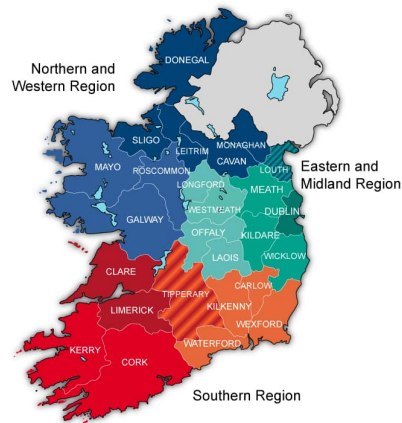


Smart Specialisation: In search of....



OVERSEAS VISITORS



2,447,000

5,912,000

4,816,000

ELECTRICAL GRID NETWORK

220kv



400kv



RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE



MOTORWAY NETWORK

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

ELECTRICAL GRID NETWORK

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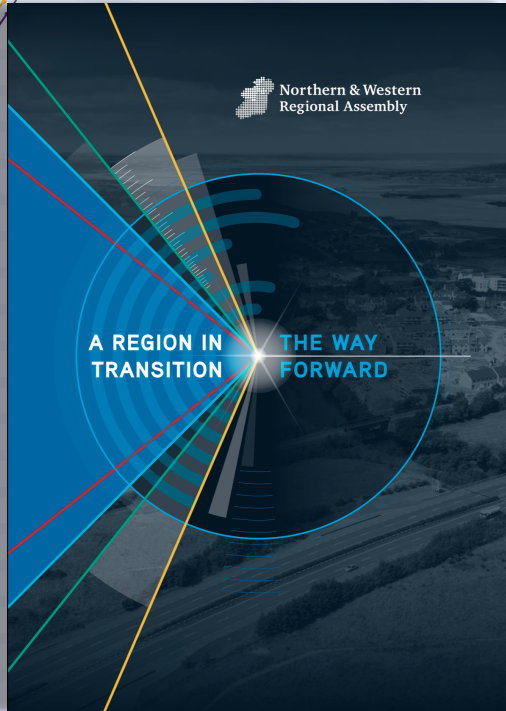
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Regional Research



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Capacity for Positive Discrimination

<p>Regional and Local Roads</p> <p>€3,717 per km</p> <p>National Average €3,843 per km</p> <p><i>Since funding levels have gone down since 2012 roads lengths, the Northern & Western region has – on average – received €3,717 for regional and local roads per km of each road, below the national average of €3,843 and the lowest out of all the Irish regions.</i></p>	<p>National Roads</p> <p>€87,240 per km</p> <p>National Average €116,054 per km</p> <p><i>Between 2008 and 2018, the Northern & Western region – on average – received funding of €87,240 for national roads per km of each road, below the national average of €116,054 during this period, and the lowest out of all the Irish regions.</i></p>
<p>Health Infrastructure</p> <p>Below National Average in 8 out of 11 years</p> <p><i>Between 2008 and 2018, investment in health infrastructure in the Northern & Western region – per head of population – was below the State average in 8 out of these 11 inclusive years.</i></p>	<p>Research & Development</p> <p>Below National Average in 8 out of 11 years</p> <p><i>Between 2008 and 2018, Higher Education Institutes operating in the Northern & Western region received research capital funding – per head of population – below the State average in 8 out of these 11 inclusive years.</i></p>
<p>Airport Infrastructure</p> <p>Lowest grants per passenger</p> <p><i>Ireland West Airport Knock has received the lowest level of capital and operational grants per passenger out of all the existing regional airports in recent years.</i></p>	<p>Third Level Infrastructure</p> <p>€141 per undergraduate student</p> <p>State Average €197</p> <p><i>Between 2013 and 2018, the level of general capital funding provided per undergraduate student enrolled in Higher Education Institutes within the Northern & Western region was €141, below the State average of €197 and the lowest out of all the Irish regions.</i></p>

Northern and Western Regional Assembly

1. Executive Summary

Focus on

- Urban Centres**

Ensure additional fund the region to develop up of sufficient scale, pa the region's designated Growth Centres and "I
- Research & Development**

Increase support to the region's Higher Education Institutes in improving their R&D capabilities to attract greater funding levels, increasing the possibility of innovation.
- Rural Economies**

Greater supports for SMEs within small towns and villages, particularly in geographical areas that suffer from deprivation, depopulation or high vacancy rates.
- Remote Working**

Incentivise firms within the region to embrace the concept of remote working.
- Digital Infrastructure**

Ensure the delivery of the National Broadband Plan allowing for continued improvement in the region's digital infrastructure
- Social Infrastructure**

Ensure the provision of high quality social infrastructure and services, particularly in the areas of health, housing and childcare.
- Airport Infrastructure**

Ensure continued investment into the region's Airport infrastructure, with the view of improving accessibility and connectivity to global markets.

A Region in Transition: The Way Forward

