
Planning and Economic role of the Regional Assembly

AN INTRODUCTION FOR THE MEMBERS



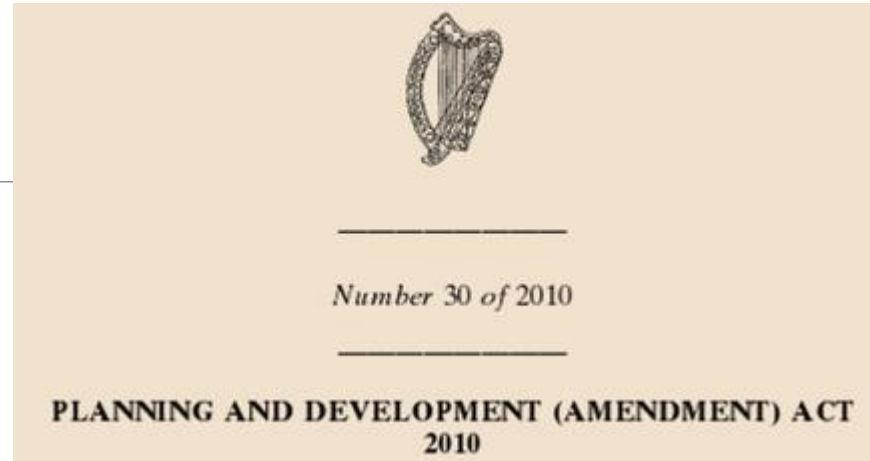
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“Without doubt the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010 is the most significant piece of planning legislation to be passed since the major modernisation of the Parent Act in the year 2000” - **Irish Planning Institute 2010**

