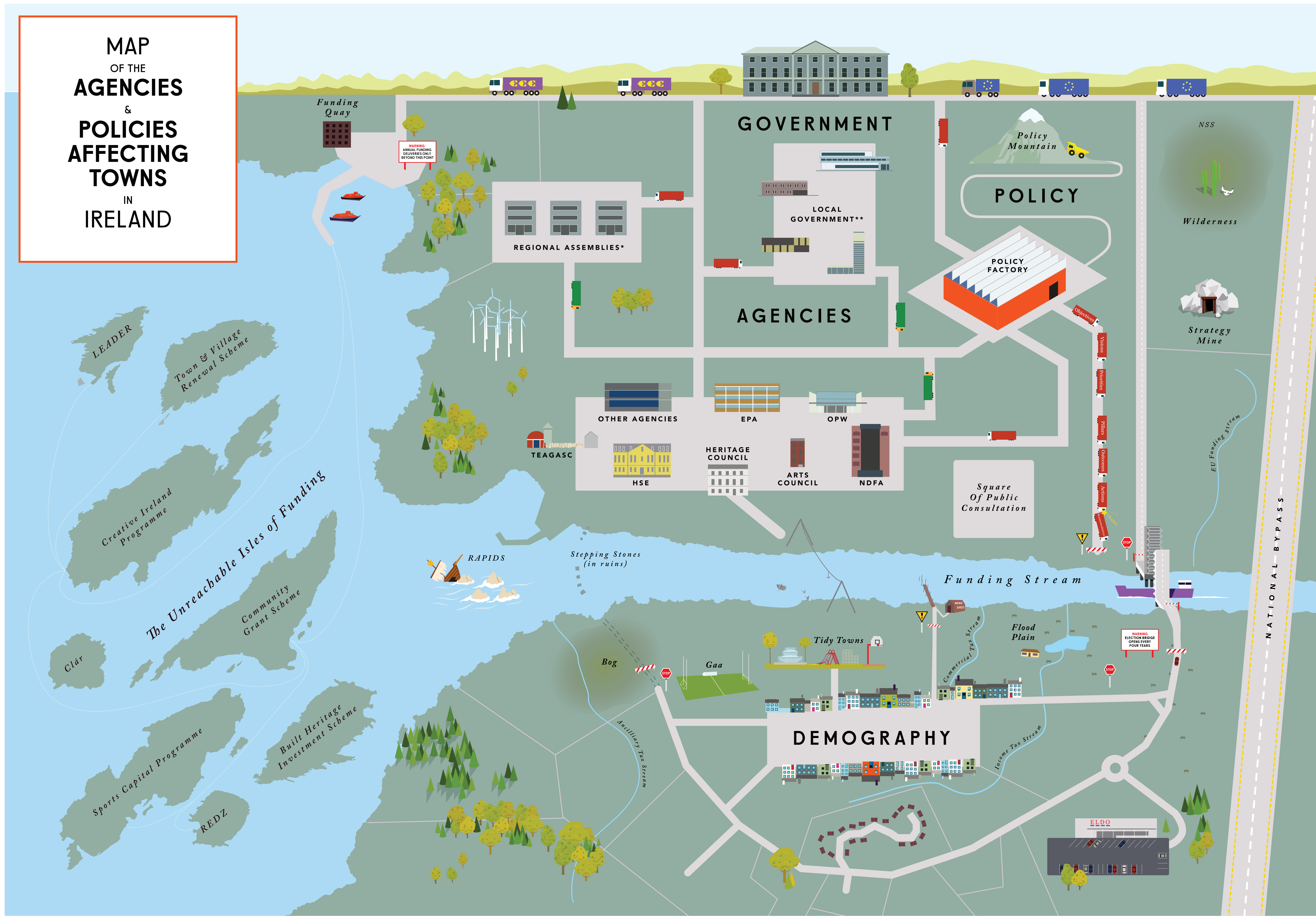


MAP OF THE AGENCIES & POLICIES AFFECTING TOWNS IN IRELAND



POLICY

- 1. Project Ireland 2040: The National Planning Framework (2018)**
Published by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. This is the first National Planning Policy since the 2002 National Spatial Strategy which was shelved in 2012. Key points include:

