

Implementing a Framework for Collaborative Action Spatial Strategies on the Island of Ireland

Session 2: Implementing Cross-Border Spatial Planning

The Institutional Perspective

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Introduction

- Strategic Spatial Planning -
is only as good as the arrangements
to implement
- A new framework built on existing
arrangements
- How will it be built?

The Institutional Perspective Presented in Report

A new framework with

- participation of business representatives and other stakeholders from civil society
- a multitude of inter-institutional and inter-organisational links
- a mandate to co-ordinate activities around functional problems that cut across administrative levels and territorial scales

Creating the new arrangements

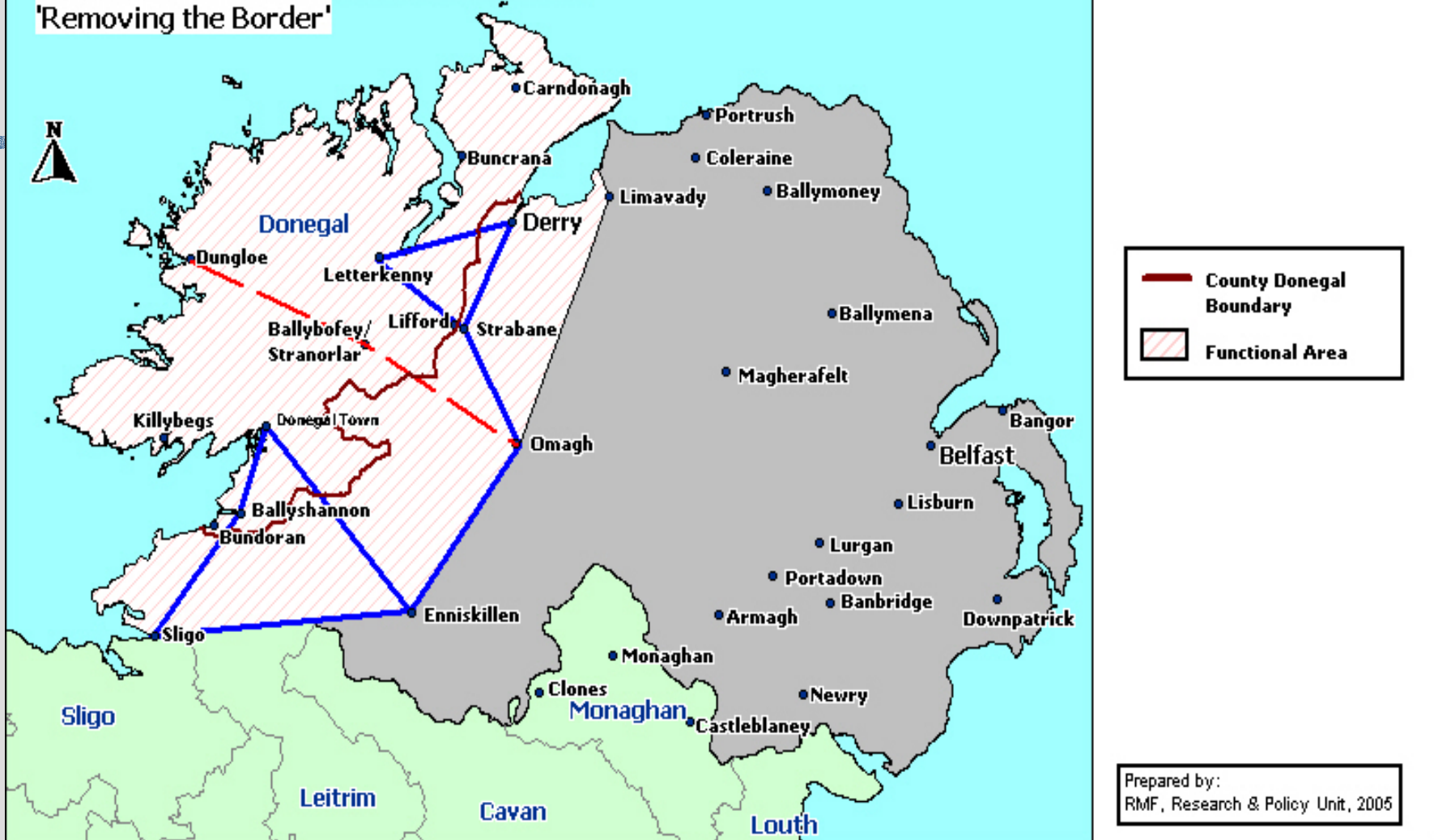
Slide 4

- How will the framework be established?
- What is expected of each stakeholder?