Increasing role for the regional tier planning

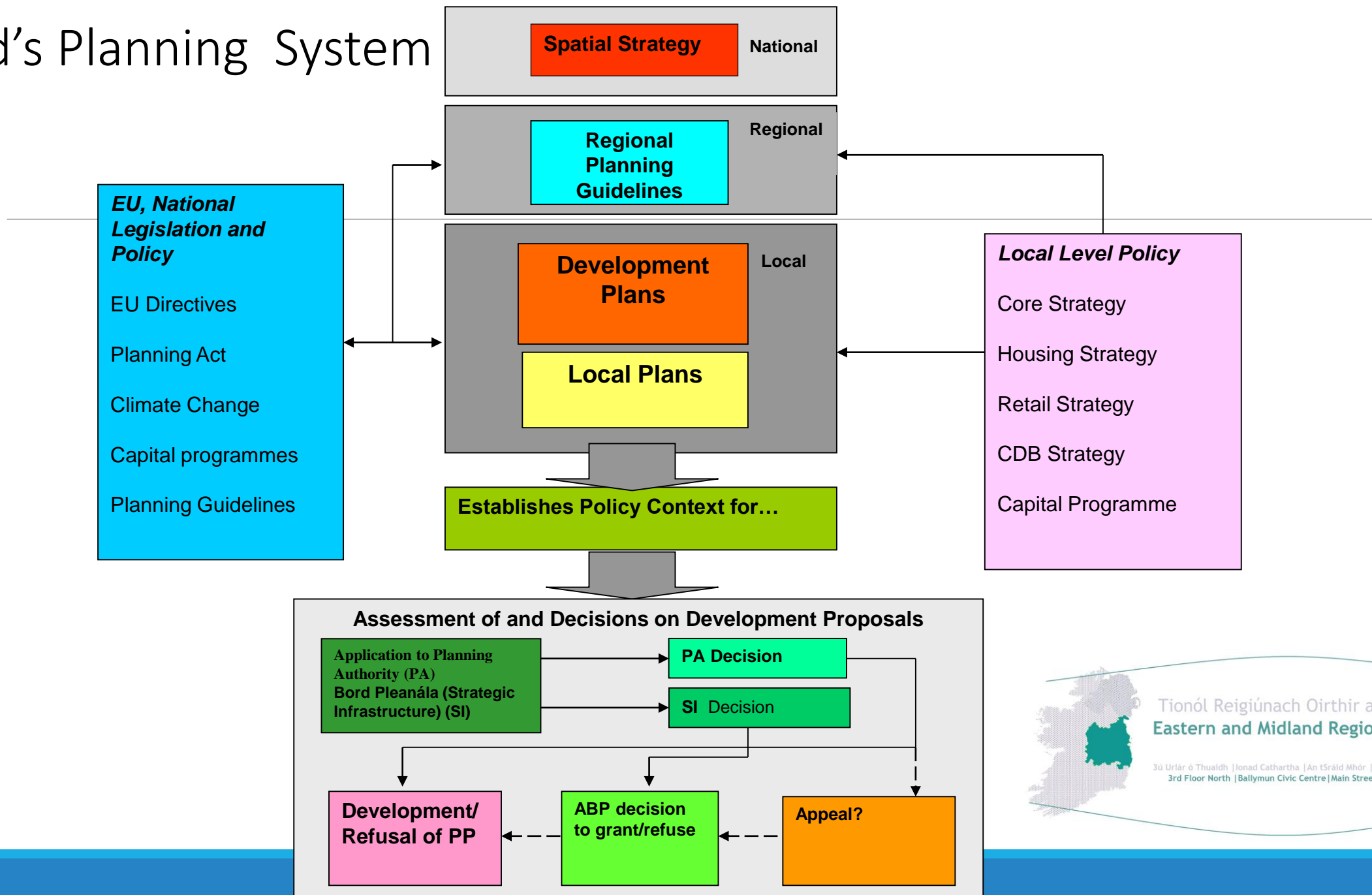


Planning Legislation

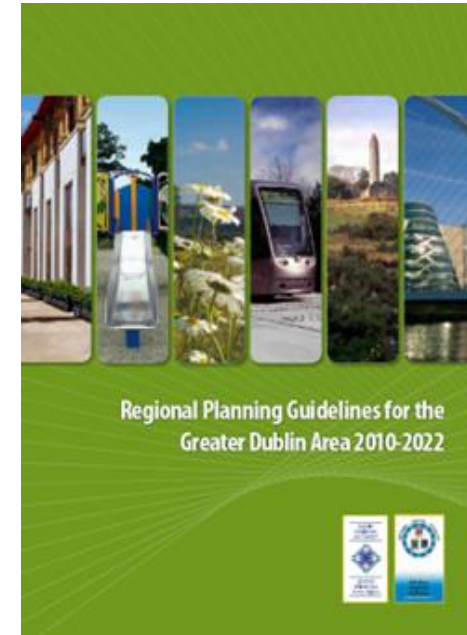
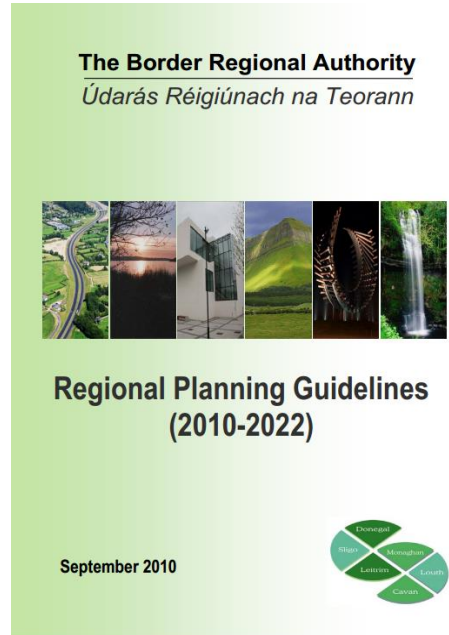
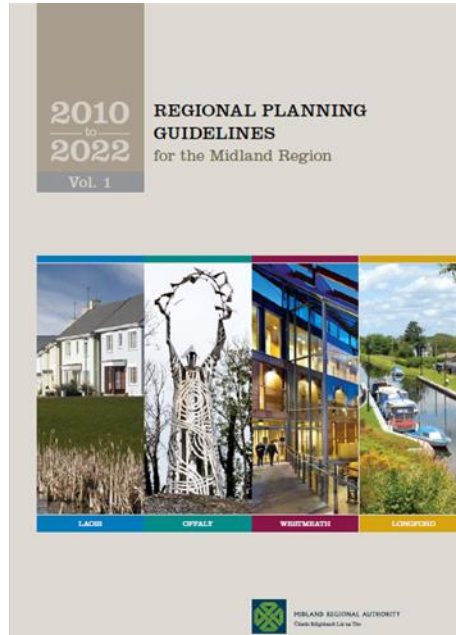
- The Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 strengthens the requirements for Regional Plans to align with the National Spatial Strategy, and to link national spatial planning policies to the planning process at City and County level.
- A key aim is to ensure consistency between national, regional and local level plans. The requirement for a core strategy in Development Plans is one of the main mechanisms for demonstrating how Development Plans are consistent with regional and national plans.
- The **evidence based** core strategy must outline the location, quantum and phasing of future development and details of transport plans, retail development and policies for development in rural areas. The RPG policies inform the core strategy, for example, in relation to housing and population allocations.
- Consequently, the Regional Authorities now have a more explicit role in the draft process for Development Plans and variations (Sections 27A, B & C of the Planning Act, as amended).
- On the foot of changes to the Planning Act, the DOEHLG introduced guidance notes for planning at the regional level entitled '**Implementation of Regional Planning Guidelines Best Practice Guidance**' in December 2010. (Also in 2010, *Guidelines for Core Strategies* were published).