 - 1 Single Vision
 - 10 National Strategic Outcomes
 - 10 Strategic Investment Priorities
- 2. Project Ireland 2040 National Development Plan 2018-2027**
Ten Year Investment Plan to deliver the NFP
- 3. Regional Planning Guidelines**
Published by the Regional Assemblies, the RLGs are to be replaced by Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies (RSES) by the end of 2018. The 8 current RLGs include: Greater Dublin Area RLGs Vol 1&II 2010-2022, Border RLG 2010-2022, Midland RLG 2010-2022, RLG for the West Region 2010-2022, Mid-West RLG 2010-2022, South-West RLG 2010-2022, South-East RLG 2010-2022.
- 4. Local Authority Development Plans**
Published by each Local Authority, who are charged with drafting & implementing a new County Development Plan every 6 years. There are 31 Local Authorities in Ireland: Carlow County Council, Carrick Co. Co., Clare Co. Co., Cork Co. Co., Donegal Co. Co., Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co., Fingal Co. Co., Galway Co. Co., Kerry Co. Co., Kildare Co. Co., Kilkenny Co. Co., Laois Co. Co., Leitrim Co. Co., Longford Co. Co., Louth Co. Co., Mayo Co. Co., Meath Co. Co., Monaghan Co. Co., Offaly Co. Co., Roscommon Co. Co., Sligo Co. Co., South Dublin Co. Co., Tipperary Co. Co., Westmeath Co. Co., Wicklow Co. Co., Wexford Co. Co., Limerick City & County Council, Waterford City and County Council, plus Cork, Dublin and Galway City Councils. In addition to Development Plans, each Local Authority prepares the following Strategy Documents:
- 5. Local Authority Housing Strategies**
- 6. Local Authority Retail Strategies**
- 7. Local Authority Heritage Strategies**
- 8. Local Economic & Community Plans**
- 9. Local Area Plans**
Published by Local Authorities for specific areas in which more detailed planning is deemed necessary or in which particular change or growth is expected. There are over 350 LAPs published to date. Plans may include statutory and discretionary objectives and run on separate timelines to DPs.
- 10. Public Realm Plans**
Place specific plans for urban space published by Local Authorities.
- 11. Guidelines For Planning Authorities On Sustainable Residential Development In Urban Areas (Cities, Towns And Villages)**
Published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (since changed) in 2009.
- 12. Design Manual For Urban Roads And Streets (DMURS)**
Co-published by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport and the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (since changed) in 2013.
- 13. Smarter Travel: A Sustainable Transport Future: A New Transport Policy For Ireland 2009-2020**
Published by Department of Transport (since changed) in 2009.
- 14. Shared Space, Shared Surfaces And Home Zones From A Universal Design Approach For The Urban Environment In Ireland: Key Findings & Recommendations**
Published by the National Disability Authority & TrinityHaus in 2012.
- 15. National Adaptation Framework: Planning For A Climate Resilient Ireland**
Published by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment in 2018.
- 16. CEDRA: Report Of The Commission For The Economic Development Of Rural Areas**
Published by Department of the Environment, Communities & Local Government (now changed) & Agriculture, Food & the Marine in 2014.
- 17. Realising Our Potential: Action Plan For Rural Development**
Published in 2017 under 2 Departments: Arts Heritage, Regional & Rural Affairs (now Rural & Community Development), building on the CEDRA report & recommendations.
- 18. Rebuilding Ireland: Action Plan For Housing And Homelessness**
Published in 2016 by Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.
- 19. A Framework For Town Centre Renewal**
Prepared in 2017 by Retail & Town Centre Renewal Group for the Retail Consultation Forum chaired by Minister for Jobs, Innovation & Enterprise (this department has since changed).
- 20. Policy Proposals For Ireland's Towns**
Published by the Heritage Council in 2015.
- 21. Town Centre Health Checks**
Evidence based reports informing forthcoming Local Area Plans. Format and methodology piloted by the Heritage Council.
- 22. Village Design Statements**
Collaborative documents compiled by local communities in collaboration with the local authority and other stakeholders.
- 23. Tourism Action Plan 2016-2018**
Published by Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport.
- 24. Government Policy On Architecture 2009-2015: Towards A Sustainable Future: Delivering Quality Within The Built Environment**
Published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (now changed). (This policy has lapsed.)
- 25. Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines**
Published by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government (now changed) in 2005.
- NOTE:**
The above is a non exhaustive list. It does not include any of the of Planning Legislation (including Acts and Regulations) which may apply. It also does not include European Directives and Policy, which affect towns, in particular in the area of environmental policy.
Assessment of which policies and plans are current, superseded or in draft revised format, or which take precedence, at any time can add to complexity of interpretation and implementation of policy.

POPULATION OF IRELAND:	4,761,865
POPULATION OF TOWNS:	1,376,303
EMPLOYED BY STATE AND SEMI-STATE BODIES:	396,100

Source 2016 Census on.ie

AGENCIES

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

- Department Of Rural & Community Development**
Established July 2017
Department Of Housing, Planning & Local Government
Previously Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (16-17); Environment, Community & Local Government (11-16); Environment, Heritage, Local Government (03-11); Environment (77-03); Local Government (47-77); Local Government & Public Health (24-47)
- Department Of Culture, Heritage & The Gaeltacht**
Previously Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs (16-17); Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht (11-16); Tourism, Culture & Sport (10-11); Arts, Sport & Tourism (02-10); Tourism, Sport & Recreation (97-02); Tourism & Trade (93-02); Energy (83-93); Industry & Energy (81-83); Energy (80-81); Economic, Planning & Development (77-80)