The Donegal Experience

- Submission to the NSS
(see map – slide 6)
- Letterkenny/Derry Gateway
- Submission to Government
(slides 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11)

Functional Areas and Strategic Planning -
'Removing the Border'



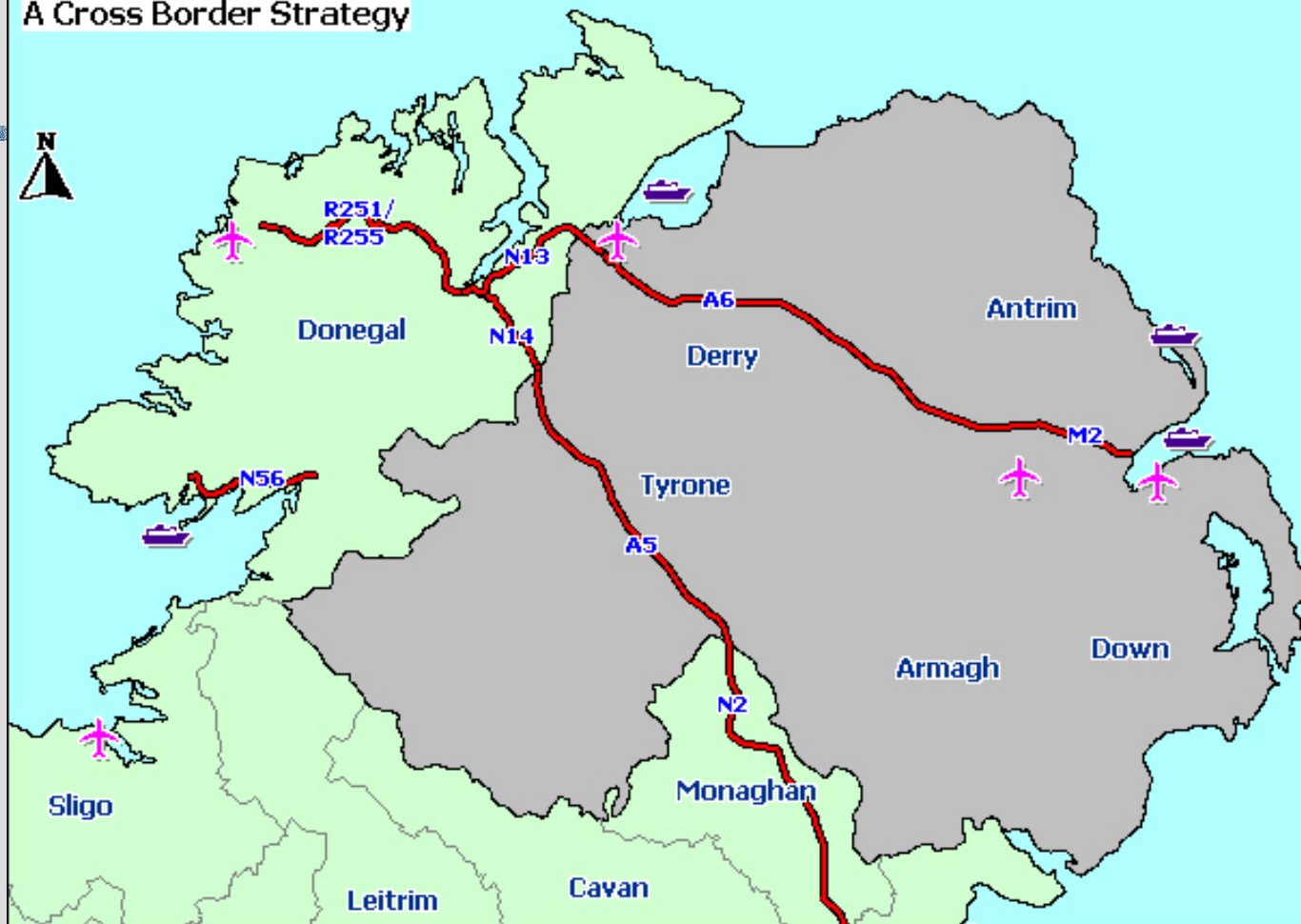
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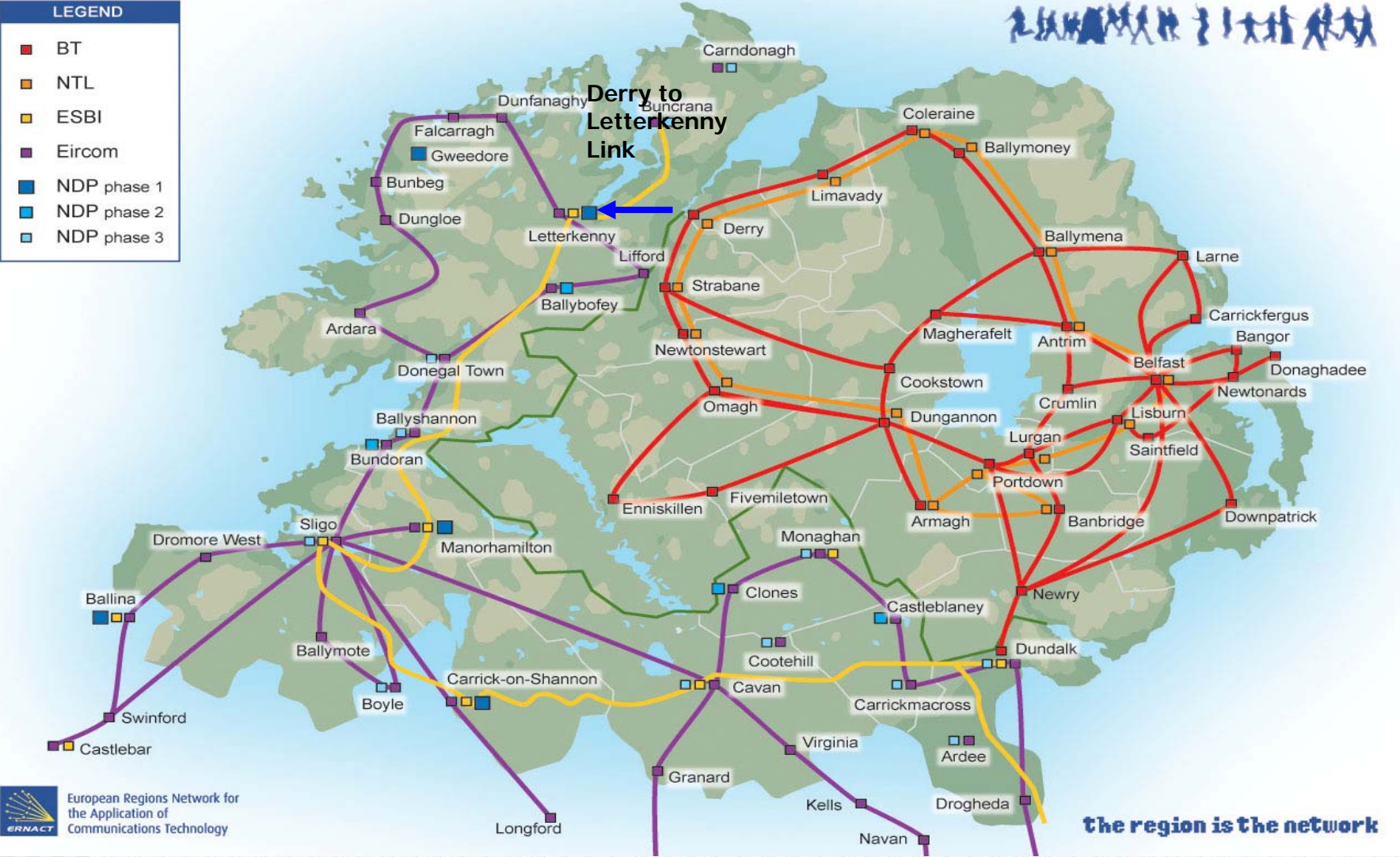
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A Cross Border Strategy