Ireland's Planning System



Regional Planning Guidelines



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RPG Implementation

- Section 27 of the P & D Act (as Amended) - key section of the Act for Regional Assemblies
- Section 27A – Relates to role of RA in the **Preparation** of a Draft Development Plan
- Section 27 B – Relates to the role of the RA in the **making** of a Draft Development Plan
- Section 27C – Relates to the role of the RA in the making of a **variation** (under S 13 of the Act) to a Development

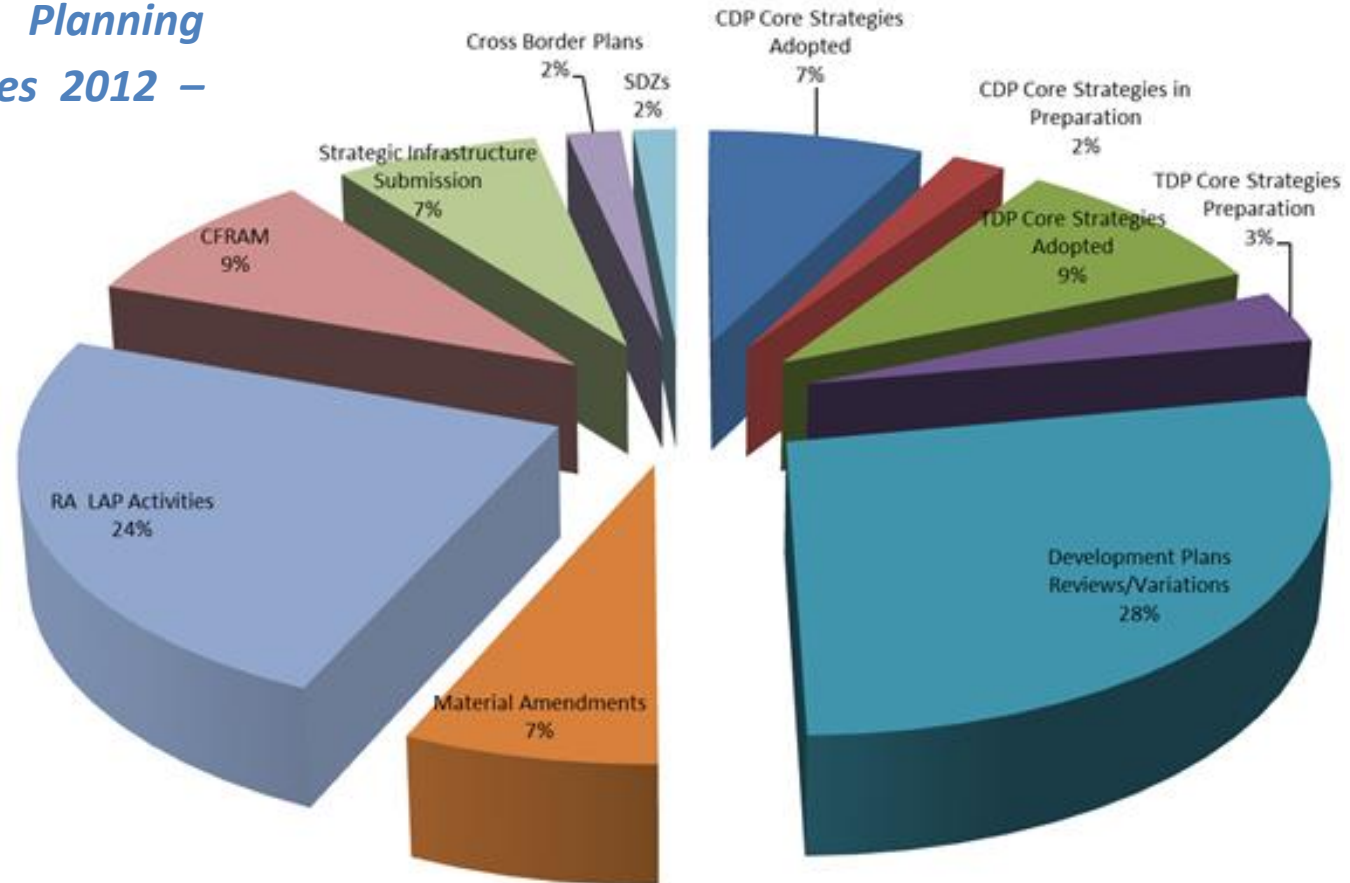
We **must** also indirectly make observations, comments and recommendations on the following:

