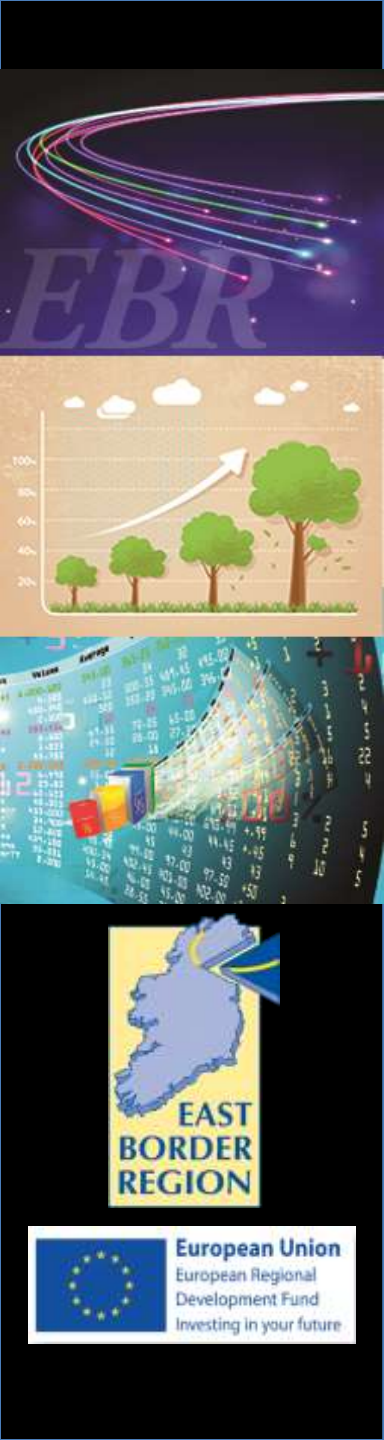


East Border Region



Ms Pamela Arthurs
Chief Executive
13th October 2015





'Back in the early 70s there was literally no cooperation at any level, political or otherwise, between Local authorities that were adjacent to one another across the border. In the 1960's I didn't know any of the Cllrs in Omeath despite the fact that I could look out my front door and see Omeath. It simply wasn't the 'done thing'.

Before the inception of EBRC none of us even thought of working on a cross border basis, which when you think about it, really does make sound economic and community sense.'

Former Newry & Mourne District Councillor &
Founder Members of EBR Jim McCart

1983





from the local newspaper
Newry Reporter
 Thursday 15th January 1976

COUNCILLORS SAY "YES" TO BRIDGE

Councillors from both sides of the border met in Newry on Tuesday and gave their backing to a proposal to build a bridge linking Omagh and Warrenpoint.

The meeting between members and officials of Newry and Mourne and Louth County Council was arranged about a month ago.

Discussions went on for three hours about the feasibility of constructing the bridge at a site adjacent to Narrow Water. First the delegates visited the site and later discussed the project from a tourist and commercial point of view. There was agreement that the suggestion should be pursued. There was also agreement on investigating the possibility of obtaining grant aid for the bridge from Common Market Regional Funds.

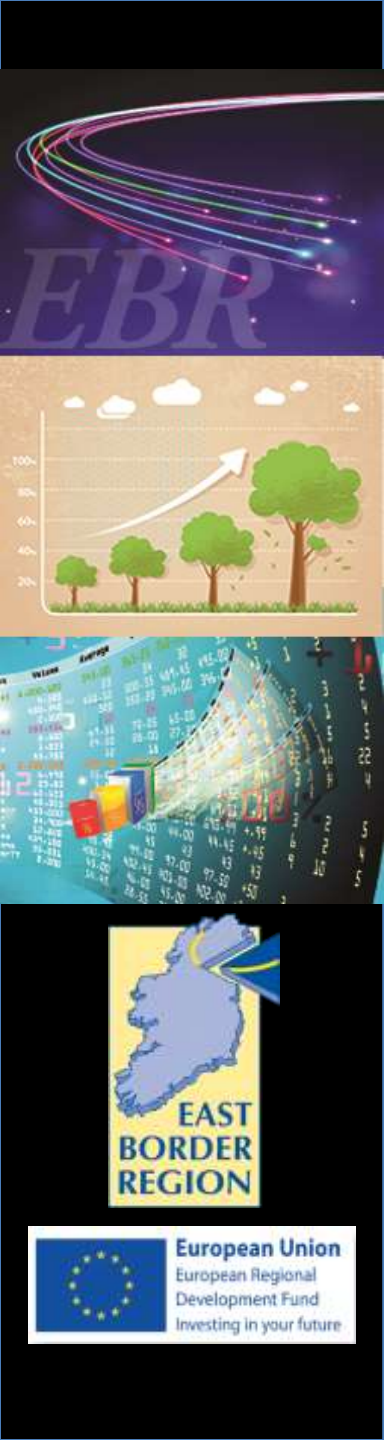
A meeting will be called at an early date to give both Councils the fullest information possible on what E.E.C. Funds are available.