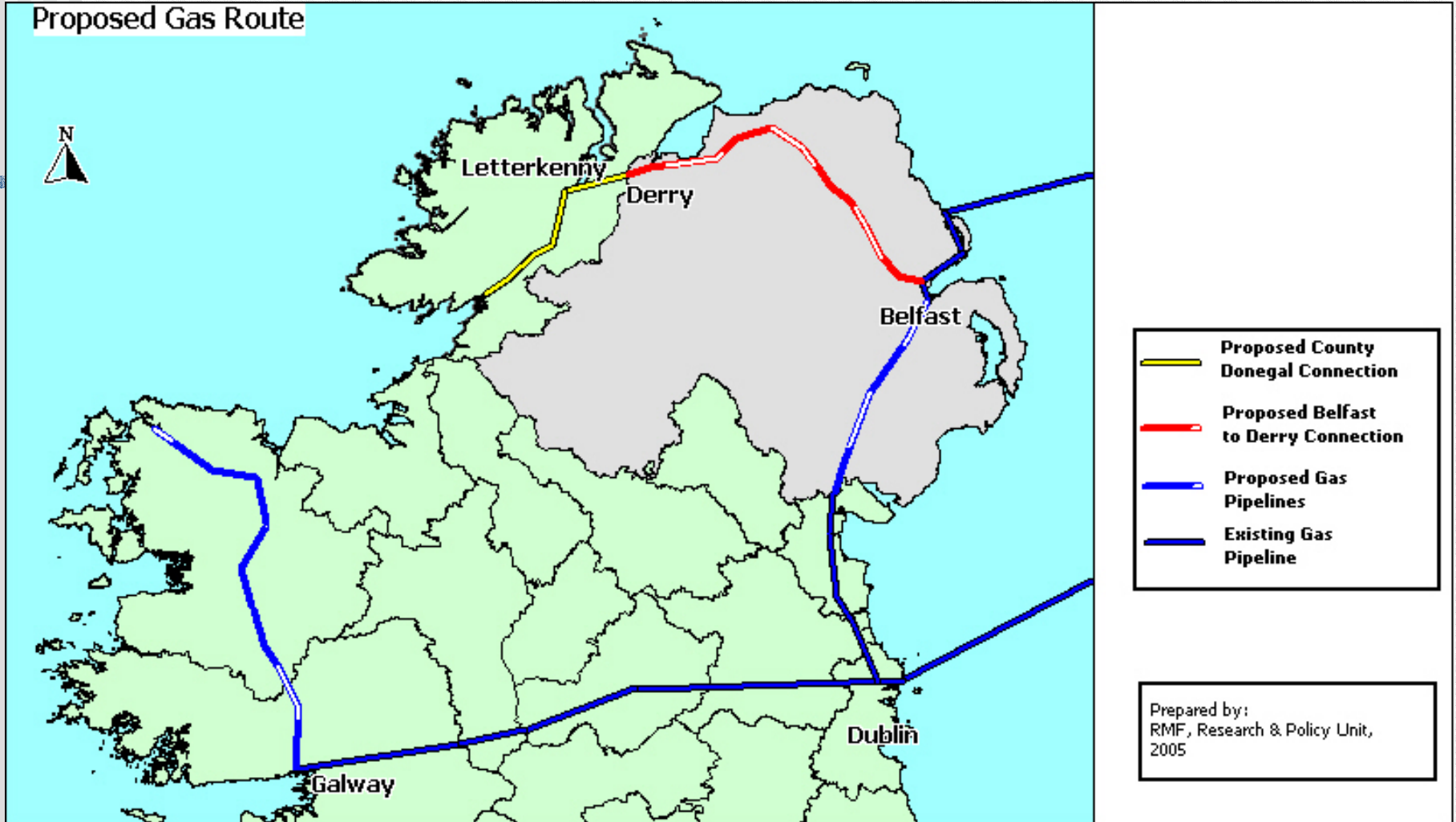
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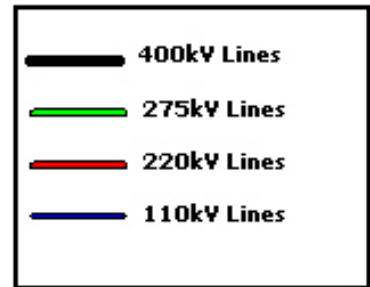