- **Material Alterations** to a Development Plan (S 12 (7) of the Act) and;
- **Preparation and making of Local Area Plans** (S 18, 19, 20 of the Act)



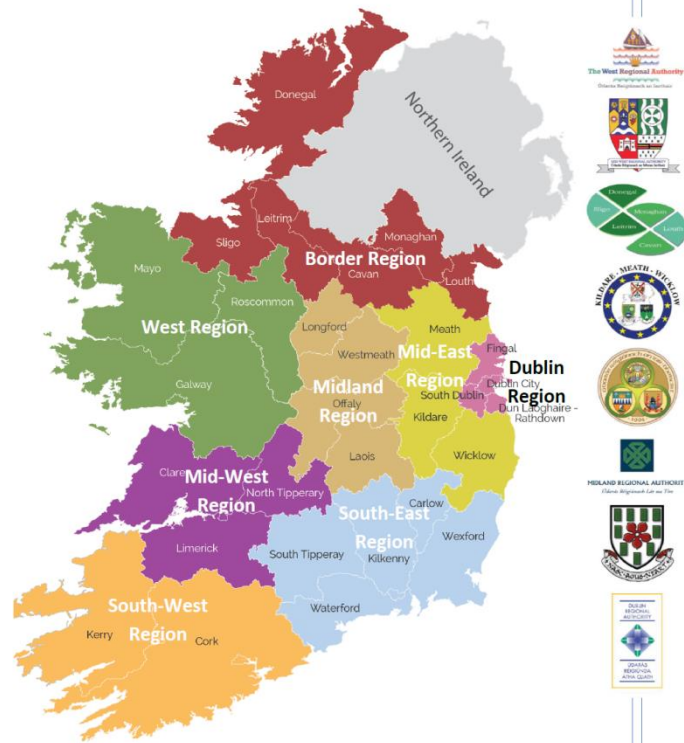
Submissions Overview

Figure 1: Overview of Regional Planning Guidelines Implementation Activities 2012 – 2014



