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Project Ireland 2040 **Northern and Western Region**

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Key Facts and Projects

NSO 1 - Compact Growth

- 613 new social housing builds in the Northern and Western Region in 2021.
- 2,754 total new dwelling completions in the Northern and Western Region in 2021.
- 30 successful applicants to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

NSO 2 - Enhanced Regional Connectivity

- N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Road – completed in 2021.
- N56 Mountcharles to Inver – completed in 2021.
- Sligo Western Distributor Road – completed in 2021.
- Planning Approval received for Galway City Ring Road in December 2021.

NSO 3 - Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities

- 13 projects were approved for funding from the third call of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, 39 under Town and Village Renewal and 91 from Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure.

NSO 4 - Sustainable Mobility

- Galway Busconnects in progress.
- Significant works took place on the Dublin to Galway Greenway in 2021.

NSO 5 - A Strong Economy, supported by Enterprise, Innovation and Skills

- 38,140 in IDA supported employment, 33,550 in EI supported employment.
- 1,618 clients supported by Local Enterprise Offices.
- €40.2 million secured under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund.
- 9 successful project partner applicants under Call 3 of the Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund.

NSO 6 - High Quality International Connectivity

- Continued development of Ireland West Knock Airport.

NSO 7 - Enhanced Amenity and Heritage

- 9 successful applicants from the region in the last round of the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund.

NSO 8 - Climate-Resilient Society

- 30 flood relief schemes are progressing or planned for the Northern and Western Region.

NSO 9 - Sustainable Management of Water and other Environmental Resources

- There are currently 7 completed, 7 in progress and 56 water and wastewater projects planned for the Northern and Western Region.

NSO 10 - Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services

- 13 schools projects with a value over €1 million were delivered in the Region in 2021.
- A further 282 schools projects were at various stages of planning, design and construction.
- Health projects directed to COVID-19 response, with projects completed in Galway, Sligo and Donegal among others.

Project Ireland 2040

This document sets out the regional projects and programmes which are being planned and delivered in the Northern and Western Region as part of the public investment detailed in Project Ireland 2040 - the Government's National Planning Framework and National Development Plan.

While this document does not provide an exhaustive list of all public capital expenditure in the region, it does serve to highlight the diverse range of investment being made by the State under Project Ireland 2040. Project Ireland 2040 set out ten National Strategic Outcomes (NSOs), built around the over-arching themes of well-being, equality and opportunity. This document sets out the main achievements under each NSO in 2021, for the Northern and Western Region.

The document draws on information from a wide range of publicly available sources as well as material provided by Government Departments and Agencies - a list of the major projects in the Northern and Western Region is contained in the Appendix.

The Northern and Western Region covers the administrative areas of 8 counties; Cavan, Donegal, Galway City and County, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan, Roscommon and Sligo. The Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) is part of regional governance in Ireland, established under local government reform in January 2015.

Regional Cities and Centres

Galway City and Metropolitan Area, Sligo and Letterkenny

Project Ireland 2040 seeks to develop our regional towns and cities as viable urban centres of scale, which can act as alternatives and a counterbalance to the continued growth of Dublin and its surrounding region. In doing so, these cities and regional towns will act as drivers of growth for their wider region and rural areas.

Project Ireland 2040 envisages the population of Galway City and Suburbs to grow by between 40,000 - 48,000 people (50-60%) by 2040. In keeping with the vision of compact smart growth, 50% of new city housing will be within the existing Galway City and Suburbs footprint.

Project Ireland 2040 envisages the populations of Sligo and Letterkenny to each grow by approximately 7,700 people (40%) by 2040. In keeping with the vision of compact smart growth, 40% of new town housing will be within the existing Sligo Town and Letterkenny Town footprints.

3.1

National Strategic Outcome 1 – Compact Growth

This outcome aims to secure the sustainable growth of more compact urban and rural settlements, supported by jobs, houses, services and amenities, rather than continued sprawl and unplanned, uneconomic growth.

Urban regeneration is reviving Cavan Town Centre, Dublin Street in Monaghan Town, Ballybay, Ballyjamesduff, Clones, Ardee and Carrickmacross Town Centre.

There were 613 social housing new builds in the Northern and Western Region in 2021 with more planned in 2022.

There were 2,754 new dwellings completed in the Northern and Western Region in 2021, down 3% on the previous period (2,842).

Table 1: Social Housing Completion in 2021

Northern and Western Region	Total New Build
Cavan	37
Monaghan	58
Donegal	86
Leitrim	46
Sligo	22
Galway City	128
Galway County	117
Mayo	30
Roscommon	89
Total	613

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Table 2: Total Housing Completion in 2021

Northern and Western Region	New Dwelling Completions
Cavan	200
Donegal	476
Galway City	754
Galway	304
Leitrim	88
Mayo	370
Monaghan	206
Roscommon	213
Sligo	143
Total	2,754

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table 3: Total Planning Permissions in 2021

Planning Region and County	Houses	Multi development houses	One off houses	Private flats/apartments	Total
Cavan	246	77	169	21	267
Donegal	700	80	620	52	752
Galway City	135	99	36	496	631
Galway	873	257	616	118	991
Leitrim	74	21	53	18	92
Mayo	422	79	343	56	478
Monaghan	302	83	219	9	311
Roscommon	165	24	141	19	184
Sligo	208	108	100	9	217
Northern and Western Region – Totals	3,125	828	2,297	798	3,923

Source: Central Statistics Office

Urban and Rural Development Fund (URDF)

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) was launched in 2018 to support more compact and sustainable development. The Fund is providing part-funding for applicant-led projects that will enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and large towns, while also ensuring that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

In keeping with the aims of the National Planning Framework and Project Ireland 2040, the URDF demonstrates a new and more tailored approach to the provision of Government support. Over its planned duration up to 2030, URDF support in excess of €2 billion will be targeted in an integrated, dynamic and responsive way to support the regeneration and rejuvenation of our towns and cities.

Through the URDF, successful applicants receive targeted integrated support for innovative holistic solutions to the issues that have hindered the regeneration and rejuvenation of our large towns and cities.

To date there have been two Calls for proposals under the URDF with a total of almost €312 million allocated so far in respect of the 87 projects approved under Call 1, while in March 2021 URDF funding support of €1.3 billion was announced in respect of a countrywide programme of a further 45 proposals approved under Call 2.

The 45 proposals approved under Call 2 in 2021 builds on the existing pipeline of URDF supported projects launched under Call 1. This URDF supported programme of projects will ultimately contribute significantly to the transformative regeneration and development of our large towns and cities, and to the achievement of NPF and Project Ireland 2040 objectives.

Table 4a: Successful Applicants under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Northern and Western Region	Total per County
Cavan	2
Donegal	2
Leitrim	1
Sligo	6
Monaghan	2
Galway City	8
Galway County	1
Mayo	5
Roscommon	3
Total	30

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Table 4b: Successful Projects in Call 1 of the Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Applicant	County	Project	Description
Cavan County Council	Cavan	Cavan Town Centre	Technical assistance to develop a structured scheme of works to develop backlands in the town core and rejuvenate the town centre.
Donegal County Council	Donegal	Letterkenny 2040 (Public Realm and Site acquisition).	The initial part of the multi-phase 'Letterkenny 2040' project involves master planning for the delivery of transformative regeneration, renewal, and place-making that will enhance the social, economic and environmental resilience of Letterkenny. 'Letterkenny 2040' is a multi-faceted project that will deliver place-based change that benefits the urban core of Letterkenny and provides positive impacts in Letterkenny's wider regional and cross-border catchment.
Leitrim County Council	Leitrim	Public Realm Improvement Scheme for the town of Carrick-on-Shannon.	The proposed project will represent the largest public sector led regeneration project ever undertaken in Co. Leitrim and involves significant enhancement of the quality and extent of the public realm of the town, befitting its built heritage legacy and recovering road space from motorists for greater use by pedestrians and cyclists in a safer and calmed environment.

Applicant	County	Project	Description
Sligo County Council	Sligo	Eastern Garavogue Bridge	URDF support will contribute to the cost of a proposed link road to join communities north and south of the Garavogue River, and which is also being supported by the Department of Transport.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	O'Connell Street Enhancement.	This project involves street enhancement works to improve the pedestrian core by enhancing the quality of the streetscape and improving access, through wider paths, improved paving, disabled parking spaces, and new traffic signals, etc.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	Sligo Cultural Plaza	The project will contribute to the transformation of Sligo city's centre public realm. The Plaza will accommodate a variety of open-air activities, festivals and public screenings, including an outdoor market.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	Sligo Public Realm.	The project involves the planning phase of a five year implementation plan for Sligo's recently completed Public Realm Plan.
Monaghan County Council	Monaghan	Dublin Street Regeneration	Technical assistance for design and planning of scheme of works in Dublin Street South to open up brownfield backlands and landlocked greenfield sites in Monaghan town.
Galway City Council	Galway	Cycling and Walking	Funding will support initial priority investment in approx. 11km of new cycle lanes and 7km of upgraded cycle lanes and approx. 2km of city roads closed to general traffic to facilitate public transport and cyclists.
Galway City Council	Galway	Ardaun Upgrade of Martins Roundabout	This project involves the design and works associated with the upgrade of the Martin Roundabout to a signalised junction to provide primary access to Ardaun (southern section), prioritised movement of public transport, as well as full pedestrian and cyclist crossing facilities. The proposal will enable the progression of development of Ardaun South in order to achieve the growth targets of the NPF, the housing need of the city and the objectives of the core strategy of the City Development Plan and Ardaun LAP.
Galway City Council	Galway	Sandy Road Liosbán	Regeneration of Local Authority Depots at Sandy Road Liosbán. Funding is to support the preparation of a Development Feasibility Study.
Galway Harbour Company	Galway	Regeneration of Galway City Inner Harbour.	This project involves master planning for the regeneration of Galway City's inner harbour area, enabling circa 100,000m ² of residential and commercial development within the city core.
Mayo County Council	Mayo	Ballina Innovation Quarter	The project involves the redevelopment of Barracks buildings as a catalyst for urban regeneration in Ballina. They will be transformed to become a place of vibrancy, energy and entrepreneurialism, set within an attractive public realm and culminating in the creation of a high-quality addition to the regional enterprise infrastructure.
Mayo County Council	Mayo	Castlebar Urban Greenway Link	This project involves the construction of the Castlebar Urban Greenway which will be located in the town and is the final link completing the Turlough Great Western Greenway with the River Walk Greenway, Lough Lannagh and on to Westport / Achill.

Applicant	County	Project	Description
Mayo County Council	Mayo	Castlebar Military Barracks	This project involves master planning and design works required for advancing this multi-phase project on this local authority owned site which when completed will be a catalyst for the wider re-energisation of the centre of Castlebar.
National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG)	Galway	Nuns Island Master planning	This project involves the creation of a Physical Development Master Plan for the Nuns Island area of Galway.
Roscommon County Council	Roscommon	Realm Plan – Market Square and Main Street	Support for a suite of regeneration projects in Roscommon town core
Roscommon County Council	Roscommon	Roscommon Town Centre	Technical assistance for further linked, next sequence of regeneration plans in Roscommon town

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Table 4c: Successful Projects under Call 2 of the Urban Regeneration Development Fund

Applicant	County	Project	Description
Cavan County Council	Cavan	Abbeylands Regeneration Project	This projects aims to stimulate the development of the Abbeylands Cultural Quarter and to regenerate this important town centre. This project is the follow on capital element to a related Masterplan for the Abbeylands area of Cavan Town Centre that was funded under Call 1
Donegal County Council	Donegal	Letterkenny 2040 (Public Realm and Site acquisition).	Letterkenny 2040 Phase1 is a transformative urban regeneration project supporting a series of inter-related regeneration measures in Letterkenny Town Centre. This project is a strategic step in Letterkenny's longer term regeneration goal to transform the core of the regional cross border centre as a 'Place for People and Public Life.' The project will animate and transform the 'heart' of the town, bringing much needed physical renewal and transformational impacts in terms of 'place-making,' increased footfall and stimulating economic activity in the town.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	Implementation Sligo Public Realm	URDF support will contribute to the cost of a proposed link road to join communities north and south of the Garavogue River, and which is also being supported by the Department of Transport.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	City Campus - Sligo's Cultural and Learning Hub	The vision for this area is for it to become a new cultural centre of the city through the strategic transformation, regeneration and redevelopment of an under-utilised and semi-derelict brownfield site in the city centre of Sligo.
Monaghan County Council	Monaghan	Dublin Street Regeneration	The aim of the project is to regenerate a large brownfield site in the core of Monaghan Town. The proposal includes the creation of new linkages between land-locked brownfield lands and the existing town street network, and also the creation of new public spaces. The project will deliver the infrastructure works and development of suitable, serviced and accessible development lands, creating the physical environment for the development of new buildings for mixed use purposes.

