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**Regional Development Strategy
for Northern Ireland 2025**

2025

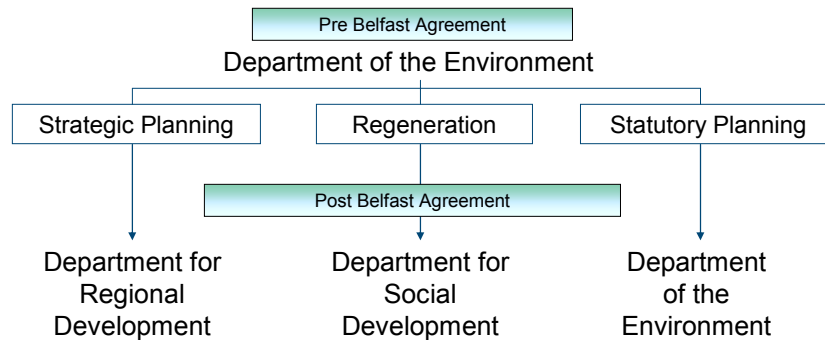
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Government Departments in Northern Ireland

Pre Belfast Agreement Departments	Post Belfast Agreement Ministries
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Planning Functions in Northern Ireland



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EXTRACT FROM PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

"The Regional Development Strategy will provide an important planning framework for tackling the deficiencies in our infrastructure and helping the overall development of our economy and society".

Moreover, in planning for the future, it added:



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"We must give careful consideration to where people live and work and other key social, environmental and community factors so that we can plan our public infrastructure most effectively.



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This will require innovative arrangements at the sub-regional level and regular monitoring to ensure that the Strategy is sufficiently flexible to enable it, Area Development Plans and the Development Control process to respond to emerging trends and opportunities.

It will also be necessary, and appropriate to take account of the cross-border context".



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Status

Strategic Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

- Public bodies will have regard to the RDS
- DOE and DSD Plans, policies and schemes will be consistent with RDS
- DRD will co-ordinate the implementation of the RDS.



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RDS Preparation Process

- Draft Regional Strategic Framework
- Public Examination
- Panel Report and Departmental Response
- September 2001 - Assembly agree Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2025 - consensus achievement



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The Elements of the RDS

- Long term strategy for development of the region (25 years)
- Not limited to land use
- Material consideration in the preparation of development plans and in deciding planning applications
- Trans-Regional and European
 - reflects integrating approach of the ESDP
 - recognises common elements of interest with the National Spatial Strategy



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Development Strategy – main components

REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY

VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

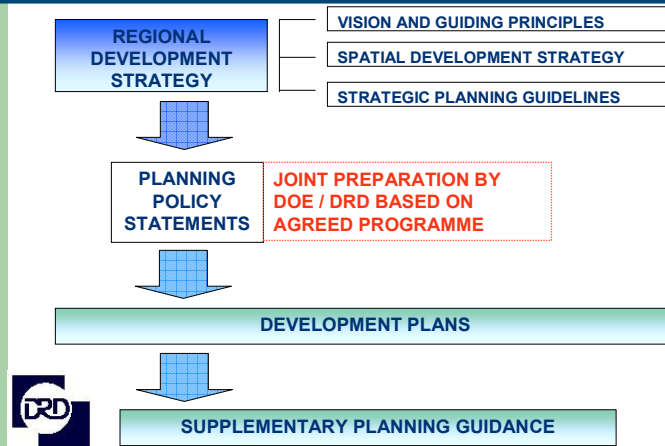
SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

STRATEGIC PLANNING GUIDELINES



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Strategic Policy Framework – a new approach

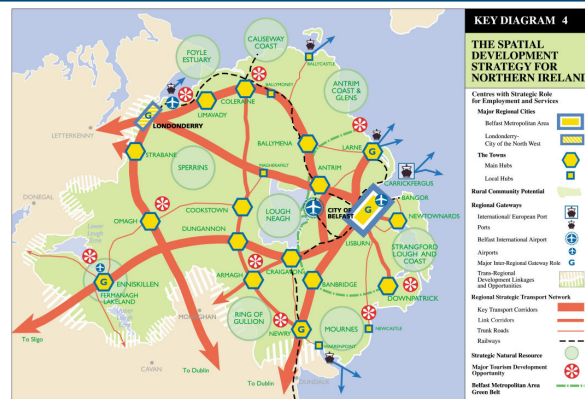


Spatial Development Themes

- Promoting balanced & integrated regional development
- Encouraging sustainable patterns of development
- Enhancing accessibility
- Making best use of regional assets
- Reflecting regional distinctiveness
- Supporting a competitive regional economy



