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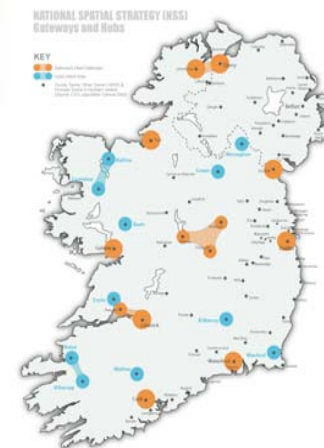


**GATEWAY INNOVATION FUND
(GIF)**

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Fitzpatrick Report (DEHLG/Forfás);ESRI

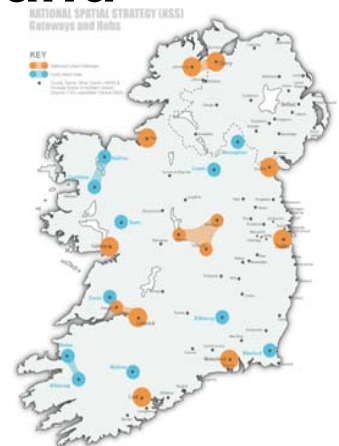
Implementing the NSS: Gateway Investment Priorities Study

Objective: To contribute to a renewed impetus in the implementation of the NSS and Gateway approach.

Key Findings:

- Improved investment prioritisation and funding availability in favour of the Gateways
- Improved co-ordination of Gateway planning and investment within and between local, regional and national levels

ESRI - Ex ante evaluation of NDP

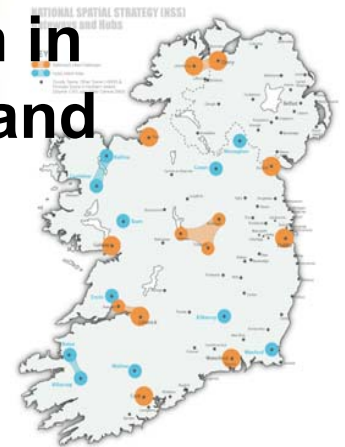


NDP 2007-2013 and the GIF

Regional Development (Chapter 3)

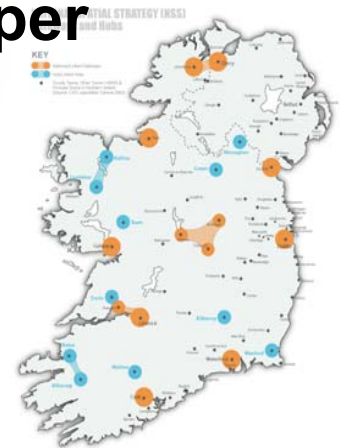
Promotion of regional development will be implemented through:

- Major infrastructure investment programme with a particular focus on addressing deficits in the NSS Gateway areas
- Establishment of Gateway Innovation Fund as mechanism to bring about better co-ordination in Gateway development, supporting distinctive and innovative projects in Gateway areas



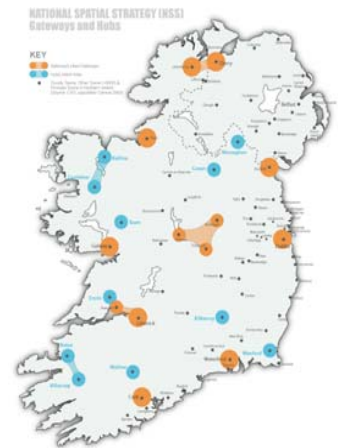
What is GIF designed to do?

- To stimulate and reward co-operation between local authorities in pursuit of ambitious Gateway development:
 - GIF will support pan Local Authority initiatives
 - Proposals that demonstrate true collaboration
- To encourage strong private sector participation
- To support implementation of strategies for proper planning and sustainable development i.e. LUTs etc.



Examples of Eligible Projects

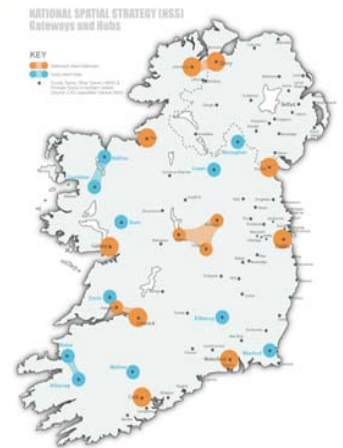
- **Measures to Release Strategic Blocks of Land:** Investment designed to leverage wider development of residential, commercial and industrial activities, particularly key central sites
- **Integrated Regeneration:** Projects to strengthen linkages within Gateways and between Gateways and their wider hinterlands
- **Quality of Life Investments:** Major city or town centre pedestrianisation schemes; enhancement of public open spaces, recreational amenities and cultural facilities
- **Green Transport Initiatives:** Projects designed to encourage significant modal shift from private car towards public transport, cycling and walking.
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Assessment Criteria

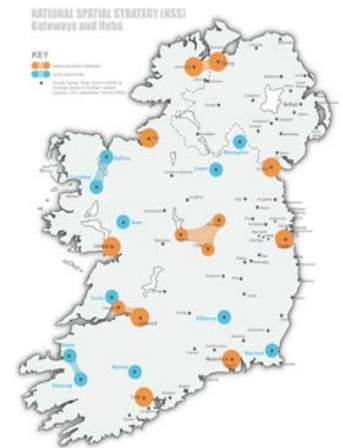
Proposals under the GIF must demonstrate that they are:

