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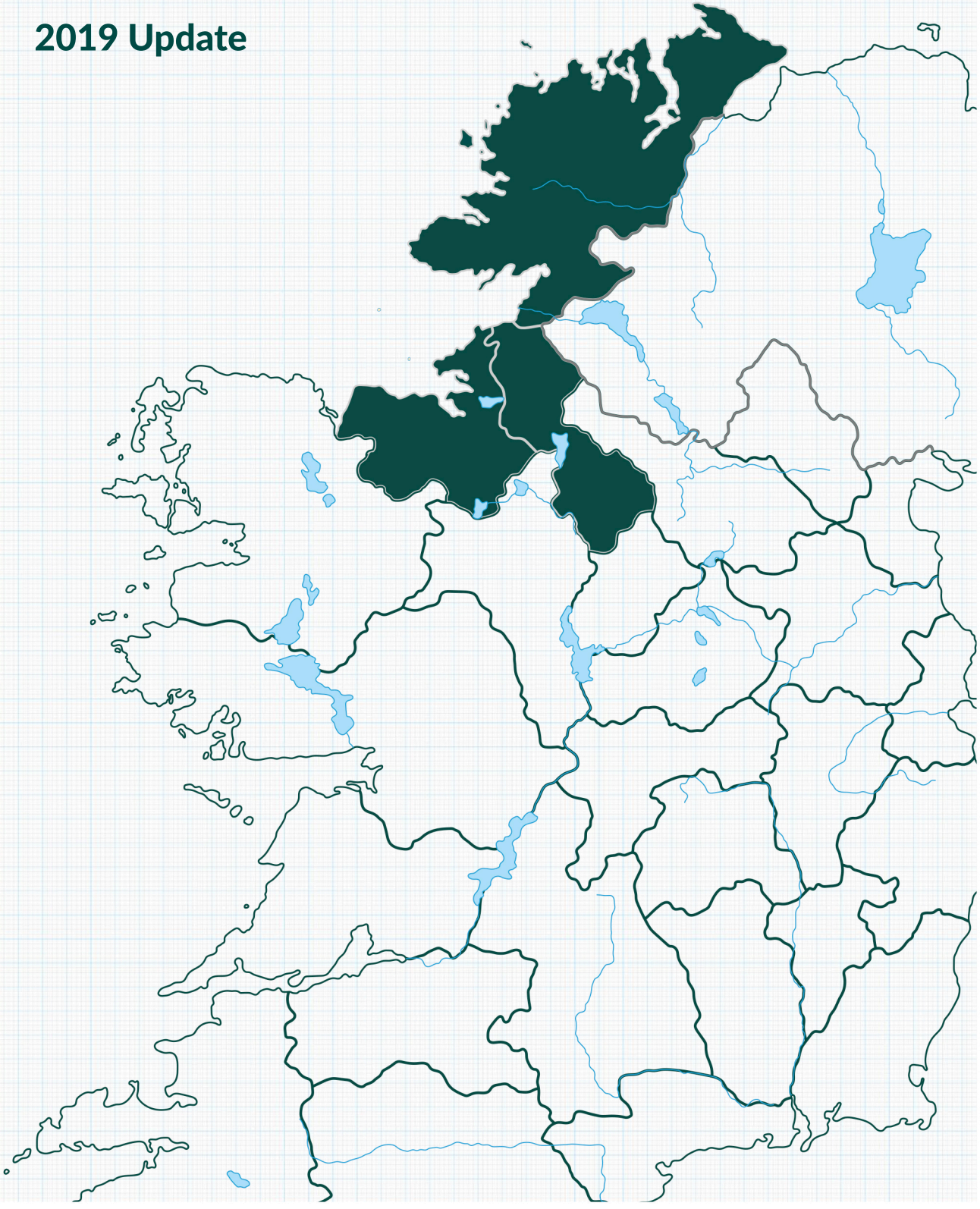

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(Northern and Western Regional Assembly)

Project Ireland 2040
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Key Facts and Projects

NSO 1 - Compact Growth
- 127 new social housing builds in the North-West in 2019
- 589 total new dwelling completions in the North-West in 2019
- 6 successful applicants to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund in 2018. Second call closure for applications extended to 29 May 2020 given Covid-19 crisis