- Department Of Communications, Climate Action & The Environment**
Previously Department of Communications, Climate Change & Natural Resources (16-17); Communications, Energy & Natural resources (07-16); Communications, Marine & Natural Resources (02-07); Marine & Natural Resources (97-02); Tourism, Fisheries & Forestry (86-97); Fisheries & Forestry (78-86); Fisheries (77-78); Lands & Fisheries (28-77); Fisheries (28-45)
- Department Of Agriculture, Food & The Marine**
Previously Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food (07-11); Agriculture & Food (02-07); Agriculture, Food & Rural Development (99-02); Agriculture & Food (97-99); Agriculture, Food & Forestry (93-97); Agriculture & Food (87-93); Agriculture (77-87); Agriculture & Fisheries (65-77); Agriculture (28-45)

- Department Of Transport, Tourism & Sport**
Previously Department of Transport (02-11); Public Enterprise (97-02); Transport, Energy & Communications (93-97); Tourism, Transport & Communications (93-97); Tourism & Transport (87-93); Transport (80-87); Tourism & Transport (77-80); Transport & Power (59-77)

- Department Of Business, Enterprise & Innovation**
Previously Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation (11-17); Enterprise, Trade & Innovation (10-11); Enterprise, Trade & Employment (97-10); Enterprise & Employment (93-97); Industry & Commerce (86-93); Industry, Trade, Commerce & Tourism (83-86); Trade, Commerce & Tourism (81-83); Industry, Commerce & Tourism (80-81); Industry, Commerce & Energy (77-80); Industry & Commerce (24-77)

- Department Of Education & Skills**
Previously Department of Education & Science (97-10); Education (24-97)
- Department Of Children & Youth Affairs**
Previously Department of Community, Equality, & Gaeltacht Affairs (10-11); Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs (02-10); Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands (97-02); Arts, Culture & the Gaeltacht (93-97); Gaeltacht (56-93)

- Department Of Employment Affairs & Social Protection**
Previously Department of Social Protection (10-17); Social & Family Affairs (02-10); Social, Community & Family Affairs (97-02); Social Welfare (46-97)

- Department Of Defence**
Established 1919
- Department Of Justice & Equality**
Previously Department of Justice & Law Reform (10-11); Justice (24-10)
- Department Of Finance**
Established 1919
- Department Of Public Expenditure & Reform**
Established 2011
- Department Of Foreign Affairs & Trade**
Previously Department of Foreign Affairs (71-11); External Affairs (24-71)
- Department Of The Taoiseach**
Established 1937

STATE AGENCIES

- *3 Regional Assemblies: Northern & Western, Eastern & Midlands, and Southern**
- **31 Local Authorities comprising Local Government**
- An Bord Pleanála
Western Development Commission
Teagasc
Economic & Social Research Institute (ESRI)
National Economic & Social Council (NESC)/POBAL (Government Supporting Committee)
Office of Public Works (OPW)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Sustainable Energy Action Ireland (SEAI)
Heritage Council
Arts Council
Irish Architecture Foundation
Uisce na Gaeltachta
Health Service Executive (HSE)
National Disability Authority (NDA)

- Fáilte Ireland
National Roads Authority (NRA)
Industrial Development Board (IDA)
Enterprise Ireland
Housing Agency
National Development Finance Agency (NDFA)
National Asset Management Agency (NAMA)

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

- Tidy Towns
Gaelic Athletic Association
Town Teams
Men's Sheds
Chambers of Commerce
Local Sports Clubs
Local Gardening Clubs
Civic Trust Groups
Local Historical Societies
Local Charitable Groups

FUNDING

- Town & Village Renewal Scheme:**
An initiative under the Action Plan for rural areas, originally funded by Dept. of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, now under the Department of Rural & Community Affairs, with funding delivered by Local Authorities in partnership with local enterprise and communities. €21M in 2017
- Community Grant Scheme**
Administered by Local Authorities. Funding to community groups and initiatives.
- LEADER**
Funded by ESI through the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Local Action Groups. €250M between 2014-2020.

- Creative Ireland Programme**
Legacy all department creative programme as part of 2016 commemoration. It has 5 pillars for action.
- CLÁR**
(Ceantar Laga Árd-Riachtanaí) funds small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered greater levels of population decline. Funded in conjunction with local funding on the basis of locally identified priorities. Funded by Department of Rural and Community Development, delivered by Local Authorities. €5M in 2018.
- REDZ**
(Rural Economic Development Zones) arising out of CEDRA, pilot funding of €3.7M to 52 projects. Max. 50% of project funding can be applied for.

- Historic Towns Initiative Fund**
€1m in 2018. Awarded by Heritage Council, administered by Local Authorities. Seven towns selected in 2018.
- Built Heritage Investment Scheme**
Funded by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. €3.3M allocation in 2018. Focus on employment creation. 50% match funding must come from private sector. €2,500 - €10,000 max
- Sports Capital Programme**
Assists voluntary organisations to develop sports facilities. €55M in 2017

NOTE: Other funding schemes are delivered through community based employment, enterprise, health, education, the arts, and through EU based programmes.