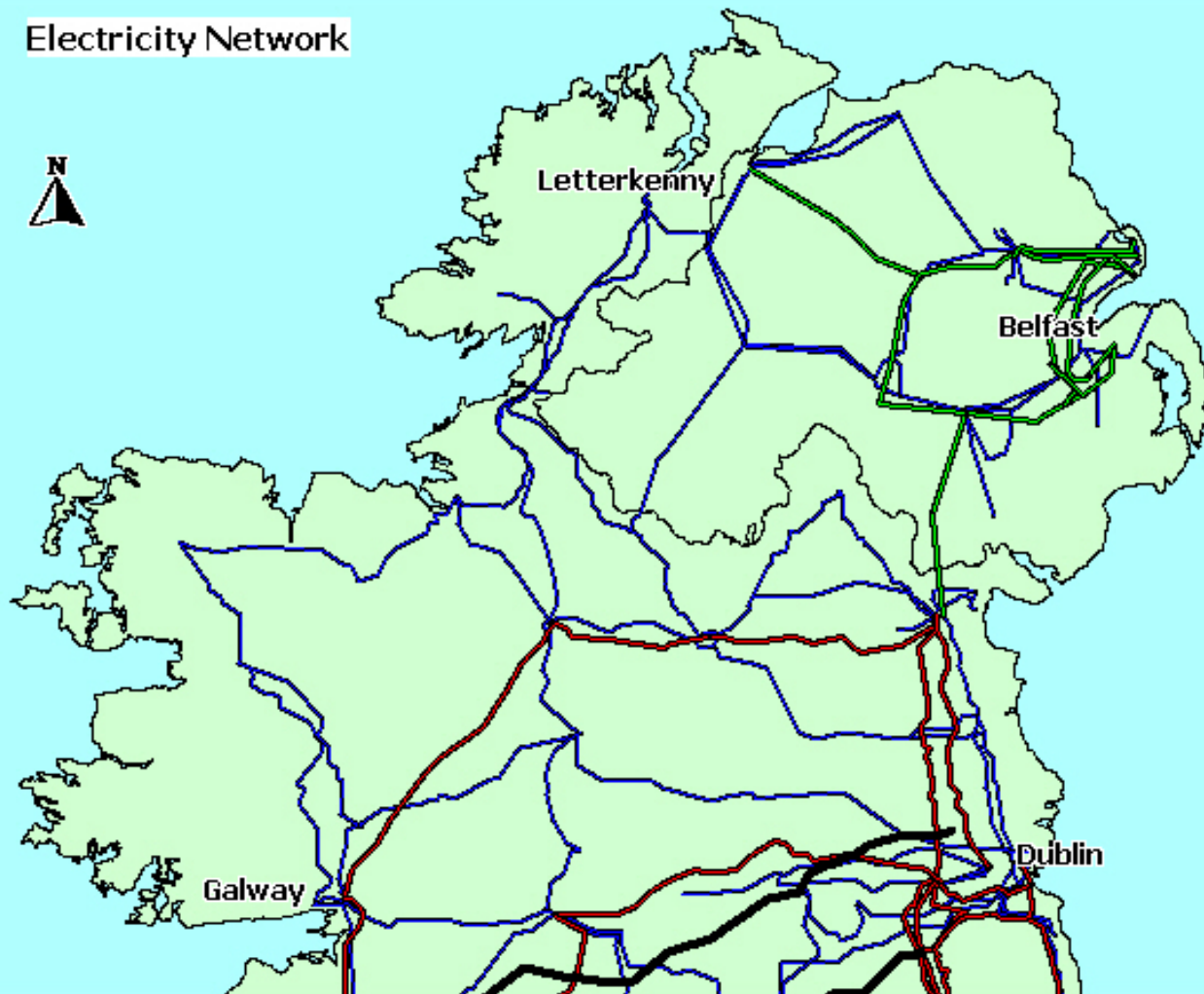
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■	NDP phase 1
■	NDP phase 2
■	NDP phase 3