NSO 2 - Enhanced Regional Connectivity
- N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin – implementation stage
- N56 Dungloe to Glenties Road - at implementation/construction stage
- N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road - at implementation/construction stage
- Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road – final business stage
- Sligo Western Distributor Road - at construction stage

NSO 3 - Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities
- 11 projects were approved for funding from the first call of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund
- The highlights of the 2019 Programme include the Smooth Point Extension (Phase 2) at Killybegs

NSO 4 - Sustainable Mobility
- Public transport investment ongoing

NSO 5 - A Strong Economy, supported by Enterprise, Innovation and Skills
- 6,992 in IDA supported employment, 6,859 in EI supported employment
- Sligo Advanced Technology Building completed and leased by IDA in Q3 2019
- 1 successful applicants for the latest round of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund
- 1 successful project partner applicant under Call 2 of the Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund
- Letterkenny IT one of eleven major infrastructure projects to be delivered around the country as part of a Public-Private Partnership Programme for the Higher Education Sector

NSO 6 - High Quality International Connectivity
- Continued Exchequer support for smaller regional airports is planned under the Regional Airports Programme, including at Donegal Airport

NSO 7 - Enhanced Amenity and Heritage
- Investments in the Glenveagh National Park
- 76 successful applicants from the North-West in the last round of the Sports Capital Programme

NSO 8 - Climate-Resilient Society
- EirGrid/ESB has a number of major investments planned such as a refurbishment project in Letterkenny 110kV station which is underway
- 15 flood relief schemes including Lifford Flood Relief Scheme.

NSO 9 - Sustainable Management of Water and other Environmental Resources
- There are currently 25 water and wastewater projects in progress in the Border Region e.g. the Letterkenny Sewerage Scheme

NSO 10 - Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services
- 1 delivered and 15 schools projects at various stages of planning, design and construction in 2019
- 1 new Primary Care Centre opening in Carrick-on-Shannon in 2020
- A further 6 healthcare projects will be delivered in 2020

1. Project Ireland 2040

This document sets out the regional projects and programmes which are being planned and delivered in the North-West 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 (NSO's), built around the over-arching themes of well-being, equality and opportunity. This document sets out the main achievements under each NSO in 2019, for the North-West 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 North-West is contained in the Appendix.

2. Regional Centres: 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 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. Progress against National Strategic Outcomes

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.

There were 127 social housing new builds in the North-West in 2019, with more planned in 2020.

In line with the national increase in new houses being built, there were 589 new dwelling completions in the North-West in 2019.

Table 1: Social Housing Completions in 2019

North-West	*Total New Build*
Donegal County Council	59
Leitrim County Council	26
Sligo County Council	42
Total	**127**

Source: Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Table 2: Total Housing Completions in 2019

North-West	*New Dwelling Completions*
Donegal County Council	431
Leitrim County Council	40
Sligo County Council	118
Total	**589**

Source: Central Statistics Office

Table 3: Total Planning Permissions in 2019

Planning Region and County	*Houses*	*Multi development houses*	*One off houses*	*Private flats/ apartments*	*Total*
North-West - Totals	**837**	**341**	**496**	**67**	**1,741**
Donegal County Council	610	236	374	31	1,251
Leitrim County Council	46	10	36	2	94
Sligo County Council	181	95	86	34	396

Source: Central Statistics Office

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) will help to rejuvenate significant but underused areas in Ireland's five cities and other large towns. In the North-West, these include Letterkenny, Carrick-on-Shannon, and Sligo Town.

The URDF is a key part of Project Ireland 2040 with a total budget of €2 billion over the period to 2027. The aim of the URDF is to stimulate new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns. New services and amenities will support these new developments and help achieve the 'compact growth' that was set out in Project Ireland 2040.

In total, there were 6 successful applicants from the North-West for the first round of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund in 2018. The second call closure for applications was extended to 29 May 2020 given the Covid-19 crisis.