Applicant	County	Project	Description
Galway City Council	Galway	Galway City Council Transport Connectivity Project	The Galway City Council Transport Connectivity project focuses on connectivity, permeability, facilitating compact growth and creating multi-modal connections that will support an employment-based population while factoring in the future climate adaptation needs of the population. The project encompasses four transport-based subprojects which will act as a catalyst for sustainable and compact growth in Galway City and County.
Galway City Council	Galway	Galway Public Spaces and Streets Project	This proposal supports the delivery of new and improved public spaces in Galway City Centre. The focus of this proposal is on five key locations which are identified in the Galway City Public Realm Strategy 2019. The works involved will support good place-making and long term compact growth, and facilitate greater residential and employment growth within the city footprint. The works at these locations will contribute to wider regeneration and will also support the planned transition to a low carbon and climate resilient city incorporating measures to reduce car use, enhance biodiversity, and incorporate sustainable drainage and flood mitigation.
Galway City Council	Galway	Galway Innovation and Creativity District	This project will support the strategic enabling and development of a masterplan or vision plan incorporating a project charter/brief, business assessment and a dedicated delivery design team to develop the comprehensive master planning Phase.
Galway County Council	Galway	Oranmore Railway Station	This project involves three distinct but related projects to promote sustainable growth around Oranmore Train Station. The projects will maximise the benefit of the rail infrastructure in particular and facilitate the future expansion of Oranmore as a compact development with high quality public transport as part of the emerging urban framework plan.
Mayo County Council	Mayo	Castlebar Historic Core Reactivation Initiative Project	This is a public realm project which will stimulate regeneration by redressing the deterioration of underutilised historic properties and backlands that frame The Mall (The Green) - Castlebar's Historic Urban Core.
Mayo County Council	Mayo	Castlebar Military Barracks Project	This project is a follow on element to a related masterplan for the multi-phased Castlebar Military Barracks project, the first phase of which was funded under Call 1.
Roscommon County Council	Roscommon	Roscommon Town Centre- Putting the Spokes back into the Hub	This project represents a vision to transform how Roscommon's primary urban settlement can serve as an exemplar for transforming other towns to livable, vibrant compact centres, which anchor a resident urban population and a strong retail, commercial and social offering. This project aims to reinforce the vibrant commercial role of Main Street and Market Square (the hub of the town) by sensitively enabling linkages to surrounding back lands and the Circular Road Civic area (spokes of the wheel) which will open opportunities for new development within the existing urban footprint of Roscommon town.

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

3.2

National Strategic Outcome 2 – Enhanced Regional Connectivity

A core priority under Project Ireland 2040 is the essential requirement to enhance and upgrade accessibility between urban centres of population and their regions, in parallel with the initiation of compact growth of urban centres.

There are 8 major regional transport project planned for the Northern and Western Region: the N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Road; the N56 Dungloe to Glenties Road; the N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road; the Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road; the Sligo Western Distributor Road; the Galway City Ring Road; the N5 Westport to Turlough Road; and the N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road.

- **N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin, Sligo** – Government approval received to award construction contract on 29 January 2019. Construction works were completed in October 2021.
- **N56 Dungloe to Glenties** – Construction ongoing on a phased basis. The N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie contract was awarded in May 2020 and the N56 Letterlilly to Glenties (Kilraine) was awarded in August 2020.
- **N56 Mountcharles to Inver** – Substantial completion was certified on 19 March 2021.
- **Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road** – Procurement process for engineering consultants for detailed design is underway. This project is being part funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund.
- **Sligo Western Distributor Road** Construction completed in March 2021.
- **N6 Galway City Ring Road** – The Oral Hearing commenced on 18 February 2020 and after a period of suspension due to COVID-19 restrictions concluded on 4 November 2020. Galway County Council received planning approval on 7 December 2021.
- **The N5 Westport to Turlough** – Received Government approval to award construction contract on 15 October 2019. Works are ongoing and completion is expected in 2023.

- **N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge** – An Bord Pleanála confirmed the scheme on the 18 January 2019. This contract was awarded in June 2021. Construction was due to begin in early in early 2022 but was suspended in March due to contract entering receivership. A new award of contract is expected in 2023.
- **Moycullen Bypass** – Shortlisting of tenders was completed in 2020. The contract was awarded in 2021 and it is expected to be completed in late 2023.
- A road re-alignment scheme is also planned for the **R332 Kilbannon road**.

Project Ireland 2040 also commits toward an evaluation of the economic benefits and value for money of high-speed rail on the main inter-urban rail network against improvements to existing and planned line speeds along the lines. In 2020, it was decided to expand the scope of this evaluation into an all-island Strategic Rail Review. In consultation with the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland and other relevant stakeholders, terms of reference were agreed and consultants appointed.

The Review commenced in September 2021 and a final report is expected in Quarter 4 of 2022. As well as the potential for high/higher speed rail, the Strategic Rail Review will consider inter-urban and inter-regional connectivity, regional connectivity including to the Northwest, and connectivity to our international air and sea ports, including the potential for rail freight.

3.3

National Strategic Outcome 3 – Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF), launched in 2018, is providing the investment needed to support rural renewal, strengthen and build resilience in rural towns, villages and communities and deliver on the objectives of Project Ireland 2040.

The RRDF is administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) and is complemented by a range of additional programmes and schemes delivered under the Department's Rural Regeneration Programme as part of Project Ireland 2040, including the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, which help maintain and develop the growth and vitality of rural areas and supports communities and organisations to meet their needs.

13 projects located in the Northern and Western Region were approved for funding of €49,974,734 from the third call for Category 1 applications to the RRDF. 39 projects were approved of funding of €6,235,559 under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and 91 projects were approved for funding of €6,588,361 under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. ORIS also funded two nationwide projects. Inland Fisheries Ireland were awarded funding of €491,317 for their Angling Access Maintenance 2022 project and Údarás na Gaeltachta were awarded funding of €500,000 for their Bealach Shéanadh Mhacha / Discover Shéanadh Mhacha project which includes development of a walking/ cycling looped trail and nature trails.

Table 5: Projects approved for funding Projects approved for funding under the RRDF Category 1 third call in the Northern and Western Region

Lead Body	Project Name	Location	Project Description	Total RRDF Funding
Cavan County Council	Bailieborough Courthouse Economic and Tourism Hub	Bailieborough	This project will redevelop a derelict site in the town centre as an economic, community and cultural hub that will include a visitor centre, museum, cultural and exhibition spaces. The project will significantly assist in regenerating the town centre and support the social and economic development of the town, through increased tourism and footfall.	€1,416,870
Cavan County Council	Ballyconnell Market House - Community, Remote Working and Tourism Hub	Ballyconnell	This project will renovate and redevelop a heritage building, the former Market House located in the centre of Ballyconnell, into a Community, Remote Working and Tourism Hub. The project will help enable the town to capitalise on the natural assets in the area including the UNESCO Marble Arch Caves Geopark and the Shannon Erne Waterway while also providing essential community services, including the provision of remote working facilities and access to education courses and programmes.	€794,700
Donegal County Council	Ailt an Chorrain (Burtonport) Harbour Redevelopment Phase 2 Harbour Buildings	Burtonport	This project will deliver Phase 2 of the Burtonport/Arranmore project to regenerate a maritime gateway to a Gaeltacht Island, revitalising a brownfield site at Burtonport Harbour and putting in place a Ferry Terminal building, an enterprise building and completing infrastructure works.	€2,065,761

Lead Body	Project Name	Location	Project Description	Total RRDF Funding
Donegal County Council	Carndonagh TUS NUA Regeneration Project	Carndonagh	This is a transformational project for the centre of Carndonagh. The project includes the restoration of disused town-centre buildings to provide a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory and Co-Working Hub, a social space for young people and teenagers, and a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries.	€8,218,982
Donegal County Council	The Seed Project - Strengthen, Engage, Enable, Deliver	Ballybofey - Stranorlar	This project will deliver large-scale regeneration in Ballybofey-Stranorlar through regeneration interventions to revitalise the town centre and drive it forward as a vibrant, livable, diverse and competitive centre of scale. The project includes the restoration and redevelopment of the Ritz Cinema, a heritage building, as a 1,400sq.m Enterprise Hub and the creation of a multi-functional civic space in the town centre with enhanced pedestrian linkages and accessibility.	€8,781,272
Galway County Council	Portumna Courthouse	Portumna	This project will redevelop the historic courthouse building and courtyard in Portumna to deliver a state of the art venue for the arts and culture, a remote working space for entrepreneurs and a new meeting and social space for the community.	€2,552,309
Leitrim County Council	Dromahair Regeneration Project	Dromahair	This project will utilise a derelict building in the town centre to deliver a new Public Library, cultural and creative space and community facilities, including a multi-purpose meeting room and exhibition space and hot-desking facilities.	€2,227,388
Leitrim County Council	Mohill Public Realm	Mohill	This project is for an innovative public realm improvement scheme within Mohill town centre to enhance the existing streetscapes, creating a more accessible, open public realm prioritising pedestrians over cars. The project will enhance the pedestrian experience in the town, encouraging footfall, improving connections between places of education, work, retail and community settings and stimulating economic activity in the local economy.	€2,698,875
Mayo County Council	Phase 1 Regeneration of Sisters of Mercy Convent Site and Adjacent Lands	Westport	This project will transform the former Sisters of Mercy Convent site and adjacent lands, creating an iconic and welcoming focal point which will include a new Public Library and Community Services Hub. The project will provide a range of key community facilities and services in a central location, including remote learning, enhancing the quality of life of the town's residents and improving the overall experience of visitors to the region.	€8,278,682

Lead Body	Project Name	Location	Project Description	Total RRDF Funding
Monaghan County Council	C Tek II Co-working Enterprise Hub Carrickmacross	Carrickmacross	This project will deliver a new 1,450sqm Enterprise Hub and Co-Working Hub in Carrickmacross. The Hub will provide space for new start-up businesses, re-locating enterprises and co-workers seeking to work in the town. The completed Hub will help retain talent within the South Monaghan area, provide a regional base for commuters and attract new start-ups from within the community and Northern Ireland.	€3,396,751
Monaghan County Council	Newbliss Enterprise and Digital Hub	Newbliss	This project will deliver the full regeneration and redevelopment of Newbliss Courthouse as an Enterprise and Digital Hub. The Hub will act a key driver for economic recovery, creating and supporting jobs, increasing footfall and activity, addressing dereliction in the village and providing the facilities and the environment for businesses to thrive and grow.	€1,696,785
Roscommon County Council	Energising Boyle Town Centre and King House	Boyle	This project represents the next step in revitalising Boyle Town and bringing town centre living, tourism and economic development back into the centre of the town. The project focuses on the King House Cultural Quarter, and will deliver public realm improvements which will transform the area into a vibrant, town centre that will be attractive to both the local community and visitors.	€2,174,400
Waterways Ireland	Ulster Canal Restoration, Phase 2	Monaghan	This project will restore the Clones section of the canal, creating a navigation channel extending from Clones to the Clonfad Aqueduct. The project will meet the objective of reopening the canal as a symbolic post-conflict peace enabler, deliver increased tourism activity in the area, improve Clones as a place to live and work and promote conservation and appreciation of waterway heritage.	€5,577,764

Tourism

Project Ireland 2040 recognises the vital contribution tourism makes to the policy goals of strengthening rural economies and communities (NSO 3) and enhancing amenity and heritage (NSO 7). Tourism contributes to essential employment in all counties, especially in regional locations, outside of the main cities where other employment opportunities are limited.

Fáilte Ireland Capital Investment: Platforms for Growth

Fáilte Ireland is currently investing in large-scale tourism attractions and experiences through its capital investment programme, Platforms for Growth (2019 to 2022). This programme has run two investment platforms to date – a programme of funding to support and expand immersive heritage and cultural attractions and an investment programme, in partnership with Local Authorities, to develop activity facility centres for water-based activities. Both of these platforms completed their assessment processes in 2021 and announced the projects to be supported. Further focused calls on

themed platforms may be announced during the life of the Programme.