Proposed Gas Route



Electricity Network



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Photo taken at Cruit Island,
Kincasslagh, Co Donegal

North West Gateway Initiative

At a meeting of the British/Irish Inter-governmental Conference in May 2006, the two Governments agreed a North West Gateway Initiative that includes:

- A non-statutory integrated spatial planning and development framework focusing on the Derry-Letterkenny gateway and the four local council areas of Derry, Strabane, Limavady and Donegal and;
- An examination of the potential for joint investment in key infrastructure projects;
- Joint analysis and actions by agencies in areas such as trade and investment;
- Promotion, tourism, skills/training, further and higher education, innovation and business development; and
- Better co-ordination of public services, notably in health, education and information services.

The Role of Government Departments

- Government Departments will have to drive the preparation of a collaborative framework within an agreed action agenda.
- ROI – 15 Government Depts
- NI – 11 Government Depts
- (see roles and functions – Annex 1)

Structure and Function of Local Government – North and South

General

Structure of Local Government

(ROI / NI)

Functions of Local Government

(including Roles in Planning)

Reform of Local Government

(elected member/officer relationship)

North/South Ministerial Council

- Institutional framework for Cross-Border Cooperation
- Implementation bodies
- Trade and business development
- SEUPB
- Peace II - €868 million
 - 56 Implementation bodies including
 - 26 LSPs
 - 14 Intermediate Funding Bodies
 - 6 Council and Task Forces
 - 10 Government Departments
- Interreg - €182 million - 22 implementing bodies

Local Development Partnership Boards and Executive Structure

- ROI

CDBs

Area Partnerships

Community Development Projects

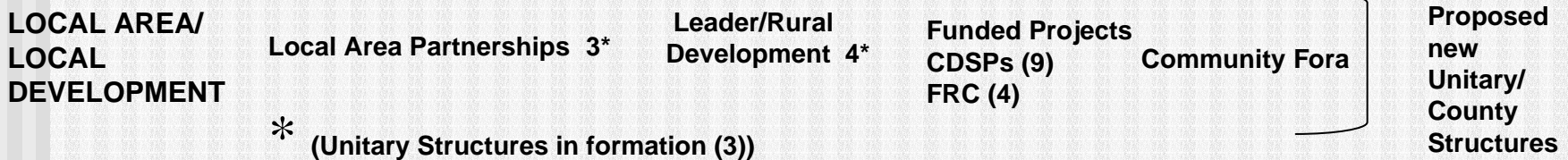
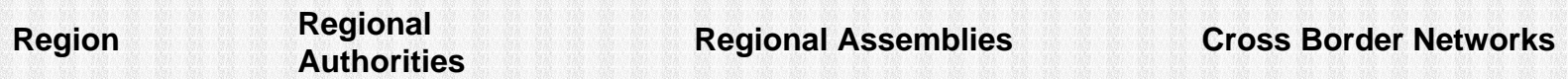
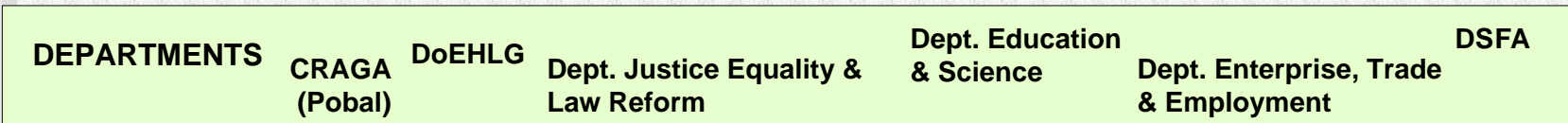
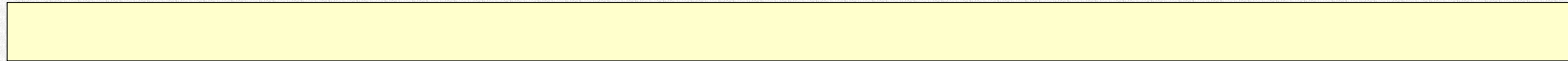
- NI

Local Strategy Partnerships

Regional Partnership Boards

Relationship between Local Development/Local Partnership and Regional and Central Structures

- This is a very crowded institutional landscape – there is a case for streamlining and rationalisation (see slide 19)



The Private Sector

- A key driver
- IBEC/CBI
- North West Chamber of Commerce
- Education/Industry Links
- Mapping within the institutional landscape

Making it all work

- Political leadership
- Executive leadership and management
- Mainstream planning and funding
- Building working relationships
- Strategic spatial plans that can be implemented

Thank You



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