Mr A. Lockhart, chairman of the Newry Council and Mr P.J. O'Hare, chairman of Louth led the two delegations. The outcome of the meeting will be reported back to the two Councils. It was also recommended that further meetings be held to discuss the bridge link and also to talk about co-operation on the development of tourism, drainage and control of pollution in Carlingford Lough.

Before Tuesday's meeting began Mr Lockhart said he didn't think there was any harm in having a friendly meeting with his fellow Councillors from across the Border. Although it might not be an opportune time to talk about building the bridge he felt that when the troubles died down it would provide great opportunities for industry and tourism.

Mr P.J. O'Hare, Chairman of the Louth Council said the idea for the bridge had first been mooted some years ago but with the development of Warrenpoint Port and the closure of Newry port, the timing for it is better now. The bridge would be complimentary to the ports of Greenore and Warrenpoint.

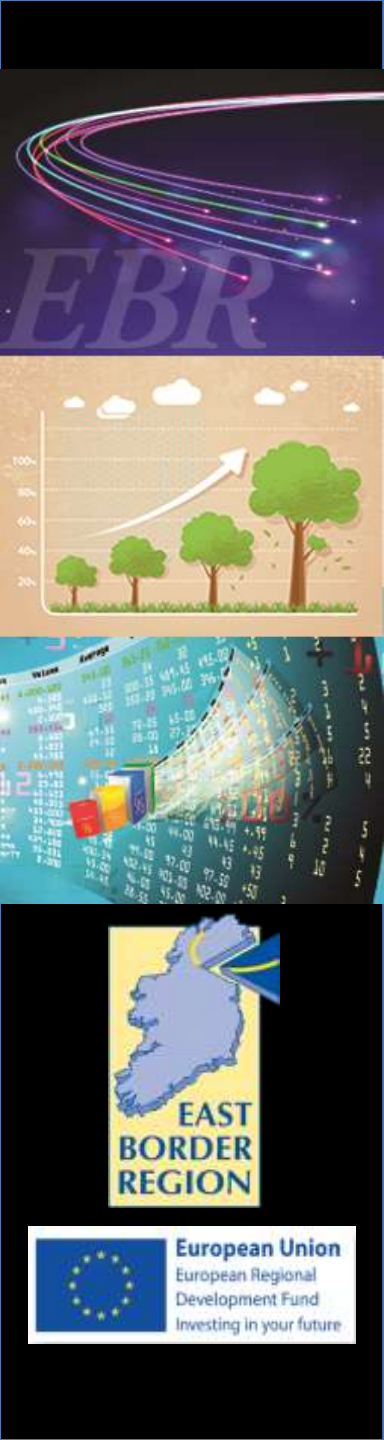
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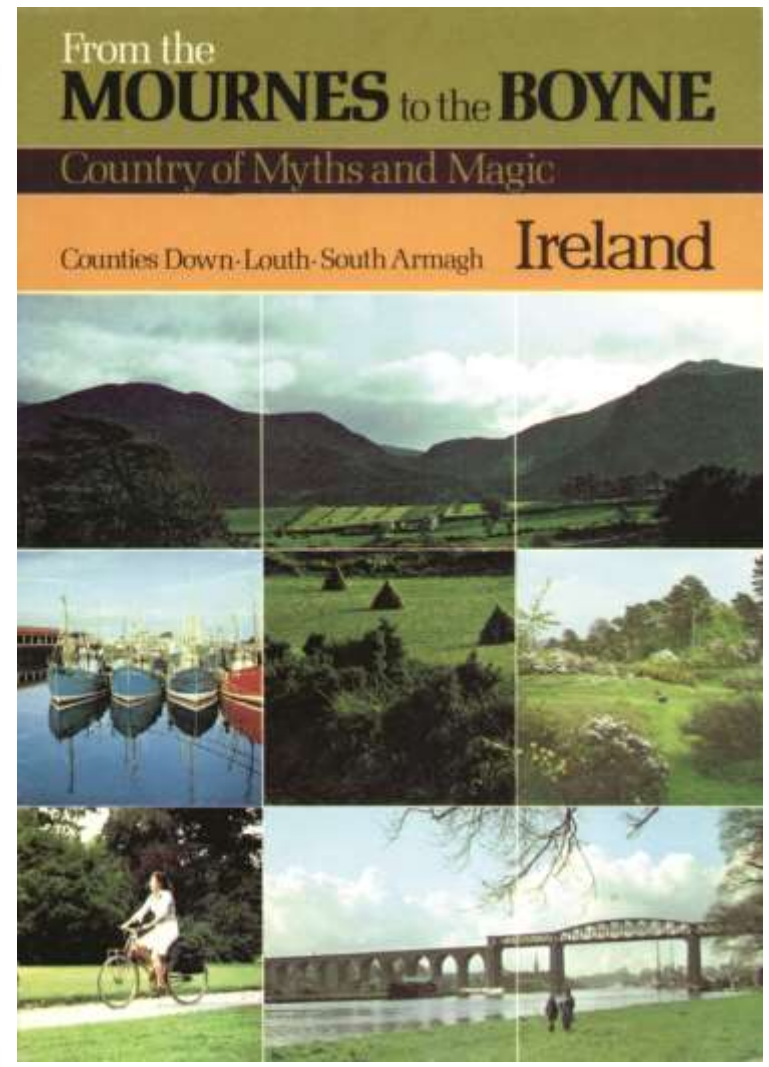
Eddie Mc Grady Founding Member of EBR and former MP for South Down