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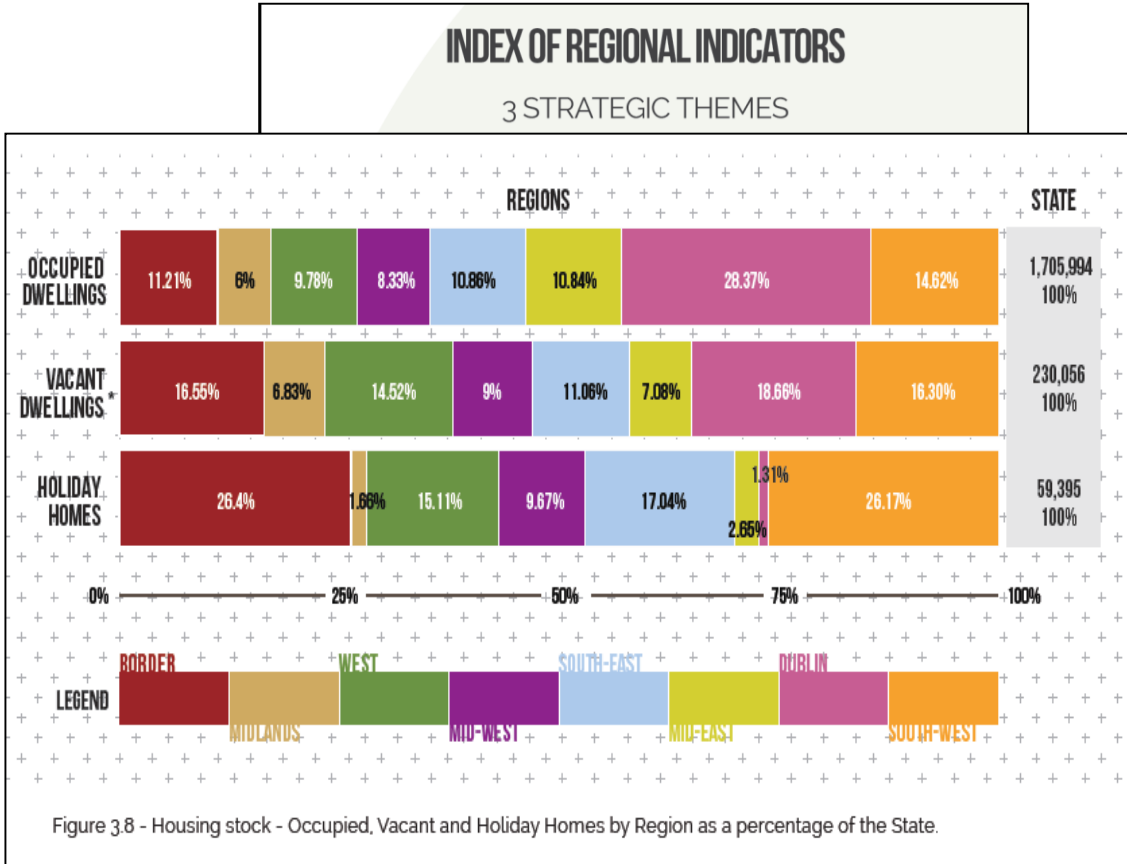
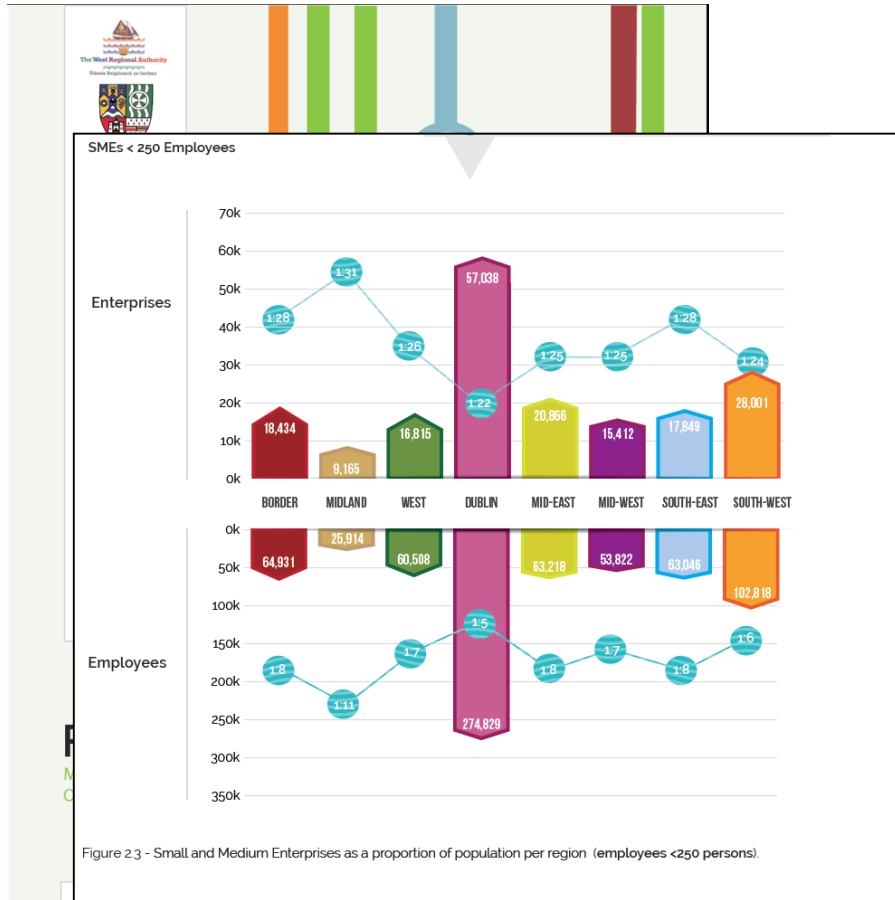
Regional Authorities of Ireland
**National Report on Regional Planning Guidelines
 Implementation 2012-2014**