Table 4a: Successful Applicants for the Urban RDF

North-West	*Category A (Ready to Go)*	*Category B (to be developed)*	*Total per County*
Donegal County Council	1	1	1*
Leitrim County Council	1	0	1
Sligo County Council	3	1	4
Total	**5**	**2**	**6***

Source: Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
*Donegal County Council Application (for Letterkenny 2040) listed as Category A+B

Table 4b: Successful Applicants for the Urban RDF

Applicant	*County*	*Description*
Donegal County Council	Donegal	Letterkenny 2040 (Public Realm & Site acquisition). This project aims to deliver transformative place-making that enhances the social, economic and environmental resilience of Letterkenny. 'Letterkenny 2040' is a multi-faceted project to deliver place-based change that benefits the urban core of Letterkenny and provides positive impacts in Letterkenny's wider regional and cross-border catchment. This project will enable Donegal County Council to lead on the delivery of a future compact growth redevelopment as an exemplar of urban design, renewal and regeneration.
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.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Roads Scheme. This is a contribution to a proposed link road to join communities north and south of the Garavogue river, being advanced in conjunction with the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	O'Connell Street Enhancement. This relates to street enhancement works, providing for an improved pedestrian core by enhancing the quality of the urban environment and improving permeability, through wider pats, disabled parking spaces, improved substructure for paving, new traffic signals etc.

Sligo County Council	Sligo	Sligo Cultural Plaza. The proposal seeks to transform Sligo city's centre public realm, informed by the Public Realm Plan recently prepared by Sligo County Council. This proposed new amenity will address the Garavogue riverside. The size of the Plaza would allow it to accommodate a variety of open-air activities, festivals, and public screenings including an outdoor market.
Sligo County Council	Sligo	Sligo Public Realm. The proposal seeks to transform Sligo's recently completed public realm plan through the implementation of a five year plan. Funding is for this planning phase. Proposal seeks to transform Sligo's public realm through the implementation of a 5 year Plan

Source: Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

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 6 major regional transport project planned for the Border, the N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Road, the N56 Dungloe to Glenties Road, the N56 Mountcharles to Inver Road, the Easter Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road and the Sligo Western Distributor Road.

- N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin, Sligo - Government approval received to award construction contract on 29 January 2019 - Construction works ongoing.
- N56 Dungloe to Glenties - Out to tender in 2019.
- N56 Mountcharles to Inver - Completed in August 2019 and the Contract was awarded for the construction of the N56 Drumbeigh to Inver section in August 2019.
- Easter Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road - Land acquisition, advance works and preparation of contract documents. Implementation to be accelerated through URDF co-funding.
- Sligo Western Distributor Road – at construction stage.

3.3 National Strategic Outcome 3 – Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities

The full participation of rural communities in strategic development as envisaged under the National Planning Framework (NPF) is imperative to achieving the full potential of a broad range of strategic outcomes detailed in the National Development Plan (NDP). This applies both in terms of the traditional pillars of the rural economy, the natural resource and food sector, as well as those emerging from such developments as improved connectivity, broadband and rural economic development opportunities.

As part of Project Ireland 2040, the Government has committed to providing an additional €1 billion for a new Rural Regeneration and Development Fund over the period 2019 to 2027. The Fund will provide investment to support rural renewal for suitable projects in towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas. It will be administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

In total four projects from the North-West were approved for funding from the second call of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

Table 5: Projects approved for funding under the second call for the Rural RDF

Applicant	*Project*	*County*	*Description*	*Total RRDF Funding €*
Donegal County Council	Killybegs 2040 - Town Centre Regeneration Project	Donegal	This is a town centre regeneration project involving the redevelopment of an existing building in the harbour area to house a Tourism Information Centre and Digital Hub along with associated civic space, which will help enhance the physical, social and economic capacity of Killybegs.	€3,631,758
Donegal County Council	Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport)/ Oileán Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) - Harbour to Island Regeneration	Donegal	This project will deliver improved infrastructure at the harbour in Burtonport and provide shorefront amenity infrastructure on Arranmore. This will assist in enhancing the relationship between the island and the mainland and provide opportunities for growth in the tourism and marine leisure sectors.	€3,089,199
Leitrim County Council	The Junction, Ballinamore - Regeneration of Ballinamore	Leitrim	The project will regenerate and restore two listed buildings and a derelict site in the centre of Ballinamore to provide a digital hub and co-working space, an artistic space for promotion of local arts and crafts and a youth facility. The project will preserve and capitalise on local heritage assets and address the need for more social activities and facilities for people in the area.	€1,728,075

