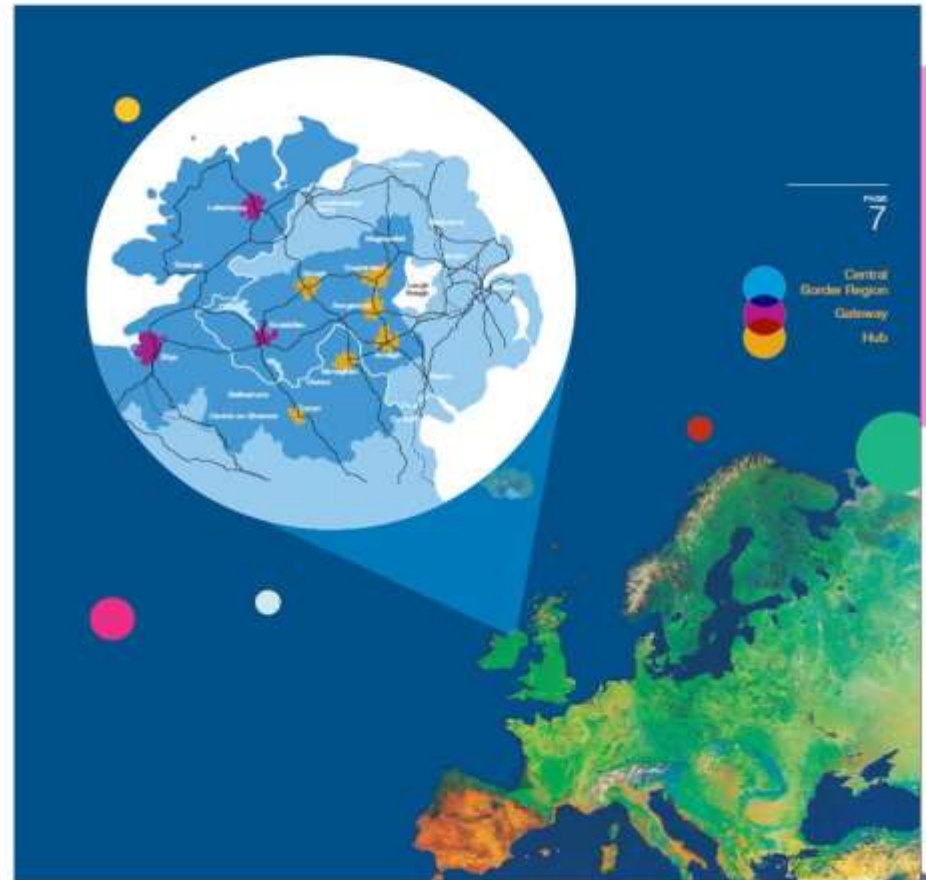


Profile: The Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland

- Population 660,000 (754,218 by 2016)
- 1/10 of the island's population
- 1/5 land area on the island
- 2/3 live in settlements under 1,500 population
- 91% businesses employ fewer than 10 people
- Strengths in manufacturing and traditional economies





ALL RIGHT, BUT APART FROM

THE SANITATION,
THE MEDICINE,
EDUCATION, WINE,
PUBLIC ORDER,
IRRIGATION, ROADS,
THE FRESH-WATER SYSTEM,
AND PUBLIC HEALTH,

WHAT HAVE THE ROMANS EVER DONE FOR US?

**What has the EU ever done for
the Central Border Region ?**

EU Supports to our Region

- Moving from areas of separation, isolation, and contestation to areas of co-operation, collaboration and partnership
- Re-introducing communities
- 20 years of real intra-regional collaboration
- € Multi-million investments (€50m via ICBAN)
- Numerous cross-border projects (80 through ICBAN)
- Joint planning, development, management, financing, learning, sharing and celebrating
- Total political engagement and endorsement





*First Citizens of Councils of Central Border Region,
22/11/2013*

Building The Region's Potential

Common Issues / Common Challenges

- Development of Creative and Innovation Hubs
- Key tourism assets e.g. Cross-Border Geopark
- Interlinked Infrastructures and Connections—
Telecomms, Roads, Energy, Waterways, Tourism
- Joint Planning – Community, Economic etc.
- Shared Services between Councils and others
- Building on Peace and Reconciliation
- **All would draw on EU learning, partnerships,
connections and investments**

Smart & Internationally Competitive Region

Tourism flagships

Modernisation of traditional sectors

Regional Branding

Cluster Development Initiatives

Safeguarding rural services

Telecommunications

Co-operation between industry and education

Sustainable public transport

Development of Diaspora Networks

Physical Infrastructure

Enhancement of key waterways and canals

Regional Action Plan for Cycling & Walking

People Centred & Inclusive Region

Strengthening electricity transmission infrastructure

Modern business support infrastructure

Measures to tackle unemployment & economic inactivity

Opportunities in higher value added areas Age Friendly Communities

A5/N2 & A4/N16

Accessible & Connected Region

Healthy Living Region

Economic Corridors

Shared service collaborations between LAs

LAs

Investment in Telecoms Infrastructure

Cultural Heritage

Regional Skills Audit

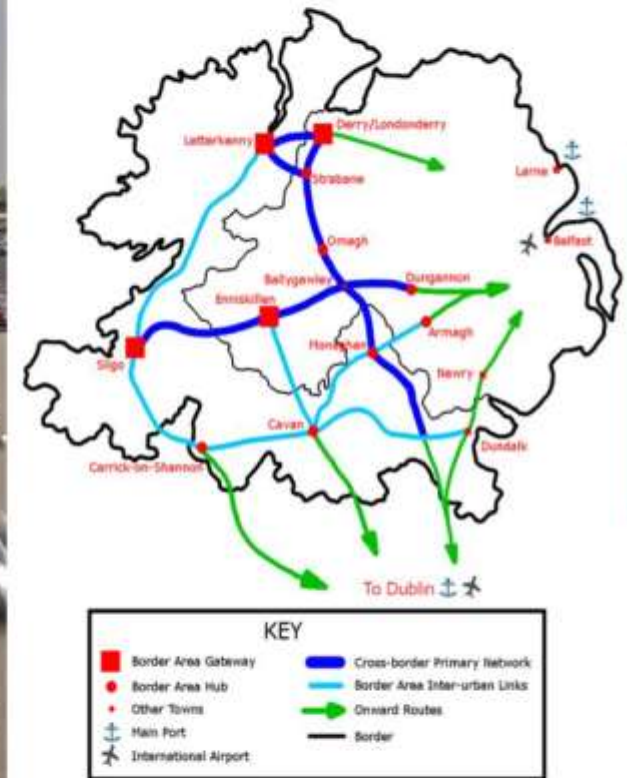
Cross-border tourism strategy

Sustainable Region

Regeneration of towns & villages



An Accessible Region



A Connected Region