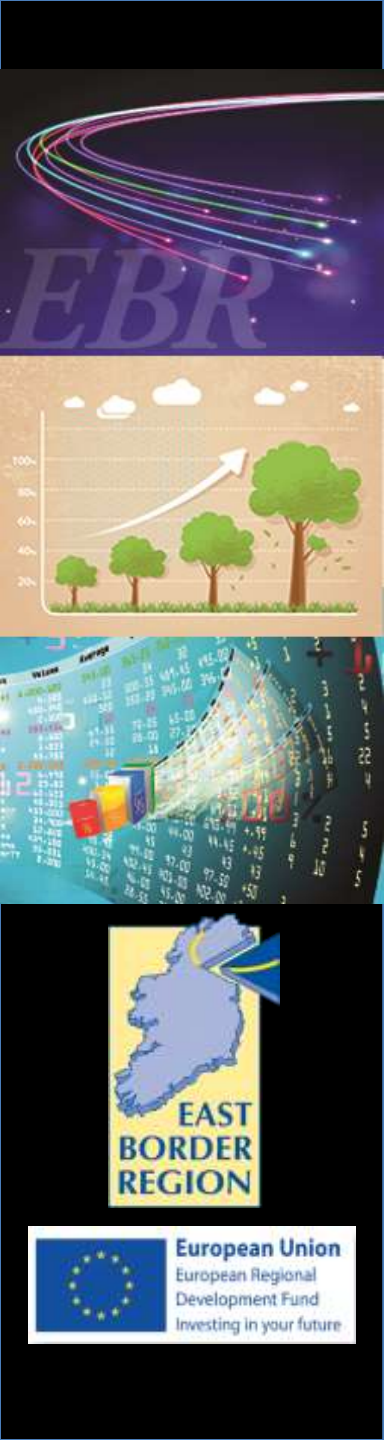
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