Leitrim County Council	Manorhamilton Public Realm improvement works including re-imagining employment and Enterprise Lands	Leitrim	This project will deliver a suite of transformative regeneration measures in the town centre of Manorhamilton, with the objectives of enhancing the quality of the existing streetscapes in the historic town centre and strengthening the town's physical and commercial infrastructure, making it a more attractive place to work, live and do business.	€1,613,250

Source: Department of Rural and Community Development

Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine

Key projects under the 2019 Fisheries Harbours Programme included the commencement of the Smooth Point Extension (Phase 2) at Killybegs.

3.4 National Strategic Outcome 4 – Sustainable Mobility

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 North West City Region. Project Ireland 2040 will enhance connectivity of people and places by promoting sustainable transport options and integrating land use and transport.

The development of bicycle infrastructure and safe and connected pedestrian and cycling pathways will be encouraged in the North-West Region.

Local Link (formerly the 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.

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

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 (NPF) 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 2019.

Table 6: Agency Supported Employment in the North-West in 2019

Total Employment	**183,900***
IDA Ireland Employment	6,992
Enterprise Ireland Employment	6,859

Source: CSO and Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation.
* The North-West region is comprised of Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim. For labour force data purposes, the North-West is part of the Border region along with Cavan and Monaghan.

The Regional Enterprise Development Fund is about supporting every region to build on its unique strengths and ultimately create sustainable jobs. Collaboration is at its core – among the public and private sectors, within and across regions. In January 2020, the successful applicants of the third round of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund were worth over €40 million. The Fund, which is administered for the Government by Enterprise Ireland, will operate on a rolling basis as part of Project Ireland 2040.

Table 7: Successful Applicants for the latest round of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund in the North-West Call 3

Projects approved	*County*	*Description*	*Fund*
The Leitrim Design House CLG	Leitrim	The project aims to support and grow the creative enterprise sector within Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon to realise its full economic potential through the development of a creative cluster called 'Creative Heartlands'	€371,600

Source: Enterprise Ireland

The Disruptive Technologies Innovation Fund (DTIF) will see investment in the development and deployment of disruptive innovative technologies and applications, on a commercial basis, targeted at tackling national and global challenges. The fund will drive collaboration between our world-class research base and industry as well as facilitating enterprises to compete directly for funding in support of the development and adoption of these technologies, and seeding a new wave of start-ups.

There was one project partner from the North-West Region in a successful application under the second Call of the Disruptive Innovation Technology Fund (with one under the first Call in 2018), as detailed in Table 8 below.

Table 8: Successful Applications featuring project partners from the North-West Region under the second Call of the Disruptive Innovation Technology Fund

Lead Applicant	*Consortium Partners*	*County*	*Description*
Perfuze Limited	Teleflex Limited; VistaMed Limited	Galway, Westmeath and Leitrim	**STROKE-CIS,** developing Clot Ingestion System medical technology to treat stroke.

Source: Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation

Enterprise Ireland in the North-West Region

- In 2019, the North-West Region supported 222 Enterprise Ireland (EI) client companies, employing 6,859 people.

The following are the areas of focus for Enterprise Ireland in the North-West:

- Entrepreneurship – Enterprise Ireland want to work with stakeholders to get more quality entrepreneurs and successful start-ups in the Region. A key initiative is to understand the drivers and types of individuals that are most likely to develop successful start-ups from the Region to better target supports and programmes to assist this cohort.
- Resilience – a focus on promoting core offers around Innovation, Competitiveness and diversification. Adding a local lens or regional focus should assist companies engage and increase engagement. Developing and supporting key cluster initiatives will help promote peer learning and opportunities. Central to promoting competitiveness is assisting peer learning Networks such as the West/North West Lean Network.
- Placemaking – the North-West offers a unique place to live and work. IDA companies such as Abbvie and Pramerica promote this to attract and retain talent. Enterprise Ireland with a focused second site location agenda could drive more companies to establish and move to the Region. Working with stakeholders, Enterprise Ireland will aim to develop propositions to help attract such opportunities to the Region.
- Marine - the Coastal communities, such as Killybegs and Strandhill along the Region have been very resilient and resourceful in how they harness the natural environment. There is an opportunity to further develop and help these coastal economies further diversify, compete internationally and innovate to establish new products, innovations and enterprise. Enterprise Ireland are working closely with stakeholders and clients to do just that.