Fáilte Ireland's first call for applications (Platforms for Growth 1), in 2019, focused on the platform of immersive heritage and cultural attractions, inviting proposals for large-scale projects of €2.5 million upwards. Through this platform, Fáilte Ireland aims to ensure strong economic growth by investing in heritage and cultural attractions of scale that will motivate visitors to travel, either to and/or within Ireland, but without displacing the existing attractions of a destination or disturbing the competitiveness already in mature destinations. The overall objective is to deliver brilliant experiences that allow visitors connect with Ireland and bring the national and local culture, heritage and people to life, while also delivering greater regional and seasonal spread of tourism. Significant Fáilte Ireland investment totalling over €44 million was announced in June 2021 as part of this first platform to develop four new world-class tourist attractions including:

- Shannon Pot and Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion, Co. Cavan - €4.8 million: This funding will deliver a world-class visitor experience at this UNESCO Global Geopark in the border county of Cavan, in the northern region of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. The resulting enhanced attraction will include augmented and virtual reality experiences, historical trails, a roof-top viewing platform at the discovery centre, a bridge over the Shannon Pot (source of the River Shannon) and a tree-top walkway at the Cavan Burren Park.
- Fort Dunree and Head, Buncrana, Co. Donegal - €9.3 million: This project involves the restoration and enhancement of the entire Dunree Fort and Head area, including the refurbishment of the

military museum, military huts and former hospital; the installation of glass sky-walks out over the sea; and the development of Ireland's only funicular mountain railway. The resulting world-class visitor experience will showcase the considerable maritime, military, social and political history of this location.

- Westport House Estate and Gardens, Westport, Co Mayo - €20.2 million: The proposed restoration, reimagining and re-wilding at Westport House and Garden Estate will offer visitors a multi-layered, multi-day experience. A key element is the "Wild Realms" project, which will allow visitors to connect with nature and explore ancient Irish rituals and our ancestors' connections to the land as told through a series of accessible wild and natural spaces. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the enhanced experience of the grand house, with its formal gardens, and learn about the Grace O'Malley family who lived there for centuries.

The second platform (Platforms for Growth 2), launched in December 2020 and involving a targeted call for applications from local authorities, aims to develop activity facility centres at waterside locations across Ireland. In April 2021, €19 million worth of investment was announced for this platform, to be used to develop world-class facility centres at 20 locations across the country where water-based activities are a key visitor attraction. These facilities, designed to serve as a hub in each locality from which multiple water-sports operators can base themselves, will provide hot showers, changing and toilet facilities, secure storage, induction spaces, equipment wash-down and orientation points. In the Northern and Western Region, the following facilities were awarded funding:

Table 6: Recipients of funding under Platform for Growth 2 in the Northern and Western Region

Facility Centre	Location	Local Authority
Acres Lake Activity Facility	Acres Lake, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim	Leitrim County Council
Tullan Strand Centre for Water Sports Activities Bundoran	Drumacrin, Tullan Strand, Bundoran, Co Donegal	Donegal County Council
Downings Water Sports Activity Facility	Cnoc Na Muirleog, Na Muirleog, Na Dunaibh (Downings), Co Donegal	Donegal County Council
Corrib Sports and Adventure	Dyke Road, Terryland, Co Galway	Galway City Council
Keel Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities	Keel Sandybanks, Achill Island, Co Mayo	Mayo County Council
Carrowmore Water Sports Facility Centre	Carrowmore Beach, Louisburgh, Co Mayo	Mayo County Council
Enniscrone	The Beach, Mackduff, Enniscrone, Co Sligo	Sligo County Council
Rosses Point PFG	Rosses Point, Co Sligo	Sligo County Council

Other Fáilte Ireland grant-aided capital projects

Other projects supported by Fáilte Ireland that were progressed in 2021 include:

- National Famine Museum at Strokestown House, Co. Roscommon;
- Céide Fields Visitor Centre, Co. Mayo;*
- Sligo Cultural Plaza, Co. Sligo; and
- Surf Centre of Excellence, Strandhill, Co. Sligo.

[*Delivered through Strategic Partnerships]

Of the projects listed above, most are due to open in 2022.

In addition to its large grants schemes and strategic partnerships, Fáilte Ireland also provides capital supports to tourism attractions and experiences in Ireland through a range of regional small grants schemes and makes direct investment into developing infrastructure for the four tourism experience brands including the Wild Atlantic Way which includes counties Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo, Galway in the Northern and Western Region and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands which takes in counties Leitrim, Roscommon, Cavan and Galway.

Fáilte Ireland also continues to invest in cultural and heritage tourism attractions through strategic partnerships with the OPW/Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; National Parks and Wildlife Service; Coillte; and Waterways Ireland. These critical partnerships continue to deliver capital projects that realise the tourism potential of the State's natural and built heritage assets. Through these strategic partnerships, and other collaborations with Government Departments and agencies, Fáilte Ireland is able to invest in the enhancement of visitor attractions and activities and advise on further experience development and marketing.

Fáilte Ireland has developed an approach to destination development, as set out in its new Destination Development Framework, centred on collaborative local tourism development plans ("DEDPs") that identify agreed priorities for sustainable tourism development of the destination. In 2021 Destination Experience Development Plan launched included Clew Bay Co. Mayo and Lough Derg (comprising part of Counties Tipperary, Clare and Galway).

RRDF-funded projects of tourism significance

In 2021, Fáilte Ireland and Coillte continued to partner on progressing the International Mountain Biking Proposition for Rural Ireland, which received €13.6 million in RRDF funding, administered by DRCD, in 2019. A strategic, large-scale project, it is considered to be of particular importance for developing the activities tourism offering in Ireland

and includes Coolaney Mountain Bike Centre and Trail Development in county Sligo.

Despite periods of lockdown throughout the year, significant progress was made in the development of new trails during 2021. In total, 52km of new trails were completed during the course of the year.

COVID-19

COVID-19 continued to provide challenging circumstances for the tourism industry into 2021 and Fáilte Ireland delivered two investment schemes specifically designed to support the tourism and hospitality sector adapt to the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and a shift in consumer behaviour.

- Under the Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme a total of €23 million was awarded to Local Authorities. Strand A of the scheme provided support to almost 5,000 individual independent hospitality and tourism businesses towards the cost of equipment to provide additional outdoor seating and facilitate these individual independent businesses to increase their outdoor dining capacity for summer of 2021. Strand B Grants were awarded to 22 different local authorities for a total of 39 different projects totaling just under €10 million - this funding provides for additional infrastructure and weatherproofing in towns and cities across the country.
- Under the Urban Animation Scheme investment of €4.2 million was awarded to six projects in Cork, Dublin, Galway, Louth, Kilkenny and Waterford to support local authorities in ambitious, creative, innovative and sustainable public realm projects that are inspired by the unique identity of place and integrated into a long-term vision to re-imagine and transform the destination.

Cultural Regional Infrastructure

Project Ireland 2040 recognises the value of cultural heritage and sporting facilities as a key component of, and contributor to, the attractiveness and sustainability of our cities, towns, villages and rural areas, in terms of developing cultural creative spaces, quality of life private inward investment, and attracting and retaining talent and enterprise.

A total of €7.1 million was invested in Galway 2020 European City of Culture in 2020 to support the delivery of a revised cultural programme up to April 2021 that took account of changed circumstances due to COVID-19. The development of a legacy framework to sustain and build on the capacity, networks and opportunities arising from cultural programme of Galway 2020 is a key deliverable of the overall European Capital of Culture Action. Over 2021 the Department worked with Galway 2020 and

Galway City and County Councils to develop a legacy framework which will be rolled out in 2022.

A further sum of over €1.6 million was invested in enhancing local arts and cultural infrastructure across the Northern and Western areas in 2021. These included funding of €442,000 paid out as grants under the Arts and Culture Capital Scheme, €1,051,000 under 'Other Cultural Capital' projects, €59,000 under the Regional Museum Exhibition Scheme to seven grantees, and Stream D of the Cultural Capital Scheme 2019-2022, (€71,000). Stream D of the Cultural Capital Scheme 2019-2022 was set up as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic to assist the arts and culture sector. Organisations supported across these various schemes included the Mary Robinson Centre in Ballina, Monaghan County Council in relation to the refurbishment of the Patrick Kavanagh Centre which is due to be officially opened shortly, Macnas CLG and Ballinasloe Town Hall CLG in Galway, Claremorris Town Hall and Linenhall Arts Centre in Mayo, Cavan County Council re Town Hall Cavan, Hawk's Well Theatre in Sligo, Strokestown House in Roscommon, Cavan and Leitrim Railway Ltd in Leitrim and LATCH CLG in Donegal among others.

€358,000 of the above mentioned funding (under Northern and Western heading) was invested in enhancing local arts and cultural infrastructure across the North East Region in 2021 (Cavan and Monaghan). This included support for projects under schemes such as the Arts and Culture Capital Scheme (€352,000), and the Regional Museum Exhibition Scheme (€5,500).

€68,000 of the above mentioned funding (under Northern and Western heading) was invested in enhancing local arts and cultural infrastructure across the North West Region in 2021 (Sligo and Donegal). This included support for projects under schemes such as the Arts and Culture Capital Scheme (€48,000), and Stream D of the Cultural Capital Scheme (€20,000).

Under the Regional Museum Exhibition Scheme, the Department of Tourism, Culture Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media provided funding to Galway City Museum towards the cost of a large and detailed model of the Claddagh Village and the Jackie Clarke Collection in Mayo towards its Civil War exhibition.

Develop the Creative industries and a vibrant Media Production and Audiovisual sector

Screen Ireland is supporting the establishment of 2 Regional Talent Development Academies (one based in Galway) and 3 Regional Crew Development Hubs (one to be based in Galway) to support skills, talent and workforce development in the regions with a particular focus on equality, diversity and inclusion. The Academies and Hubs will provide access opportunities for new entrants and upskilling opportunities for more established talent and crew. One of the new Crew Hubs will be led by the Atlantic Academy (Danú Media) in Galway. Its activities will also be open to those in other areas covered in the North and Western region, including Clare, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Monaghan, Cavan, Longford, and Donegal.

One of the Talent Development Academies, the Film and TV Drama Academy, will be based in Galway and managed by the Galway Film Centre. The Academy aims to develop and drive opportunities for diverse and regional talent on a national level. This includes ensuring opportunity within the industry for those who may at present feel precluded from a career within the sector.

The skills team in Screen Ireland will continue to address ongoing skills needs in the regions through its courses, funding schemes, through the talent development academies and crew development hubs, and through its work in relation to the skills requirements of the S481 tax credit.

Screen Ireland's Inward Production Unit, both in Ireland and in L.A., promote locations throughout Ireland for filming. They have started a new initiative for the regional film offices to enable them to access, manage and upload locations from their database pertaining to their county.

The Creative Futures Fund was launched as part of Screen Ireland's commitment to grow strong and resilient companies throughout the country. The Fund is designed to help support companies strengthen and hone their expert creative capabilities and ambitions and build cultural resilience to enable high quality cultural projects. 35% of successful companies were based regionally (outside of Dublin and Wicklow).

Screen Ireland launched Building Back Audiences: the Cinema Stimulus Fund, a special initiative to support the exhibition sector in recovering from the severe impact of COVID-19 closures. Eleven cinema venues and a number of cultural cinema networks in the North and Western region benefited from the fund, recognising the immense challenges that Irish independent cinemas face as they reopen their doors and rebuild their businesses.

In 2021, thirteen Screen Ireland funded productions used locations in the North and West of Ireland.

Sustaining Gaeltacht Communities and Promoting the Irish Language

Gaeltacht

In the Donegal Gaeltacht, eleven specific grants totalling over €201,172 were approved in 2021 for various capital projects under the Department's Community and Language Supports Programme to support various Gaeltacht organisations and clubs in carrying out renovation works in addition to purchasing equipment.

An investment of almost €96,000 was approved for Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair to enable them employ a consultant for the preliminary work relating to the refurbishment of their centre An Crannóg.

286 new jobs were created in the Donegal Gaeltacht during 2021 — the largest number of jobs created in a single year in the county since 2008. At the end of 2021, there were 3,180 full-time jobs in client companies supported by Údarás na Gaeltachta in the Galway Gaeltacht, the highest level ever in the history of the organisation. 337 new jobs were created in client companies in 2021, the county which saw the most employment created for the second year running. 98 new jobs were created in the Mayo Gaeltacht in 2021 — the highest number of job creations in a single year in the county since 2012.

