireland's commitment in relation to its Europe 2020 carbon reduction targets by improving energy efficiency in the housing stock in the S&E region.

12,214

households with improved energy consumption classification

10,796 tCO²eq

estimated annual decrease in GHG

Low Carbon Economy is delivered through the Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme.

Improving the energy efficiency of homes owned by those at risk of energy poverty, improving the health and well-being of those households, and reducing the portion of disposable income required for energy bills.

This scheme has evolved over the lifetime of the programme and now includes deeper retrofits. This deeper retrofit approach is more expensive but yields greater energy efficiency improvements per household.

Delivered by the Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications via the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

Coronavirus Response

Maintaining access to supplies of essential Personal Protective Equipment for the health services in the S&E region affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

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Value of PPE Purchased

Coronavirus Reponse is delivered through the Health Support Scheme.

Maintaining access to supplies of essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the health services in the S&E region. Since March 2020, the global pandemic has caused unprecedented demand for PPE, triggering severe disruption to global supply chains. This presented the Irish health authorities with an extraordinary challenge to traditional PPE supply chains.

The Scheme supported the cost of supplying the Irish healthcare system with essential PPE as part of a targeted, State-led investment to facilitate the critical work of minimising the impact of the global pandemic in the S&E region and to safeguard the health and welfare of its people.

Scheme Beneficiary: Health Service Executive



Sustainable Urban Development

Revitalising & regenerating urban environments in urban centres as part of integrated urban & low carbon strategies for sustainable, multi-modal mobility & mitigation-relevant adaptation measures.

9

integrated growth centre strategies implemented

1,652,174

people living in areas with integrated urban development strategies

Sustainable Urban Development is delivered through the Designated Urban Centre Grants Scheme.

Delivered by the Southern Regional Assembly.



Top (l-r): Kilkenny River Gardens, Waterford City's Apple Market, Dodder Greenway in South Dublin, Mary Elmes Bridge In Cork City

Bottom (l-r): Crescent Quay Wexford Town, Shannon Town Park

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Sustainable Urban Development Projects 2014-20

Waterford	€4m ERDF	Public realm works, incl. Apple Market
Cork	€5m ERDF	Mary Elmes Bridge Marina Park
Dublin	€7m ERDF	Swords Castle, Cultural & Civic Dodder Valley Greenway Dun Laoghaire Baths
Limerick-Shannon	€4.5m ERDF	Liffey Street Area Public Realm Limerick's O'Connell Street Shannon Town Park
Wexford	€1m ERDF	Crescent Quay Redevelopment
Ennis	€1m ERDF	Ennis Library
Mallow	€1m ERDF	Mallow Bridge Pedestrian Extension
Tralee	€1.5m ERDF	Island of Geese
Kilkenny	€1m ERDF	Redevelopment of Abbey Quarter