Local Enterprise Offices

- The North-West is served by its Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) in Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo, which are co-located with the Local Authorities. In 2019, the LEOs operating in the North-West Region supported an additional 179 jobs from 2018 (total of 2,861 jobs) and the establishment of 21 new companies, bringing the total number of companies supported by the LEOs in the Mid-West Region to 632. In 2019, the LEOs operating in the North-West Region supported an additional 179 jobs from 2018 (total of 2,861 jobs) and the establishment of 21 new companies, bringing the total number of companies supported by the LEOs in the North-West Region to 632. Continued funding through Project Ireland 2040 will support further progress.

IDA in the North-West Region

- There are a total of 44 companies across the region, employing 6,992 people across a range of business sectors and activities.
- IDA Ireland continues to market and position the North-West Region to potential investors from across the globe, particularly in the areas of Manufacturing, Software Engineering, and Global Business Services. This continues through familiarisation programmes, direct to client promotion and tailored value propositions and itineraries. The diversity of sectors and activities as well as the quality of jobs and investments in the North-West Region has been enhanced by existing companies scaling their operations and new investors choosing to locate in the region.
- IDA partners with local stakeholders across the Region in areas of education, infrastructure and place-making ensuring the region is an attractive location to work, live and learn. IDA, in collaboration with IT Sligo and Sligo County Council recently launched "The Landing Space" in Sligo. The Landing Space is a 'fast landing solution' for companies considering the North-West Region. In addition, IDA Ireland has partnered with and supported Sligo County Council to develop the Western Distributor Road which will open up the 85 acres and bank at Oakfield – work has commenced on site. Companies such as Pramerica, Optum, and Overstock collaborate with Sligo and Letterkenny Institutes of Technology on trainee, graduate and research programmes.

Higher Education

Eleven major infrastructure projects will be delivered around the country as part of a Public-Private Partnership Programme for the Higher Education sector under Project Ireland 2040, including at Letterkenny IT. This programme responds directly to skills needs at the regional level, with a particular emphasis on STEM disciplines.

IT Sligo E01 Project is one of five projects approved in principle in 2019 under the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund.

IT Sligo has secured funding for upgrades to blocks K & L Block under the Higher Education Refurbishment and Upgrade Fund.

Four consortia throughout the country are also seeking to become designated in due course as Technological Universities. This includes a proposed Connacht Ulster Alliance, consisting of Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), IT Sligo, and Letterkenny IT.

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 is planned under Project Ireland 2040 and the Regional Airports Programme, including at Donegal Airport.

3.7 National Strategic Outcome 7 – Enhanced Amenity and Heritage

The State's natural heritage, biodiversity and built heritage will be protected and enhanced as part of Project Ireland 2040. This will include the improvement of visitor facilities at Glenveagh National Park.

Sports

The Sports Capital Programme under Project Ireland 2040 is the primary means of providing Government support to sports clubs and organisations for sports capital works. The most recent allocations under the Programme were made at the end of 2019, with €37 million allocated to sporting clubs and organisations throughout the country.

Table 9a: Successful applicants to the latest round of capital sports grants

North-West	*Successful Applicants*	*Average Grant €*
Donegal County	41	€33,973
Leitrim County	13	€27,445
Sligo County	22	€28,827
Total	**76**	**€30,082**

Source: Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport I

Table 9b: Large successful applicants to the latest round of capital sports grants

North-West	*Successful Applicants*	*Grant €*
Donegal County	Rasheney Football Club	€85,926
Leitrim County	Drumkeerin Handball Sport And Leisure Ltd	€73,324
Sligo County	Sligo County Council	€68,261

Source: Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Table 9c: Latest successful applicants to the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund

North-West	*Successful Applicants*	*Grant €*
Donegal	Letterkenny Regional Sports-Activity Hub (LRSAH)	€326,845

Table 9d: Latest successful applicants to the Stream 2 Sports Capital Grants

North-West	*Successful Applicants*	*Grant €*
Sligo	Waterpoint Aqua Park Renovation Project	€300,000

3.8 National Strategic Outcome 8 – Climate-Resilient Society Connectivity

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.