In the Donegal Gaeltacht, a community based renewable energy project, a 5mw photovoltaic project, located on an Údarás na Gaeltachta-owned site on the edge of the Gaoth Dobhair Business Park is being developed as a community-owned project, with ownership shared between six community organisations in the parish of Gaoth Dobhair.

A suite of projects was announced for Lárionad Acmhainní Nádúrtha (LAN CTR in Cill Ulta, Co. Donegal, which could make a significant contribution to the green economy and in terms of global agriculture. Lárionad Acmhainní Nádúrtha CTR, an Údarás na Gaeltachta client in An Fál Carrach, Co. Donegal, is to participate in cutting edge research regarding new farming methods which could change aspects of farming not only in Ireland but worldwide.

In Mayo, Áras Scéalta an Atlantaigh is being developed as a strategic tourism facility, on an international level, on the Iorras Peninsula. The project, being led by Údarás na Gaeltachta, is funded through the RRDF, the Department and Údarás. The Hub, at an estimated cost of €2.5 million, will be an orientation point for visitors to learn about cultural and natural heritage points of interest in the area. Funding of €501,000 was allocated by the Department.

Funding of €151,732 has been allocated to Comhar Dhún Chaoháin Teo., in Co Mayo to develop an all-weather playground.

In Galway, a comprehensive appeal in respect of the rejected planning application for the overall Páirc na Mara marine innovation park project was submitted to An Bord Pleanála during 2021 and a decision is expected in 2022. Nua na Mara, a marine development and innovation centre was officially established during 2021 with funding support of €2 million from the Regional Enterprise Development Fund.

In 2020, funding of €821,672 was approved for Áras Mhic Amhlaigh, a new Irish language Centre in Knocknacarra, Galway under the Irish Language Support Scheme for Irish Language Centres outside the Gaeltacht. The project has been successfully completed on budget and opened its doors to the public in 2021.

In the Galway Gaeltacht, fifteen specific grants were approved for various capital projects in 2021, including an allocation of €58,425 to Scoil Cholm Cille, Ros a 'Mhíl to enable them employ a consultant for the preliminary works on the construction of a purpose built naíonra.

gteic – Gaeltacht Digital Network

Despite COVID-19 restrictions gteic@GaothDobhair grew and developed during the year due to the completion and availability of the newly-developed second floor. Furthermore, gteic@An Tearmann, gteic@Na Dúnaibh, gteic@Cill Charthaigh and gteic@Árainn Mhór were developed. A further four gteic hubs are expected to open in Donegal in 2021.

Four gteic digital hubs are now open in County Galway, namely gteic@An Cheathrú Rua, gteic@An Spidéal, gteic@Na Forbacha and gteic@Carna. In County Mayo, construction work on gteic@Béal an Mhuirthead, gteic@An Corrán Buí, gteic@Acaill and gteic@An Eachléim has been completed with an investment of €960,000 made to date.

Enhance sport facilities throughout Ireland

The Sports Capital Equipment Programme is the main channel of Government support for developing sports facilities and purchasing sports equipment for sports clubs and organisations across Ireland. The 2020 round of the SCEP closed for applications on Monday 1st March 2021. Over 3,100 applications (the highest ever) were submitted seeking over €200 million. Approximately one thousand of the submitted applications were for 'equipment-only' projects. These applications were assessed first and grants with a total value of €16.6 million were announced on 6th August, 2021. The remaining capital applications were then assessed and 1,865 individual grant offers with a total value of over €143.8 million were announced on Friday 11 February 2022. This represented the highest level of allocation ever made under the SCEP with 1,865 individual grant offers and over 40 different sports funded. All valid applications received a grant offer. Overall, grants of over €36 million were allocated to the Northern and Western region.

The National Broadband Plan

The National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the initiative to rollout high-speed broadband to the 1.1 million people living and working in almost 560,000 premises, including almost 100,000 businesses and farms, along with 679 schools, where commercial operators will not commit to deliver the service. It is expected that eventually over 600,000 premises will be served by the NBP, including new builds.

Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) are public locations which have been selected to receive high-speed connectivity as part of the NBP in areas with poor broadband coverage including many of our offshore islands. By the end of 2021, about 270 BCPs were in place throughout the country and about 250 of these were open for business. These are located in places of community importance including community centres, library hubs, local sports facilities, tourism locations and other public places.

In the Northern and Western region, over 180 BCPs were in place by the end of 2021, 139 of which were open for business and providing high speed broadband services to communities. This includes 85 schools in the Northern and Western region that had a connection installed by the end of 2021 and 51 of these schools were provided with high-speed connectivity. The installation of BCPs and the delivery of public BCPs throughout the country is almost completed. NBI is working to accelerate the rollout of high-speed broadband to schools across the State.

Agriculture Food and the Marine

A key project at Killybegs Fishery Harbour Centre, under the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine's 2021 Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme, was the continued construction of a 120 metre extension to the pier at Smooth Point to meet the increasing demand from the fishing industry. The pier extension will accommodate vessels with a draft of up to nine metres at low water. A €12.9 million works contract was awarded in August 2019 to deliver the quay extension. €10.4 million has been spent on the project between 2019 and 2021. The contractor experienced difficulties and delays, including those associated with COVID -19 and work ceased on site in August 2021 and the contract was terminated in March 2022. A new contract tender to complete the works was published in April 2022.

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National Strategic Outcome 4 – Sustainable Mobility

The expansion of attractive and sustainable public transport alternatives to private based car transport will reduce congestion and emissions and enable the transport sector to cater in an environmentally sustainable way for the demands associated with longer term population and employment growth envisaged under Project Ireland 2040. Furthermore, the provision of safe, alternative, active travel options, such as segregated cycling and walking facilities can also help alleviate congestion and meet climate action objectives by providing viable alternatives and connectivity with existing public transport infrastructure. Continued investment in public transport will be a focus under Project Ireland 2040.

A transport strategy for Galway City was prepared by the National Transport Authority in partnership with Galway City Council and Galway County Council in 2016. The Strategy sets out an overall framework for the development of transport infrastructure and services in Galway City and its environs over a twenty year period.

A review of the Galway Transport Strategy will be undertaken this year and will be led by the National Transport Authority (NTA), in cooperation with Galway City Council and Galway County Council. It will include a comprehensive analysis of changes to population projections, development density, employment forecasts and future travel demand patterns since the finalisation of the current Strategy. This analysis will be utilised to reassess the public transport needs across Galway city and the potential role all modes of transport, including light rail, can play in meeting those needs.

BusConnects

Galway BusConnects will deliver a rationalised network of five high-performing cross city routes. All routes will serve major city centre attractions as well as linking all major destinations across the city, comprise next generation bus lanes, including segregated bike lanes, enhanced services, cashless fares and account-based ticketing. A network of park and ride sites, serviced by the more efficient bus network, will also be put in place. Non-statutory public consultation processes were held in Q4 2020 for two of the five proposed routes – the Dublin Road Scheme and the Cross City Link project. Work has continued on finalising the two schemes and planning permission for the Cross City Link is expected to be sought in Q2 2022. The Dublin Road Scheme will enter the planning process in 2023. In August 2021

An Bord Pleanála gave consent for the development of the Salmon Weir Bridge, a pedestrian and cycling bridge which is an important element of BusConnects Galway. Tender documents issued in December 2021.

Investment in public transport is ongoing within the Region. A best practice example of where the integration of transport, spatial and economic planning is to be delivered is through the Galway Transportation Strategy. This should be used as a template elsewhere and initially as a priority for other areas, including Sligo and Letterkenny, incorporating the cross-border network with Derry.

Letterkenny is targeted as a strategic regional centre and this requires much greater integration of land-use and transport planning which, in turn, enhances the flow and movement of existing and future activities and assets across the wider Northwest City Region. Project Ireland 2040 will enhance connectivity of people and places by promoting sustainable transport options and integrating land use and transport.

TFI Local Link (Rural Transport Programme) provides quality community-based public transport across rural Ireland. Local Link provides both demand-responsive, door-to-door services on request, as well as scheduled bus services on fixed routes.

Greenways

Further funding was granted to support the development of Greenways in the Region with projects supported by the carbon tax fund for pre planning with other projects reaching completion.

Significant works took place on the Dublin to Galway Greenway in 2021. The 106 km, Maynooth to Athlone Section of the Dublin to Galway is complete and fully open. The Greenway follows the towpath of the Royal canal to Mullingar and along the Old Rail Trail between Mullingar and Athlone. The section in Athlone town between Whitelands and the Marina was also opened in August 2021. This section provides a 1km extension to the Old Rail Trail Greenway within Athlone Town.

The Athlone Pedestrian and Cycleway Bridge over the River Shannon is a key component of the urban cycle network necessary to facilitate a safe off-road river crossing connecting the east and west of the country, and critically, connecting the east and west of Athlone town via a dedicated cycle route. The contract was awarded in September of 2021 and the project is currently under construction. The overall length of the main bridge is approximately

104 metres. The proposed section from Athlone to Galway is 140 km in length. Work is ongoing on finalising Emerging Preferred Route design and environmental evaluations.

Other key Projects include:

- Three Greenway projects in Donegal, Buncrana to Carndonagh, Muff to Quigley's Point and from Carrigans to Castlefinn;
- Three Greenway projects in Galway, Clifden to Kylemore Abbey, Clifden to Derrigimlagh and from Athenry to Milltown;
- The Sligo Greenway from Collooney to the Mayo County Boundary;
- The Sligo-Leitrim and Northern Counties Greenway managed by Leitrim County Council;
- The Lough Ree Greenway in Roscommon;
- The Mayo Inter-Urban Greenway Westport/Castlebar/Ballina;
- The Cavan Railway Greenway;
- The Ulster Canal Greenway; and
- Progress also continued in 2020 on construction of the Clifden to Recess Greenway, along with planning and design of extensions to the Great Western Greenway in Achill, and towards Louisburgh and the Galway to Moycullen Greenway.

Active Travel

Project Ireland 2040 commits toward delivery of a comprehensive network of walking and cycling networks in all our major cities and this delivery is supported by a significantly enhanced funding programme.

Active travel projects supported through the design stage and expected to start construction in 2022 include the following:

- Martin Junction Upgrade in County Galway;
- Salmon Weir Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge in Galway City and
- Letterkenny Cathedral One Way and Pedestrian Linkages scheme in County Donegal.

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National Strategic Outcome 5 – A Strong Economy, supported by Enterprise, Innovation and Skills

Employment in the Northern and Western Region in 2021

Table 7: Agency-supported Employment in the Northern and Western Region in 2021

IDA Ireland Employment	38,140
Enterprise Ireland Employment	33,550
Total Employment	71,690

Source: CSO and Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

A competitive, innovative and resilient enterprise base is essential to provide the jobs and employment opportunities for people to live and prosper in all regions. Achieving the ambitious employment targets in the National Planning Framework in the context of increased global uncertainty, Brexit, the response to COVID-19 and technological disruption, underlines the importance of building competitive regional clusters and generating an uplift in enterprise export competitiveness to secure sustainable jobs and growth.

The Enterprise Development Agencies continued to support an innovative and resilient enterprise base in 2021.

IDA Ireland

The Northern and Western Assembly Region is made up of the IDA Border and Western Regions. There are 67 IDA client companies in the Border Region, employing 8,721 people and 120 in the West Region, employing 29,419 people. The FDI performance in the region has been strong over the past five years with employment among IDA clients increasing by 22% within the Engineering and Industrial Technologies, Medical Technologies, Technology, International Financial Services and Life Sciences sectors.

The IDA Border region includes the regional growth centres of Letterkenny and Sligo. The region has fostered strong collaboration, for example through Sligo Institute of Technology's participation in National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT), the development of the Atlantic MedTech cluster and Letterkenny Institute of Technology's engagement with client companies on the formation of a North-West chapter of Cyber Ireland.

There are 94 IDA supported companies in Galway City and County, employing 22,801 in total. The FDI performance in the Region has been strong over the past five years with employment among IDA clients

increasing by 32%. There is a significant ecosystem of well-established Life Sciences companies, which has helped drive strong cluster development. The number of people employed in software engineering, technical support, global business services and R&D in the Region has also grown considerably.