- **Essential in accelerating the rate of development and growth of the Gateway**
- **Developed under the auspices of a lead Local Authority with active participation and agreement of each of the local authorities in each Gateway; including cross-border development co-operation in the case of border area gateways**
- **Must be effectively integrated with the wider implementation of Gateway co-ordination issues in each Gateway (viz. those outlined in conclusions to Gateway Investment Priorities Report)**



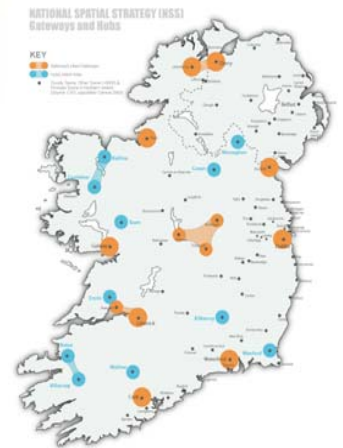
Assessment Criteria (cont'd.)

- **Need to substantially enhance Gateway capacity to achieve critical mass objectives in line with NSS and RPGs aims**
- **Investments must be highly complementary to and offer synergies with other NDP-funded infrastructural investments in the Gateway**
- **Broadly consistency with stated planning policy at national, regional, sub-regional (e.g. LUTS) and local levels**
- **Compliance with high-quality project planning / management arrangements - Dept of Finance Capital Appraisal Guidelines and general VFM requirements**



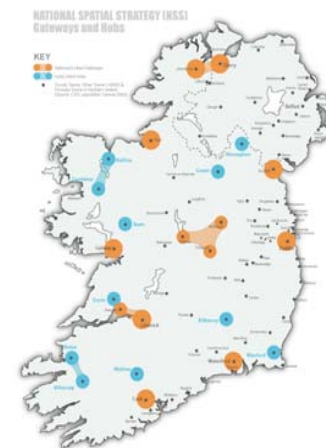
Assessment Criteria (cont'd.)

- **Public investment under GIF should leverage substantial private sector activity and investment that would not otherwise occur - local contributions of at least 20% of the total cost of projects**
- **Capable of being delivered within the 3-year timeframe or a reasonable interval thereafter – quick wins**
- **Must not be readily funded under the existing mainstream capital programmes**



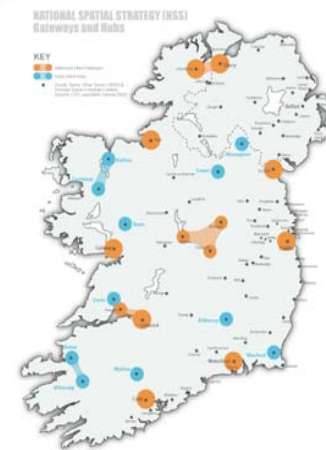
Level of funding (& co-financing elements)

- **Initial Exchequer provision of €300m over the 3 years (2008-2010)**
- **Gateways expected to provide at least 20% of the cost of the proposal (through private and /or local funding)**
- **Capital funding only (any on-going costs to be met from existing or realistically projected local resources & revenue)**



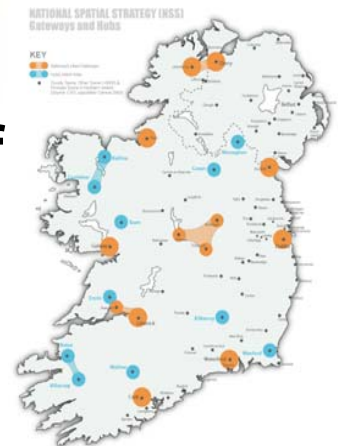
Level of funding (cont'd.)

- **Each Gateway entitled to make one application (although application could be an integrated package: 3-4 projects max.)**
- **Designed to complement the investment approach under the NDP in various sectors – not replace them**
- **Final decision to provide funding may be for lesser amount than originally sought**



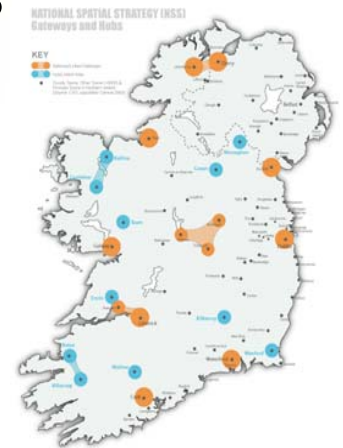
Role of the DEHLG

- **Manage GIF on a day-to-day basis**
 - **Initiate the call for proposals**
 - **Arrange for their subsequent assessment**
- **GIF Management Committee to oversee the operation of the GIF**
- **Co-ordinate progress monitoring of approved projects – through Gateway Lead Authority**
- **Make payments under the GIF - DEHLG Vote**
 - **Payments linked to satisfactory completion of key project milestones.**



Timeframes: Next Steps

- Call for funding proposals will issue before end-May
- Lead Authorities will have 3+ months to prepare their submissions, i.e. due Sept 2007
- Expert evaluation against stated criteria by the GIF Management Committee, i.e. Oct 2007
- Recommendations then forwarded to Ministers for Finance and EHLG for their consideration and approval by Government





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