The second year of Project Ireland 2040 has seen major investment by the commercial state sector in energy. EirGrid/ESB has a number of major investments in the area;

The Donegal 110kV Loop is complete - a major investment in electricity infrastructure in Donegal and the enabler for the export of renewable energy from the county.

A major refurbishment project in Letterkenny 110kV station is also underway.

There are 15 flood relief schemes currently ongoing or planned for the North-West Region, thirteen in Donegal and two in Leitrim. These include the Carrick-on-Shannon Flood Relief Scheme and the Lifford Flood Relief Scheme.

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

Homes

Grants to improve home energy efficiency are available nationwide.

Table 10a: Home Energy Grant schemes in the North-West

Counties	*Number of homes completed*	*Amount paid (€,000)*
Donegal	264	1,843,755
Sligo	133	867,104
Leitrim	94	462,523
Total	**491**	**3,172,382**

Source: Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Commercial

Grants are available for large energy users and SMEs to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings, equipment and processes.

Table 10b: SME Lighting Scheme in the North-West

Counties	*Number of Grants*	*Average Grant Value*	*Total Grant Value*
Donegal	2	€4,358	€8,716
Sligo	3	€2,322	€6,966
Leitrim	2	€2,352	€4,704

Source: Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Table 10c: Agri Scheme in North-West

Counties	Number of Grants	Average Grant Value	Total Grant Value
Donegal	4	€5,699	€22,797

Source: Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Excellence in Energy Efficient Design (EXEED)

The Excellence in Energy Efficient Design (EXEED) scheme administered by SEAI provides support for businesses to consider the most efficient processes when commissioning or designing a new project process or asset.

Table 10d: EXEED Grant Sectors in the North-West in 2019

County	Value	Sector
Donegal	€390,324	Private
Donegal	€0	Public
Sligo	€0	Private
Sligo	€0	Public
Leitrim	€697	Private
Leitrim	€0	Public
Total	**€391,021**	

Source: Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Public Sector

Since 2017, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) has funded partnership pathfinder programmes to deliver energy upgrades to public sector buildings. The fundamental objective of each is to test approaches, build best practice and capacity, and develop a scalable model for large energy retrofit investment, which can be replicated throughout the wider public sector and schools. During 2019, three partnership programmes were funded - SEAI/DES Retrofit Programme in schools, SEAI/OPW Retrofit Programme in OPW Buildings and SEAI / HSE Retrofit Programme.

For 2019, a total of €14.5m funding was provided, €9.1m from DCCAE, which contributed to the retrofit of 95 buildings nationally.

Table 10e: Wider Public Sector Grants in the Mid-West

No. of PSBs	Value (€)	Average Grant Value (€)	County
6	2,271,193	378,532	Donegal
3	449,197	149,732	Sligo

Source: Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment

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 underpin our environmental and economic well-being into the future against the backdrop of the significant deficits in the capacity and quality of our current provision reflecting a history of underinvestment.

There are currently 25 water and wastewater projects in progress in the North-West e.g. the Letterkenny Sewerage Scheme to increase the capacity of the wastewater collection network to cater for existing residential and commercial developments.

Table 11: Irish Water Projects

North-West Region	*Completed*	*In Progress*	*Planned*
Donegal County	7	11	7
Leitrim County	2	4	1
Sligo County	1	10	0
Total	**10**	**25**	**8**

Source: Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

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

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 was one school project delivered in the North-West in 2019.

Table 12: Schools Projects Delivered in 2019 in the North-West

No.	*County*	*School*	*School Type*
1	Donegal	Royal & Prior Comprehensive, Raphoe	Post Primary

Source: website of Department of Education and Skills

There were a further 15 schools at various stages of planning, design and construction