Table 8: IDA Clients and Employment by County

County	No. of companies	Total Employment
Donegal	17	3,647
Sligo	29	2,732
Leitrim	5	1,050
Cavan	8	862
Monaghan	8	430
Galway City and County	94	22,801
Mayo	16	5,145
Roscommon	10	1,473
Total	187	38,140

Source: Employment Survey 2021





IDA Regional Property Programme

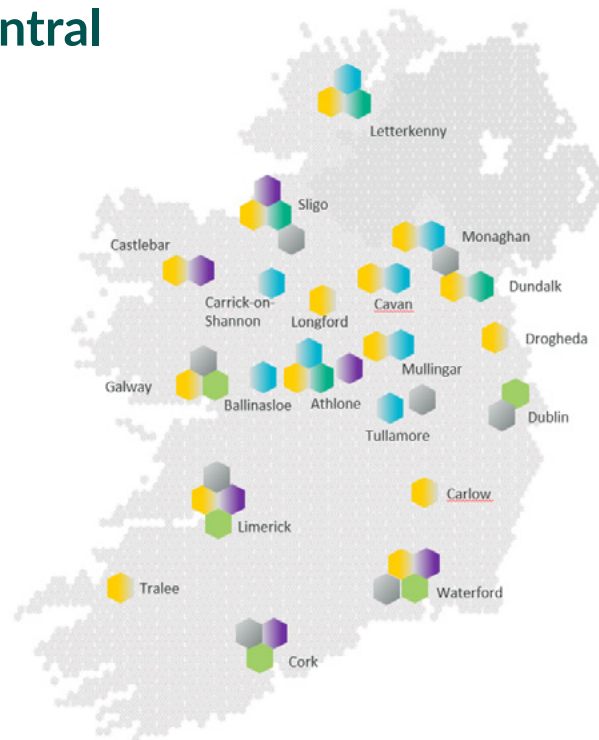
During the period of their last strategy, IDA delivered:

- Planning for an Advance Building Solution that commenced construction in Q4 2020;
- Commenced an Advanced Technology Building in Monaghan;
- Commenced an Advanced Technology Building in Sligo;
- Commenced an Advanced Office Building in Sligo;
- Obtained planning for an Advance Office Solution in Sligo;
- Planning permission for an Advanced Building Solution in Carrick-on-Shannon in partnership with Leitrim County Council;
- Undertook upgrade work on Business and Technology Parks in Letterkenny and Carrick on Shannon;
- Developed the Western Distributor Road, opening up the 85-acre land bank at Oakfield, in partnership with Sligo County Council;
- An Advanced Technology Building in Galway;
- An Advanced Technology Building in Mayo; and

Property programme central to regional delivery

2021-2024 Targets

-  Cities
-  Regional Growth Centres
-  Proposed ABS Locations
-  Building Programme Partnerships
-  Infrastructure Investment
-  Strategic Land Acquisition



- Undertook upgrade work on the Business and Technology Parks in Mervue Galway, Loughrea Galway and Parkmore Galway and on strategic sites at Oranmore and Athenry.

Under the new property programme over 2021-2024, IDA will:

- Deliver additional Advance Building Solutions in Mayo and Galway;
- Work in partnership with Mayo County Council to develop access infrastructure to lands in Ballina.
- Deliver an Advance Building Solution in Letterkenny, Cavan and Sligo over 2021-2024.
- Deliver an Advance Technology Building in Monaghan.
- Acquire additional strategic sites in the region for development.
- Continue upgrade works and investment on IDA Parks in the Region to ensure a robust value proposition for clients.

IDA will continue to work closely with the private sector in the North and West to secure the provision of appropriate and cost-effective building and property solutions for client companies.

Grant Payments to IDA clients in the Region over the last 5 years

Grants paid in a particular year are not necessarily linked to either the investments won or the jobs created in that 12-month period. Grants are generally drawn down over the lifetime of a project which is normally over a period of three to five years. Some investments which result in job creation may not be grant aided and some well-established firms may no longer be receiving grant payments.

Table 9: Grant Payments to IDA clients in the Region over the last 5 years by County

Area	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Donegal	€224,445	€269,360	€4,667,694	€1,127,160	€1,602,200
Sligo	€1,947,824	€3,771,782	€2,057,405	€1,680,337	€2,875,340
Leitrim	€33,712	€0	€138,000	€0	€0
Cavan	€596,770	€269,273	€0	€5,000	€64,180
Monaghan	€0	€0	€0	€150,000	€0
Total	€2,802,751	€4,310,415	€6,863,099	€2,962,497	€4,541,720
Galway	€7,533,969	€10,581,508	€12,622,184	€11,061,925	€7,681,690
Mayo	€4,442,479	€4,572,443	€218,646	€2,963,460	€3,184,082
Roscommon	€1,001,487	€1,110,153	€259,917	€307,000	€185,500
Total	€12,977,935	€16,264,104	€13,100,747	€14,332,385	€11,051,272
Northern and Western Total	€15,780,686	€20,574,519	€19,963,846	€17,294,882	€15,592,992

Table 10: Announcements made throughout 2021 in the Northern and Western Region

Company Name	Month, Year	Brief Description	Jobs/ Investment	Town
SITA	March, 2021	SITA announced they are significantly expanding their Agile DevOps teams by over 55 people in Letterkenny, to develop the next generation of its highly successful SITA AT AIRPORTS portfolio. Letterkenny is recognised by SITA as a vital hub for software development.	55	Letterkenny
Druva	Feb 2021	Druva is to expand their Native Cloud IT Operations centre to secure market dominance across Kubernetes and Multi-Cloud data protection services. This will create 20 new jobs at the Letterkenny office.	20	Letterkenny
Poly	September 2021	Poly announced the opening of its new EMEA Centre of Excellence in Galway, expected to create more than 200 high-skilled jobs over the next five years.	200	Galway
Integer	September 2021	Announced the construction of a new manufacturing facility in Parkmore East, projected to add an estimated 100-200 engineering, administration and manufacturing jobs over the next several years.	+200/ €25.6 million	Galway
Thermo King	June 2021	Announced its collaboration with GMIT, the development of a Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) in Automation and Robotics, building STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills in the local community.		Galway
A-Lign	May 2021	A global security and compliance solutions provider, announced the establishment of its EMEA Business HQ in Galway.	40	Galway
Penn Engineering	May 2021	A major digital transformation of its Galway facility with a multimillion-euro investment involving the upskilling of all 200 staff and the creation of 20 new roles in Engineering, Operations, Finance, Supply Chain and Managerial.	+20	Galway

Company Name	Month, Year	Brief Description	Jobs/ Investment	Town
Oomnitza	May 2021	Establishment of a new office in Galway that will create more than 25 new engineering and product roles over the next three years.	+25	Galway
Veryan (Otsuka Medical Devices)	April 2021	Announced a multi-million € investment in the Galway facility creating 20 new jobs associated with three development projects, two focused on arterial intervention and one, an exciting new treatment for venous disease	+20	Galway
HPE	March 2021	Galway announced as European hub for cyber security operations and experienced technologists to be hired in areas such as cyber security, software development, global R&D and cloud consulting	Galway 105 Dublin 45	Galway
Fidelity	Feb 2021	Additional roles to be added to the Technology Team	Galway +60 Dublin +30	Galway
HID Global	Feb 2021	Centre of Excellence incl Manufacturing to be open by end 2021	+120	Galway
Genesys	Jan 2021	Software roles in the R&D Centre for Digital and Artificial Intelligence (AI)	+100	Galway

Enterprise Ireland in the Northern and Western Region

- The Northern and Western Region is home to 660 Enterprise Ireland client companies employing 33,550.
- From 2019-2021, payments of €79.2 million were made to companies in this region to assist them to start, scale and grow in international markets.
- EI has co-funded, with local enterprise development groups, 175 Community Enterprise Centres across the country, including 58 in the Northern and Western Region.
- EI, in partnership with the Institutes of Technology, has established a nationwide network of 16 Technology Gateways, which deliver technology solutions for Irish industry close to their market needs and are open to all sizes of companies. There are three Technology Gateways under the Atlantic Technological University: WiSAR – Wireless Solutions, PEM – Precision Engineering and Manufacturing and MET – Medical and Engineering Technologies.
- The COVID-19 Enterprise Centres Fund was developed to provide financial support to enterprise centres who have been impacted by COVID-19, providing them with financial support for the implementation of a 6 to 12 month Recovery Plan. 3 for profit and 25 not for profit enterprise centres were approved, totaling €2,358,738 in the Northern and Western Region.
- EI supports all sectors with success in Construction, BPO, Fintech, Food and Lifesciences.
- EI has funded the establishment of a national network of business innovation centres and specialist bio-incubation facilities across the Higher Education Sector. Galway is currently home to 4 business innovation centres; NUI Galway Business Innovation Centre, NUI Galway Innovation in Business Centre (IIBC), Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Galway and the Innovation in Business Centre (IIBC), Castlebar, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology.

Table 11: Local Enterprise Office in Northern and Western Region 2021

Regions	Client Numbers 2020	Client Numbers 2021	Client Change 2020-2021	Total Jobs 2020	Total Jobs 2021	Net Job Change 2020	Net Job Change 2021
Northern and Western	1,673	1,618	-55	8,160	8,454	-369	294

The North East Region, is served by its Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) in Cavan and Monaghan, supported 362 businesses in 2021, employing 2,377 jobs.

The North West Region is served by its LEOs in Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim, which supported 602 businesses in 2021, employing 2,786 jobs.

The West Region is served by its LEOs in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, which supported 654 businesses employing 3,291 jobs.

In 2021, the LEOs operating in the Northern and Western Region supported 1,618 businesses employing 8,454 jobs. There was a decrease of 55 in the number of client businesses in 2021 relative to 2020, with the number of jobs increasing by 294 in the same period.

Regional Enterprise development funding

The Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) and Border Enterprise Development Fund (BEDF) support the development and implementation of collaborative and innovative projects that can sustain and add to employment at county, regional and national level.

These funds which are administered by Enterprise Ireland, have been an effective instrument of policy particularly as a complement to the Department

of Enterprise, Trade and Employment's Regional Enterprise Plans where it has served as an enabler for projects emerging from that regional collaborative process.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, through Enterprise Ireland, has approved grants totalling over €117 million to drive regional enterprise development initiatives since 2017, under the REDF and the BEDF. The Northern and Western region have secured €40.2 million under these funds.

Regional Enterprise Transition Scheme

The Regional Enterprise Transition Scheme (RETS) was introduced in 2021 to provide funding to existing regionally based not-for-profit clients of Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta who have received previous support under the REDF and BEDF. The RETS helps eligible enterprises in sectors and regions negatively affected by COVID-19 as well as a consequence of Brexit. In October 2021, 24 projects in total were recommended for funding with a total grant aid request of €9.3 million.

Under the REDF, BEDF and RETS, to date over €126 million in approved grants have been secured by 77 innovative enterprise projects.

Table 12: Successful Northern and Western projects under the Regional Enterprise Transition Scheme

Project	County
BIA Innovator	Galway
Galway City Innovation District - Warehouse Bowling Green	Galway
Galway Technology Centre DAC	Galway
Donegal Digital Innovation CLG	Donegal
Manorhamilton Innovation and Development CLG	Leitrim

Source: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF)

The Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF) was established in 2018 as part of the National Development Plan and committed €500 million in funding over the period to 2027 for co-funded collaborative projects involving the enterprise and research sectors. DTIF projects focus on the development and deployment of disruptive technologies to deliver new solutions through investment in the development and implementation of innovative products and services that will alter markets or the way business operates.

Since 2018, DTIF invested €235 million in 72 collaborative disruptive innovation projects with strong commercialisation potential under the first three calls of the Fund. Of these, 18 projects with one or more partners located in the Northern and

Western Region were awarded over €62 million. The projects cover areas such as life sciences, medical devices, ICT, artificial intelligence, manufacturing and environmental sustainability. Details of nine of the projects in the region that were awarded almost €34 million under call 3 are set out in the table 13.

A fourth DTIF call was launched in November 2021.

Science Foundation Ireland Programme Activity

Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funds research that makes a real difference to our society and economy, now and into the future. The agency funds research in Ireland's Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) - often in partnership with Industry or other national and international research funders. This funding ensures that Ireland has the skills, ideas and technologies required to be a true global knowledge economy and that we are addressing societal challenges.

SFI funding opportunities are open to all HEIs across the country and through an extensive peer review process, funding is awarded based on the available budget.

A key goal of SFI's Strategy, Shaping our Future, is to "increase geographical involvement and engagement across the country, including through the SFI Research Centres, and increased collaboration with the new Technological Universities and the Institutes of Technology to ensure that benefits arising from our activities are realised across the entirety of Ireland."