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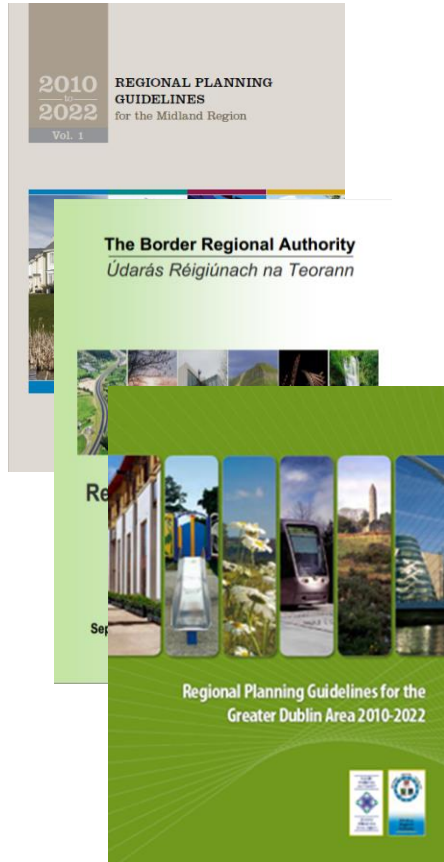
2014

Status of Water Bodies | Compliance with UWWTD | WTP/WWTP | Renewable | Energy

Managed & Unmanaged Waste

EU Habitats and Species

Review of RPGs & Preparation of RSES



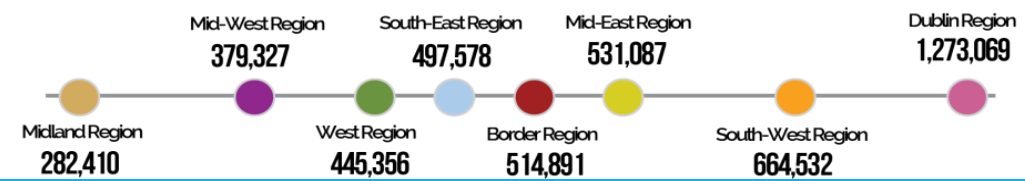
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- Midland Region
- West Region
- Dublin Region
- Mid-East Region
- Mid-West Region
- South-East Region
- South-West Region