Table 13: Status of School Delivery in 2019 in the North-West

No.	*County*	*School Name & Address*	*School Project Status*
1	Donegal	Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha, Crana College, Gaelcholáiste Chineál Eoghain, Buncrana	Site Acquisition Process
2	Donegal	Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin	Stage 2a (Developed Sketch Scheme)
3	Donegal	Scoil Choilmcille, Letterkenny	Stage 3 (Tender Stage)
4	Donegal	Glenswilly NS, Letterkenny	Stage 3 (Tender Stage)
5	Donegal	Little Angels Special School, Knocknamona, Letterkenny	Stage 2b (Detailed Design)
6	Donegal	Scoil Mhuire B & C, Stranorlar	Stage 3 (Tender Stage)
7	Donegal	Scoil Iosagain, Buncrana	Stage 2b (Detailed Design)
8	Donegal	GS na gCeithre Máistrí, Donegal Town	Stage 2a (Developed Sketch Scheme)
9	Donegal	St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny	Stage 1
10	Donegal	St Columba's College	Stage 1
11	Donegal	Errigal College	Stage 1 (Preliminary Design) - DT Appointed August 2019
12	Donegal	Moville Community College	Stage 2a (Developed Sketch Scheme)
13	Leitrim	Gaelscoil Chluainín	Site Acquisition Process
14	Sligo	GS Chnoc na Ré	Site Acquisition Process
15	Sligo	Ursuline College, Sligo Town	Stage 1 (Preliminary Design)

Source: Department of Education and Skills (31 Dec 2019)

Health

A new Primary Care Centre will be delivered in the North-West in 2020, located in Carrick-on-Shannon. An additional six healthcare projects will be delivered in the Region in 2020. These timelines are pre-Covid.

Table 14: HSE Capital Infrastructure 2020 in the North-West

Facility	*Project details*	*Project Completion*	*Fully Operational*
Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim	Primary Care Centre, by lease agreement	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
Cregg House and Cloonamahon, Co. Sligo	Five units at varying stages of purchase/new build/refurbishment to meet housing requirements for 20 people transitioning from congregated settings.	Phased delivery 2020	Phased delivery 2020
Dungloe Community Hospital, Co. Donegal	Upgrade and refurbishment to achieve HIQA compliance	Q4 2020	Q4 2021
Sligo University Hospital	Replacement of fluoroscopy room with a full Interventional Suite.	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
Sligo University Hospital	Provision of a Diabetic Unit to facilitate the commencement of a paediatric insulin pump service.	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
St. Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal	The provision of an ambulance restroom at St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranolar	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
Sligo University Hospital	Acute mental health unit	Q4 2020	Q1 2021

Source: HSE Service Plan 2020

Appendix

Major Project Investment Tracker

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 (County)*	*Project Commencement Date*	*Project Completion Date*
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	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Electricity Transmission Network: Donegal 110kV Project	This project is the proposed 110kV electricity infrastructure project to reinforce the electricity network in County Donegal. The project comprises (i) a new 110 kV transmission line from Binbane to Letterkenny and (ii) a new 110 kV distribution line from Ardnagappary to Tievebrack.	Donegal	Subject to Appraisal	Subject to Appraisal
Sligo Garda Station - PPP: Garda Station Bundle	The project will provide for Sligo Garda Station: Garda PPP development, HQs/Stations at Sligo, Clonmel and Macroom.	Sligo	2019	2022
Sligo Hospital Redevelopment Phase 1	This project encompasses the Redevelopment - Phase 1 - including Ward Block, Theatre Department and Emergency Department.	Sligo	2022	2026

Ballyshannon Regional Water Supply Scheme - Water Treatment Plant and Network	The Ballyshannon Regional Water Supply has been developed to address drinking water issues in Ballyshannon, Rossnowlagh, Ballintra and areas currently supplied by Cashelard Water Supply Scheme and Ballymagroarty Water Supply Scheme.	Donegal	2021	2023
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	Subject to Appraisal	2018
Milford, Ramelton and Rathmullan WWTP	Provision for the WWTP to protect environment and quality of receiving waters, increase capacity and facilitate future growth. Previously receiving no treatment.	Donegal	Subject to Appraisal	2023
Letterkenny Regional Water Supply Project including Creeslough Wastewater Treatment Plant	The purpose of the project is to address the water quality deficiencies in Letterkennny and Creeslough. It includes construction of two water treatment plants and 5km of pipelines for Letterkenny and Creeslough, Co Donegal.	Donegal	2017	2019
Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Road (Department of Transport Tourism and Sport 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

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
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	2022
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	2022

Source: Investment Tracker - Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.