In support of this goal, a new funding programme, SFI Frontiers for Partnerships was launched in April 2021. The SFI Frontiers for Partnership call is open to research proposals led by the Technological University (TU) / Institutes of Technology (IoT) sector with partners from the established University sector.

This investment will not only increase financially supported collaboration between the sectors but importantly will provide leadership opportunities for the TU/IoT sector. The programme is being run in partnership with the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) and Sustainable Authority of Ireland (SEAI). 85 eligible applications were received and are currently under review. Award announcements are expected to be made in Q2 2022.

SFI provides funding programme to enable deep industry academic collaboration across the country. The SFI Industry RD&I Fellowship seeks to

Table 13: DTIF Call 3 - Funded Projects with Lead Partner based in Northern and Western Region

County	Project name and short description	Amount awarded	Status of project
Galway	New standard of care for Gastrointestinal Cancer by offering an outpatient solution without side effects which can deliver next generation therapeutic and gene therapies for the benefit of the patient, clinician and the health provider, helping Ireland achieve its climate objectives for a sustainable future.	€4,782,743	Commenced
Mayo	The LILY project will deliver the world's first pain-free, patient-led treatment to prevent Chemotherapy Induced Alopecia, considerably improving the quality of life of patients undergoing chemotherapy.	€2,171,137	Commenced
Galway	Developing a treatment for chronic knee osteoarthritis, to deliver dramatic pain and mobility benefits to patients.	€2,473,794	Commenced
Galway	Development of a minimally invasive and intelligent microwave ablation catheter for treatment of lung cancer.	€2,680,525	Commenced
Galway	A disruptive large-bore vascular closure device that will become the new standard of care for catheter-based surgeries.	€2,887,530	Pre-contract
Galway	A new standard in the care of people with cancer and palliative care needs that suffer from breathlessness and chest pain due to "fluid on the lung" by providing patients with unparalleled autonomy in their care.	€2,087,667	Commenced
Galway	Development and commercialisation of sutureless polymeric transcatheter heart valve technology	€2,943,809	Pre-contract
Galway	The MI-DRONE project will address consumer demand for fast, reliable, last-mile delivery using a drone. It will reduce delivery time to 3 minutes and decrease emissions by 80%.	€6,901,508	Commenced
Galway	Development of disruptive and revolutionary hydrogel-based therapeutic for knee osteoarthritis that will provide pain relieving treatment, and for the first time regenerate damaged cartilage.	€6,993,582	Pre-contract

support academia-industry interactions to address industry-informed challenges. Awards under this programme are made to academic researchers (at faculty and postdoctoral level) wishing to spend time in industry through the temporary placement of academic researchers with an industry partner. 27 researchers have been funded to undertake projects with companies in areas such as VR, chatbots, biotech, coastal erosion and breast cancer representing investment of €2.1 million to support these collaborations. 5 of the 27 placements awarded will be with companies in the North and Western region. The programme is also supported by IDA and applications for the 2022 competition are now open

SFI Research Centres

Since launching in 2012, the SFI Research Centres have transformed the research ecosystem in Ireland, creating an environment where multi-institutional and multi/inter-disciplinary collaborations are now the norm and where industry (both SMEs and MNCs) can effectively join and collaborate with these academic networks.

The SFI Research Centres are helping to improve the quality of people's lives through healthcare, informing public policy on climate change mitigation and they have been instrumental in the delivery of SFI's Education and Public Engagement strategy, including increasing engagement with underserved and underrepresented communities across Ireland.

SFI Research Centres will play a critical role in helping Ireland recover from and succeed in the face of unprecedented global challenges such as BREXIT, future pandemics and climate change. Such threats also present opportunities to harness Ireland's scientific human capital, to create innovative solutions through research and innovation and to ultimately create a more resilient economy and society.

A key objective of the Centres programme is to support SME competitiveness through R&D collaborations, an objective that is critically important in terms of realising the potential for Centres to positively impact on the rebooting of the Irish economy.

The researchers that SFI supports in the HEIs are collaborating heavily with enterprise in Ireland. In 2021 SFI researchers reported 91 formal collaborations with MNCs and 134 collaborations with SMEs in the Northern and Western Region.

SFI currently supports 16 SFI Research Centres, two of which are hosted at NUI Galway.

- CÚRAM, the SFI Research Centre for Medical Devices, aims to radically improve health outcomes for patients by developing 'smart' medical devices

and implants. It develops these devices through collaborations with industry partners and hospital groups to enable their rapid translation to clinics.

- INSIGHT, SFI Research Centre for Data Analytics is one of the largest data analytics centres in Europe. It undertakes high-impact research, seeks to derive value from Big Data and provides innovative technology solutions for industry and society by enabling better decision-making. The Centre is formally hosted at NUI Galway with strong co-leadership at DCU, UCC and UCD.

The current SFI investment in these Centres through the SFI Research Centres Programme is just over €101 million.

It is important to note that although the Higher Education Institutes with responsibility for these Research Centres are based within the North and Western Region (Galway) their academic and industry partners are located right across Ireland. Equally, HEIs within North and Western Regions that are not hosts of the other SFI Research Centres are academic partners on those Centres.

SFI funds 6 Centres for Research Training (CRTs) that are collectively hosted across a partner network of 10 research bodies. The purpose of the SFI Centres for Research Training is to build on research excellence and to provide cohorts of academically outstanding future research leaders with the skills and knowledge required to address the future challenges of an ever-changing work environment.

NUI Galway is host to one such SFI Centre for Research Training - SFI Centre for Research Training in Genomics Data Science funding through investment of €13 million. A key feature of the CRTs is the close collaboration with their industry partners to develop PhD programmes which respond to the needs of industry.

Higher Education

Project Ireland 2040 is bringing significant investment in higher education in the Northern and Western Region.

Eleven major infrastructure projects will be delivered around the country as part of a Public Private Partnership Programme (PPP) for the Higher Education sector under Project Ireland 2040, including a Library, IT and Education building at Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) and a STEM building at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT). These projects respond directly to skills needs at regional level. Both projects are in Bundle 2 of the Higher Education PPP Programme and went to tender in 2021.

A new phase of the Energy Efficiency and Decarbonisation Pathfinder Programme (co-funded

by the SEAI) was agreed in 2021, with the number of projects increased from eight to sixteen. Under this expanded programme, projects for the Letterkenny Institute of Technology (LYIT) and Galway Mayo Institute of Technology were approved to progress to stage 2a. This is in addition to previous projects approved for LYIT and the National University of Ireland (NUI Galway) under the 2020 Energy Efficiency and Decarbonisation Pathfinder Programme (EEDPP). These projects will test and demonstrate energy retrofit approaches, build scale, and inform key stakeholders.

In addition, a decarbonisation pathways analysis was completed for the higher education sector in 2021.

Refurbishment and upgrade works to the main building on LYIT's Killybegs campus were completed in 2021.

Funding of €6.6 million has been approved under the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund (HESIF) to co-fund a new four storey extension of a central building on IT Sligo's campus (IT Sligo E01 Project). The project was approved to enter into contract in August 2021. The project commenced on site in September 2021.

IT Sligo also secured funding for upgrades to blocks K and L under the Higher Education Refurbishment and Upgrade Fund in 2019. This capital investment will facilitate the consolidation on campus of the recently established Yeats Academy of Arts, Design and Architecture and form a North Campus Creative Hub. The Block K project continued to progress throughout 2020 and reached substantial completion in November 2020. The Block L project progressed to site in September 2021 and is due to be completed in 2023.

NUI Galway Learning Commons Project is one of five projects approved in principle in 2019 for co-funding under the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund. The project continued through the design stage in 2021.

Further Education

The NDP provided for the first time a dedicated capital envelope for the FET sector. Expenditure increased from €5.5 million in 2018 to €20.8 million in 2021.

This supported 4 Emergency Health and Safety Works (EHSW) projects, 7 capital projects and 1 site acquisition in the Northern and Western Region, spanning a range of objectives. Targeted support was also provided during 2021 for 15 apprenticeship equipment projects across the four ETBs in the Northern and Western region to support new and modernised apprenticeship syllabi, for off-the-job training in ETB training centres. In addition, a Devolved/Minor works Grant of €1.9 million was split across the four ETBs in the region to provide funding for minor capital projects and equipment renewal.

3.6

National Strategic Outcome 6 – High-Quality International Connectivity

As an island, continued investment in our port and airport connections to the UK, the EU and the rest of the world, is integral to underpinning international competitiveness. It is also central to responding to the challenges as well as the opportunities arising from Brexit.

Continued Exchequer support for smaller regional airports to underpin connectivity is provided under the Regional Airports Programme 2021- 2025 including at Donegal Airport. Given its scale of operation, Ireland West Airport Knock plays a greater role in terms of international access. Knock undertook two significant developments in 2021, namely a runway end safety area upgrade and the refurbishment and upgrade of the electrical infrastructure. These works follow a major runway rehabilitation project, which was completed in 2019. In addition, Knock Airport's designation as a Strategic Development Zone will contribute to the long-term development of the airport and the regional economy.

3.7

National Strategic Outcome 7 – Enhanced Amenity and Heritage

Project Ireland 2040 recognises the value of cultural heritage and sporting facilities as a key component of, and contributor to, the attractiveness and sustainability of our cities, towns, villages and rural areas, in terms of developing cultural creative spaces, quality of life private inward investment, and attracting and retaining talent and enterprise.

Sport Facilities

The Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) was launched in 2018 to provide support for larger sports projects where the level of exchequer support

is greater than that available under the Sports Capital Expenditure Programme (see details of the SCEP under NSO 3). The Fund initially focused on the requirements and development plans of National Governing Bodies of sport and Local Authorities.

Following a detailed assessment process, provisional and formal allocations of €86.3 million have been announced for 33 successful applicants. A number of projects have commenced, while the majority of the projects are undergoing examination of economic analyses and financial workings or completing legal formalities before commencing on site.

Table 14: Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund Successful Projects in Northern and Western Region

Advocates	Summary of Project	Total Grant
Cavan GAA County Board, Cavan County Council	Cavan Regional Sports Campus - Indoor facility with synthetic pitch, outdoor floodlit multisport 3G pitch, GAA pitches and athletics track with grass inset.	€837,680
Donegal County Council, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, Cricket Ireland	Letterkenny IT - Multi-pitch community hub comprising of a full sized 4G artificial grass pitch, grass match pitch, cricket wicket, two full sized soccer pitches, 4 small grass pitches, training area and hurling wall, a walking trail with outdoor gym, a playground and cross country route, an athletic sprint track and building with changing rooms.	€326,845
Sligo County Council	Waterpoint Aqua Park Renovation Project - Essential infrastructural repair to roof and improvements to the heating system to the Waterpoint.	€300,000
Irish Rugby Football Union, Galway City Council, Special Olympics Ireland, Community Games	Connacht Rugby Sportsground Redevelopment - Construction of a high performance training centre and modern stadium with capacity of 12,000. The current pitch will be replaced with synthetic grass. Community Games and Special Olympics Ireland will host sporting events in the facilities.	€10,000,000
Galway City Council, Swim Ireland	Galway Regional Aquatic and Fitness Centre (Cappagh Park) - Construction of a new swimming pool that will have the capability to host National and International water polo/short course swimming events.	€8,003,415
Renville GAA, Galway County Council, Gaelic Athletic Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, Camogie Association	Renville Sports and Community Centre - Construction of a full size 4G all-weather GAA pitch (floodlit), 2 x full size sand based GAA pitches, a juvenile pitch, training areas, ball wall, 2km lit community amenity walking/running track and public toilets.	€2,100,000
Galway County Council, New Inn Community Development Company Ltd	East Galway Sports Campus (New Inn) - Full Size Astro turf pitch, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for volley ball, tennis, underage soccer, multipurpose training area, ball wall for handball, racket ball and hurling practice, Basketball court, Bocce playing area, new dressing rooms, new car parking and general landscaping	€749,312

Advocates	Summary of Project	Total Grant
Roscommon County Council	iRos (Indoor Recreation and Outdoor Sports Park) – Roscommon Town - An indoor 4 court sports hall. One outdoor floodlit 3G pitch and one grass pitch. A perimeter trail for recreational walking. Redeployment of existing tennis courts within the site and enhancements to car parking and site access	€136,484
FAI, Finn Harps FC	Development of a viewing stand, floodlighting, pitch and associated facilities for Finn Harps Football Club	€3,991,009

Tourism

Tourism development plays a key role in enhancing amenity and heritage (NSO 7) around the country, in conjunction with its role in strengthening rural economies and communities (NSO 3).