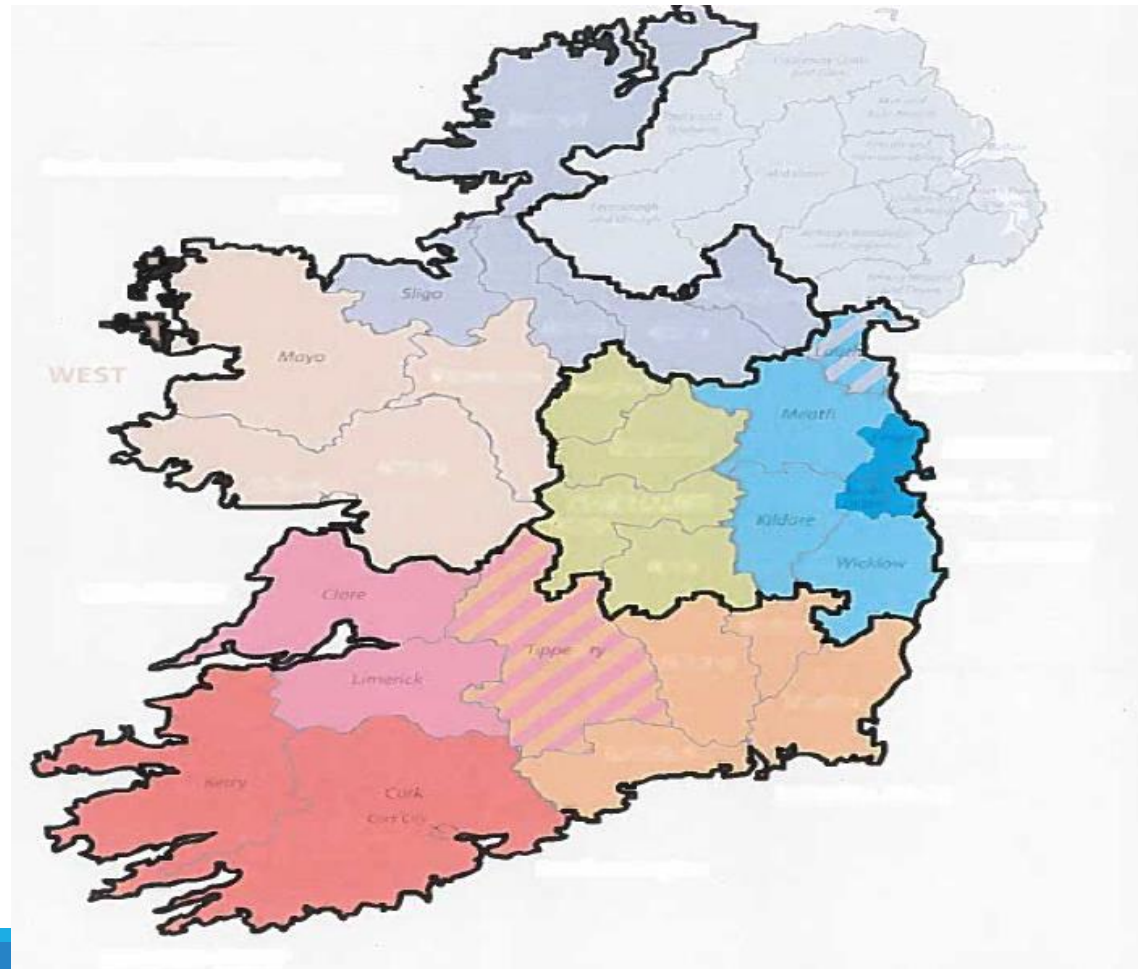
Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies 2016 – 2028

- Northern & Western Region
- Southern Region
- Eastern & Midland Region

Population Summary, 2011



Strategic Planning Area Committees



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Strategic Planning Area Committees

Title of Regional Assembly (1)	Strategic Planning Area Committees (2)	Constituent local authorities (3)
The Eastern and Midland Region	Dublin	The councils of the counties of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin, and the city of Dublin.
	Eastern	The councils of the counties of Kildare, Louth, Meath and Wicklow.
	Midland	The councils of the counties of Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath.

Note: Louth County Council is now moving from the BMW Region to the Eastern and Midland Region, due to the strong links with adjacent border region counties, members from Louth will serve on both the Border SPA and the Eastern SPA Committees.



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Local Economic and Community Plans

- Stronger Regional role in economic development – RSES
- Role in linking economic development with regional and national planning – LECPs
- Statutory function in preparation of LECPs
- Regional Economic foras



Future

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