With specific regard to State-owned or managed built and natural heritage sites and amenities, Fáilte Ireland has developed a series of strategic partnerships with key State bodies (OPW and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; NPWS; Coillte; and Waterways Ireland) that own and manage attractions and sites considered to be of vital importance to tourism. Through these partnerships, Fáilte Ireland can assist with the refurbishment and enhancement of key visitor attractions and advise on further experience development and marketing, thereby assisting these bodies to unlock the tourism potential of Ireland's natural and built heritage assets and meet the growing international demand for world-class outdoor tourism experiences.

Fáilte Ireland also has, since 2018, a partnership in place with the Department of Rural and Community Development on the funding of that Department's Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure or the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland. The scheme seeks to support those sporting and recreational pursuits based on use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles and the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

Fáilte Ireland-supported amenity and heritage related projects advanced in 2021

In 2021, despite a second year of COVID-19 restrictions, work continued on the following Fáilte Ireland-funded amenity and heritage projects:

- The Shannon Tourism Masterplan [developed under strategic partnership between Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland and in collaboration with the 10 Local Authorities along the navigation] was launched in March 2021. The Plan sets out an ambitious roadmap with 120 actions to support the Shannon to become an iconic visitor experience for Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.
- Significant progress was made on the Beara Breifne Trail Audit Plan, once the COVID-19 lockdowns ended in May 2021. Work is well underway on the Interpretation, Wayfinding and Branding strategies which will ensure the development of the trail as an internationally motivating long distance walking trail.
- Fáilte Ireland and Coillte progressed the International Mountain Biking Proposition for Rural Ireland, comprising four separate projects – due to deliver four national trail centres across seven counties and over 300km of trails. This is considered to be of particular importance in developing the activities tourism offering in Ireland. It includes the Coolaney Mountain Bike Centre and Trail Development in Sligo which saw 5km of its 24km trail developed in 2021.

In addition to the above projects, which are all aimed at developing the outdoors/activity offering, Fáilte Ireland also progressed its strategic partnership with the OPW and Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Three further projects were advanced in 2021 and will be completed in 2022 under this partnership including the Céide Fields in Co. Mayo. A further nine projects remain under development with the OPW/DHLGH under the Strategic Partnership.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

In 2021, the ORIS scheme awarded investment of €3.5 million for 189 small scale projects across the country and €15.5 million to develop 66 outdoor recreation projects and development funding for a further 18 projects. Fáilte Ireland contributed €4 million towards these projects in partnership with DRCD in 2021.

Urban Animation Scheme

Fáilte Ireland's Urban Animation Capital Investment Scheme is a pilot capital grants scheme for Local Authorities. Launched in April 2021, this scheme is aimed at supporting sustainable tourism development through public realm and urban animation projects that have the potential to transform and re-imagine urban centres for visitors and communities. Following a competitive assessment process, €4.2 million in funding was awarded to urban animation projects in six counties, where the local stories, culture and heritage will be brought to life through a variety of large-scale outdoor performance spaces, public art and light installations. Galway City Council received funding of €1,030,834 under this scheme.

Platforms for Growth

Fáilte Ireland is currently investing in large-scale tourism attractions and experiences through its capital investment programme, Platforms for Growth (2019 to 2022). This programme has run two investment platforms to date – a programme of funding to support and expand immersive heritage and cultural attractions and an investment programme, in partnership with Local Authorities, to develop activity facility centres for water-based activities.

Fáilte Ireland's first call for applications (Platforms for Growth 1), in 2019, focused on the platform of immersive heritage and cultural attractions, inviting proposals for large-scale projects of €2.5 million upwards. The aim is to ensure strong economic growth by investing in heritage and cultural attractions of scale that will motivate visitors to travel, either to and/or within Ireland, but without displacing the existing attractions of a destination or disturbing the competitiveness already in mature destinations. The overall objective is to deliver brilliant experiences that allow visitors connect with Ireland and bring the national and local culture, heritage and people to life, while also delivering greater regional and seasonal spread of tourism. Significant Fáilte Ireland investment totalling over €44 million was announced in June 2021 as part of this first platform to develop four new world-class tourist attractions, including the following in the Northern and Western region:

- Co. Cavan: Shannon Pot and Cavan Burren Park, Blacklion;
- Co. Donegal: Fort Dunree and Head, Buncrana and
- Co. Mayo: Westport House Estate and Gardens, Westport.

The second platform (Platforms for Growth 2), launched in December 2020 and involving a targeted call for applications from local authorities, aims to develop activity facility centres at waterside locations across Ireland. In April 2021, €19 million worth of investment was announced for this platform, to be used to develop world-class facility centres at 20 locations across the country where water-based activities are a key visitor attraction. These facilities, designed to serve as a hub in each locality from which multiple water-sports operators can base themselves, will provide hot showers, changing and toilet facilities, secure storage, induction spaces, equipment wash-down and orientation points.

3.8

National Strategic Outcome 8 – Climate-Resilient Society

Project Ireland 2040 highlights the centrality of this National Strategic Outcome (NSO) to all other elements of spatial policy. The themes highlighted in the NPF focus on the role of spatial policy in influencing where we live, where we work, and how we travel. These are all directly relevant to the pattern of energy use, and in particular, the current level of harmful greenhouse gas emissions to which Ireland is committed to achieving substantial reductions.

Project Ireland 2040 continued to see major investment by the commercial state sector in energy, involving ESB/EirGrid:

- Progress has been made on landowner engagement, surveys and borehole investigations at tower sites.
- The North Connacht project will create a new electricity transmission network in the Northwest and will provide capacity for economic growth and to connect new renewable generation. An underground cable option was selected as the best performing option and a route for the cable has been selected.
- ESB and its joint venture partner Bord na Móna enacted Phase 2 of the Oweninny Windfarm (83 MW) in County Mayo.

Climate Action Regional Offices

Four Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) were established in 2018 to facilitate effective climate action at regional and local level. The CAROs are operated by a lead Local Authority in four different regions around the country. Counties Cavan, Leitrim, Monaghan and Roscommon are covered by the Midlands and Eastern Region CARO, which is operated by Kildare County Council. Counties Galway, Mayo, Sligo and Donegal are covered by the Atlantic Seaboard North CARO, which is operated by Mayo County Council.

In 2021, the CAROs played a key role supporting the delivery of actions for the local authority sector in the Climate Action Plan across a number of headings including Governance and Partnership, Adaptation, Mitigation, Communication and Engagement, Training and Educations and Knowledge Development. The Midlands and Eastern Region CARO with support from Tipperary County Council and the Local Authority Services National Training Group also supported delivery of the Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme. This Programme aims to develop capacity within the Local Authority sector to deliver ambitious climate action measures at local level. Under the Programme in 2021, climate action training was delivered online or in person to approx. 9,000 Local Authority staff across all grades.

Flood Relief Schemes

There are 30 flood relief schemes currently ongoing or planned for the Northern and Western Region across the following counties;

Table 15: Planned Flood Relief Schemes in Northern and Western Region

County	Number of Schemes
Cavan	1
Donegal	14
Galway	4
Leitrim	3
Mayo	2
Monaghan	3
Roscommon	3
Total	30

Source: OPW

These include Flood Relief schemes for Raphoe, Carrick-on-Shannon, Lifford, Galway City and Ballina.

3.9

National Strategic Outcome 9 – Sustainable Management of Water and other Environmental Resources

Project Ireland 2040 highlights the centrality of our sustainable water resources to the implementation of the NDP to underpin our environmental and economic well-being into the future, against the backdrop of the significant deficits in the capacity and quality reflecting historic underinvestment which is being addressed under the NDP.

Overall, there were currently 7 water and waste water projects in progress and a further 56 projects planned in the Northern and Western Region.

Table 16: Irish Water Projects

Northern and Western	Completed	In Progress	Planned
Donegal	1	4	23
Leitrim	0	0	1
Sligo	3	0	3
Galway	1	2	15
Mayo	1	0	6
Roscommon	0	1	1
Cavan	1	0	6
Monaghan	0	0	1
Total	7	7	56

Source: Irish Water

Irish Water has eliminated 60% of the raw sewage nationally. In the North and West, construction started in a number of areas where raw sewage has been entering the environment for decades. These include Kerrykeel, Kilcar, Spiddal and Ahascragh.

Irish Water, working in partnership with Donegal County Council, commenced the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant in Kerrykeel as well as the construction of a new pumping station, pumped wastewater main and outfall pipe. The new wastewater treatment plant and sewerage infrastructure to be constructed as part of this scheme will eliminate the discharge of raw sewage and improve water quality in Brunside River and subsequently Mulroy Bay and protect recreational waters for fishing, kayaking and other water sports.

It will also help in protecting the integrity of the local marine environment and supporting future economic and social development in the area.

In Spiddal, construction started in 2021 to stop untreated wastewater being discharged directly into Galway Bay. This practice is unsustainable and threatens the amenity value of the local bathing waters, particularly Trá na mBan and Ceibh an Spidéil. The new Wastewater Treatment Plant will bring benefits to Spiddal in terms of health, integrity of the environment and improved water quality for all. This project will stop the discharge of over 600 wheelie bins of raw sewage into Galway Bay per day.

Since 2014, Irish Water have prioritised investment to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses across Galway. In 2021, Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme was completed which provides a safe and secure water supply to over 6,000 local residents and businesses.

In 2021, a significant upgrade and expansion at the Foxes Den Water Treatment Plant, the main treatment facility in Sligo Town, was completed to ensure current and future demand can be achieved.

3.10

National Strategic Outcome 10 – Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services

Access to quality primary education, health services and childcare, relative to the scale of a region, city, town, neighbourhood or community is a defining characteristic of attractive, successful and competitive places. Project Ireland 2040 provides significant public investment in education and health infrastructure to meet current infrastructure needs, cater for an estimated population growth of one million and respond to Ireland's changing demographic profile.

There were 39 school building projects delivered under the Large Scale and Additional Accommodation Scheme in the Northern and Western Region in 2021 of which 13 (listed in the table below) were of a value in excess of €1 million:

Table 18: Schools Building Projects in excess of €1 million delivered in 2021

No.	County	School	School Type
1	Cavan	Bailieborough Community College	Post Primary
2	Cavan	Holy Family SS, Cootehill	Special Education
3	Cavan	St Clare's NS, Ballyjamesduff	Primary
4	Donegal	Glenswilly NS, Letterkenny	Primary
5	Donegal	St. Columbas Comprehensive School	Post Primary
6	Galway	Scoil Fhursa NS, Nile Lodge, Galway	Primary
7	Galway	St Oliver's Special School, Tuam	Special Education
8	Leitrim	St Patricks NS Drumshambo	Primary
9	Mayo	St Louis Community School, Kiltimagh	Post Primary
10	Monaghan	St. Mary's Boys National School	Primary
11	Monaghan	Urbleshanny N.S.	Primary
12	Roscommon	Abbey CC, Boyle	Post Primary
13	Roscommon	Cornafulla National School	Primary

Source: Department of Education

A further 282 schools building projects were at various stages of planning, design and construction of which 142 were of a value in excess of €1 million:

Table 17: Status of Schools Building Project in excess of €1 million Delivery in 2021

Status of Ongoing Project (EMR)	Northern and Western
Project Brief	26
Stage 1 (Preliminary Design)	66
Stage 2a (Developed Sketch Scheme)	13
Stage 2b (Detailed Design)	9
Stage 3 (Tender Stage)	8
Onsite	20
Total	142

Source: Department of Education

Health

In 2021, COVID-19 continued to impact the programme of capital works in the health sector. Progress was made on a number of Covid-specific projects but also other projects completed construction such as the relocation of the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit at University Hospital Galway, a roof top extension at Sligo University Hospital, providing four additional isolation rooms; and building

works associated with new fluoroscopy equipment at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe. As part of the Community Nursing Unit programme, following an upgrade and extension, Dungloe Community Hospital was completed. Also in 2021, the provision of an Ambulance Base at St Joseph's Hospital Stranorlar was completed and the Brothers of Charity facility, Galway was refurbished to meet housing requirements for four people with disabilities transitioning from a congregated setting.

Table 19: Health capital projects completed and operational in the Northern and Western Region in 2021

Facility	Project details	Completed	Operational
Ballybofey, Co. Donegal	The provision of ambulance base at St Joseph's Hospital Stranorlar, including relocation of Older Persons' Services	2021	2021
Brothers of Charity, Galway	One unit for purchase / refurbishment to meet housing requirements for four people transitioning from a congregated setting	2021	2022
Dungloe Community Hospital, Co. Donegal	Upgrade and refurbishment to achieve HIQA compliance	2021	2022
Oakgrove House, St Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	Provision of two, five-bed houses (high support hostels) for residents with intellectual disabilities	2021	2022
Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim	Refurbishment of all electrical services	2021	2022
Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	Lift replacement programme (four lifts)	2021	2021
Portiuncula Hospital Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	Winter 2020 – ED converting to OPD	2021	2021
Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	Building works associated with new fluoroscopy equipment	2021	2021
St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	Refurbishment – fabric upgrade of blocks G and H	2021	2021
University Hospital Galway	Provision of new IT room	2021	2022
University Hospital Galway	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit.	2021	2022
University Hospital Galway	Winter 2020 – Temporary Emergency Department reconfiguration and extension: The expansion of the existing Emergency Department into the adjacent Outpatients Department OPD to allow Green and Red areas to be created for separation of COVID-19 flow of patients – waiting areas, minor injuries assessment and paediatrics	2021	2022
Sligo University Hospital	Provision of a roof top extension to the ICU at Sligo University Hospital to provide four additional isolation rooms to deal with capacity issues for the COVID-19 Intermediate / Winter Plan 2020	2021	2021

Source: HSE Capital and Estates

Appendix

Major Project Investment Tracker – May 2022 Update

Details of a wider selection of projects are available on the Project Ireland 2040 map *MyProjectIreland* at gov.ie/2040.

Name of Project	Brief Description of Project	Location	Construction Commencement Date (Year)	Construction Completion Date (Year)
Oweninny Wind Farm Project (Phase 1)	Development of Phase 1 of the Oweninny wind farm through a 50:50 Joint Venture between Bord na Móna and ESB (installed capacity 92.8MW).	Mayo	2017	2019
Gairmscoil Mhuire - 71270G	A new school building to cater for 750 pupils	Galway	2018	2020
GMIT STEM building	A new STEM building which will include undergraduate and postgraduate science labs, classrooms and administration space. In conjunction with decanted space elsewhere on campus, the new building will increase capacity of the institution by 590 students. Part of the Higher Education PPP Programme.	Galway	2023	2025
LYIT Library, IT and Education Building	A new Library, IT and Education Building, which will include computer labs, learning resource space and general teaching space. In conjunction with decanted space elsewhere on campus, the new building will increase capacity of the institution by 616 students. Part of the Higher Education PPP Programme.	Donegal	2023	2025
NUI Galway Learning Commons	This project comprises a major regeneration of the existing library building in NUI Galway to allow for significant internal reconfiguration and transformation to a new Learning Commons. The project will facilitate an additional 2,000 student places across the campus. The project is being co-funded under the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund.	Galway	2023	2027
Cavan General Hospital, Emergency Department and Ward Block	This project involves the development of a new three story extension block to house a new Endoscopy Unit, ward accommodation (16-single rooms with ensuites and 2 isolation rooms) and the relocation of the existing ED Department.	Cavan	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Galway Emergency Department and Ward Block	This project encompasses a new Emergency Department with Ward Block including maternity and paediatric inpatient beds.	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Portiuncula University Hospital Ward Block	The project will provide a new replacement Ward Block to provide replacement ward accommodation in line with current standards.	Galway	2022	2024
Sligo Hospital Redevelopment Phase 1	This project encompasses the Redevelopment - Phase 1 - including Ward Block, Theatre Department, Emergency Department.	Sligo	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
University College Hospital Galway, Radiation Oncology Unit	This project encompasses the development of a new Unit containing 4 Linear Accelerators (3 replacement, 1 additional) as part of the National Project for Radiation Oncology.	Galway	2020	2023

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Donegal (Group B) Sewerage Schemes Wastewater Treatment Plants	The Donegal Group B project included the development of new sewerage schemes in Killybegs, Bundoran, Glencolumbkille and Convoy. This project ensured compliance with EU Directives and provided increased wastewater treatment capacity in these areas supporting growth and economic development.	Donegal	2016	2018
Galway City Wastewater Network	Under this project, Irish Water are progressing the drainage area planning phase of the Galway City Wastewater Network. The objective of this project is to upgrade the wastewater network.	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Milford, Ramelton and Rathmullan Waste Water Treatment Plant	Provision for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to protect environment and quality of receiving waters, increase capacity and facilitate future growth. Previously receiving no treatment.	Donegal	2022	2025
Terryland Water Treatment Plant	Provision for Water Treatment Plant to address Drinking Water quality. This project involves the upgrading of critical assets within the Galway City Water Supply Scheme and Environs namely new Water Treatment Plant Intake, rising mains, trunk and interconnecting mains and the Provision for additional storage.	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Letterkenny Regional Water Supply Project including Creeslough Wastewater Treatment Plant	This project addressed the water quality deficiencies in Letterkenny and Creeslough. It included construction of 2 No. water treatment plants and 5km of pipelines for Letterkenny and Creeslough, Co Donegal.	Donegal	2016	2019
Roscommon Sewerage Scheme	Upgrade and rehabilitation of Sewer Network to reduce significant infiltration flows in the existing sewer and manholes to protect environment, increase capacity.	Roscommon	2021	2024
Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road (Department of Transport element)	This project will deliver a new bridge and approach roads over the Garavogue River in Sligo facilitating regeneration and consolidation in Sligo Town.	Sligo	2023	2026
Galway City Ring Road	The N6 Galway City Ring Road (GCRR) project is an integral part of the Galway Transport Strategy. The proposed road development comprises 11.8km of motorway between the existing N6 at Coolagh (northeast of the city) to the existing Ballymoneen Road (northwest of the city) and then continues as a single carriageway road for a further 5.6km as far as the R336 Coast Road, west of Bearna. The new orbital route travels around the city, it will have grade separated junctions with the other national roads serving Galway City (N63, N84 and N59) and will include a new bridge crossing of the River Corrib.	Galway	2023	2027

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N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin	This project forms part of the N4 National Primary Route from Dublin to Sligo, identified as a strategic radial corridor, which should provide a high quality link between Dublin and Sligo. It forms part of the Ten-T Comprehensive Network. This project involves the upgrading of a very sub-standard narrow section of the N4, to Type 2 dual carriageway, from the existing N4/ N17 Toberbride Roundabout in Collooney, to Cloghoge Lower, south of Castlebaldwin Village, a total length of 14.7km, of which 11.2km is offline.	Sligo	2019	2021
N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge	The project comprises a proposed road development of 33.4km in length which consists of a single carriageway road that runs southeast from the tie-in point of the existing Ballaghaderreen Bypass to east of Strokestown at Scramoge. There are an additional 13km of side roads and existing road improvements, 17 at-grade T-junctions and 5 roundabouts to be provided as part of the scheme. The proposed route will bypass the towns/villages of Frenchpark, Bellanagare, Tulsk and Strokestown.	Roscommon	2021	2024
N5 Westport to Turlough	The proposed road development involves the construction of 20.3km of Type 2 dual carriageway from Westport to east of Castlebar and a 2.5km single carriageway link to the N59 Westport to Mulranny national secondary road. The scheme also includes the following: 2 compact grade separated junctions including overbridges; 2 bridges over the Westport to Dublin railway line; 13 road under/over bridges; 6 roundabouts.	Mayo	2019	2023
N56 Dungloe to Glenties	The project consists of the realignment and construction of 27km of National Secondary Road. The project is being progressed in five Phases: Phase 1 - N56 Dungloe to Cloghbolie (7.1km) Phase 2 - N56 Cloghbolie to Boyoughter (3.3km) Phase 3 - N56 Boyoughter to Kilkenny (5.5km) Phase 4 - N56 Kilkenny to Letterilly (3.8km) Phase 5 - N56 Letterilly to Kilraine (7.2km)	Donegal	2017	2025
N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road	The project consists of realignment and construction of approximately 5km of National Secondary Road. The project is progressing in two phases: Phase 1 - N56 Mountcharles to Drumbeigh 2.8km Phase 2 - N56 Drumbeigh to Inver 2.3km.	Donegal	2017	2021

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N59 Moycullen Bypass	This scheme consists of 4.3km of single carriageway bypassing the village of Moycullen to the northeast. The project extends from the townland of Drimcong, approximately 1.5km north-west of Moycullen village to the townland of Clydagh, approximately 2km southeast of the village. The scheme also includes on-line improvements of the N59 through the village, which have recently been completed.	Galway	2021	2023
PPP: N17/N18 Gort-Tuam (Construction)	The project includes 54 km of motorway 3 km of dual carriageway, providing bypasses of Clarinbridge, Claregalway and Tuam. The scheme includes 6 junctions and 104 structures.	Galway	2014	2018
Colaiste Chiarain - 68325L	A new school building to cater for 1000 pupils plus 2 classroom SEN Base	Roscommon	2019	2021
Sligo University Hospital Ward Development	This project involves the provision of a 2 x 21 bed wards, single en-suite rooms with ancillary accommodation.	Sligo	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Athlone to Ballyleague/ Lanesborough Greenway	At very early stage / not developed	Roscommon	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Ballina Castlebar and Westport Interurban Greenway - Viaduct, Westport - Moy Cycle Br. Ballina	At very early stage / not developed	Mayo	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Connemara - Galway to Moycullen Greenway	The Galway-Oughterard Greenway project proposes to deliver an off-road walking and cycling Greenway between Galway City and the town of Oughterard, at a length of approximately 20-30km. Once completed, the route will form part of the Connemara Greenway between Galway and Clifden	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Connemara - Derrygimlagh - Clifden - Kylemore Abbey Greenway	This project involves the provision of a greenway between Clifden and Derrygimlagh (Marconi Station) and between Clifden and Kylemore Abbey with an overall length of approx. 27km. It will also form part of the Connemara Greenway and link to the Clifden to Galway section of the Connemara Greenway at Clifden.	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Athenry to Milltown Greenway	This project involves the provision of 42km of greenway between Athenry and Milltown (possibly along the line of a disused rail line).	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Inishowen - Buncrana to Carndonagh Greenway	This greenway of length circa 30km long will run from Buncrana, the second largest urban and commercial town in the county to Carndonagh, the principle town in northern Inishowen. It will serve the populations of these major urban centres, the Inishowen peninsula and connect to the rest of Donegal, nearby Derry city and environs, and draw domestic and international visitors to the county.	Donegal	2025	2026

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Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties Railway Greenway - Sligo Town to Blacklion, Co. Cavan	71km of greenway, mostly along the old Sligo Leitrim Northern Counties railway line. The scheme crosses the Northern Ireland border into Co. Fermanagh at Blacklion in Co. Cavan.	Leitrim	2024	2026
Burtonport to Letterkenny Greenway	The proposed Burtonport to Letterkenny Greenway of length circa 80km will run between the village of Burtonport on the west coast and span across the county to Letterkenny, the largest town in county Donegal. The Greenway will provide the opportunity to link largely undeveloped areas of the county with sections of the Wild Atlantic Way, the Donegal Cycle Route (part of EuroVelo Route 1) and established walking trails. The project is approximately 80km in length and will include associated infrastructure (accessible by all) such as car parks, trailheads, signage and connections to adjacent towns/villages and amenities/attractions in the Region.	Donegal	2027	2031
Inishowen - Bridgend to Buncrana and Newtowncunningham Greenway	The North West Greenway Network is a proposed 104km national greenway serving the population of Inishowen and the rest of Donegal, nearby Derry city and environs, and domestic and international visitors to Donegal. It comprises the Inishowen Greenway and other cross-border greenway routes. The 16km section of the Inishowen Greenway (Bridgend to Buncrana section) with a 12.5km spur from Tooban to Newtowncunningham, is Phase 1 of the Inishowen Greenway. Phase 1 will include infrastructure such as car parks, signage, rest areas, trail-heads and connections to local amenities/attractions and will link the settlements of Bridgend, Burnfoot, Fahan, Lisfannon and Newtowncunningham. Initial stages of project development funded under INTERREG V (SEUPB)	Donegal	2024	2025
Robbers' Lane, Maugheraboy, Sligo	Provision of 62 social housing units	Sligo	2022	2024
Ursuline Convent, Sligo	Provision of 73 social housing units (turnkey development, four phases)	Sligo	2021	2023
Elective Capacity Galway	This project will provide Elective capacity in Galway	Galway	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal

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