Key Spatial Diagram



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Spatial Development Strategy

- Hub, Corridor and Gateway approach
- Key and Link Corridors
- Belfast Metropolitan Area
- Strong NW regional centre based on Londonderry
- Vibrant rural area



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Regional Transportation Strategy

- The RTS is a “daughter document” of the Regional Development Strategy (RDS)¹ which sets out the spatial development framework for Northern Ireland up to 2025.
- Transport Plans will inform new land use Development Plans



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Regional Transportation Strategy

- The purpose of the RTS is to support the RDS and to make a significant contribution over the 10 years towards achieving the longer-term vision for transportation contained within the RDS



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Regional Transportation Strategy

- Implementation of the Strategy will be through three Transport Plans covering the Regional Strategic Transport Network (RSTN), the Belfast Metropolitan Area (BMA), and the Sub-Region.
- The Transport Plans will present detailed programmes of major schemes and transport initiatives that will support the objectives of the RTS and contribute to the RTS targets, taking full account of relevant Development Plans



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Implementation arrangements

- 3 Transport Plans - RSTN, BMTP & Sub-Regional;
- New RPTD Division with oversight responsibility;
- Infrastructure Funding Division established
- Data Monitoring and Modelling Unit;
- Dynamic strategy - reviews in line with RDS.



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Guiding approach to the Implementation of the RDS

- Partnership and Participation
 - monitoring and review
- Outcomes
- Learning lessons



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Participation and Partnership

- Commitment to build on transparent consultation process
- Active participation by all stakeholders
- Collaborative partnerships with local strategy partnerships (LSPs), district councils and local key stakeholders
- Convergence of emerging sub-regional strategies
 - agreed priority actions at local level
 - effective responses from Councils and LSPs



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Partnership and Participation

Monitoring and Review:

- Interdepartmental steering group
- Establish a range of outcome measures against which to monitor linked to long-term vision and strategic objectives
- Identify Critical Threshold Indicators
- Targets and Indicators based on Strategic Planning Guidelines
- Participative Monitoring
- Review arrangements



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Learning Lessons

- Lessons from other regional and inter-regional developments
- Ensure RDS is flexible enough to adjust to change and to stimulate and influence change in spatial planning
- Encourage debate around best practice
- Stimulate/reflect emerging evidence based policy
- Scope emerging policy
- Adopt current best practice in aspects of implementation



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Actions at the centre - Integrated Appraisal Systems

- Need for Govt Departments to compare objectives and policy development
- Basis for evaluating & managing resources
- Need for consistent basis for comparison
- Common form of reporting
- User friendly reports
- Accountability / open and transparent process



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Strategies working together

National Spatial Strategy for Ireland

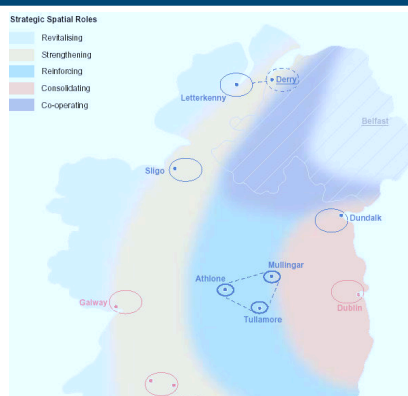
2002 - 2020

People, Places and Potential



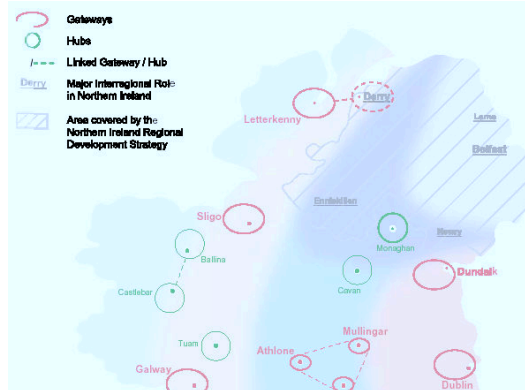
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Roles for Spatial Strategy Zones



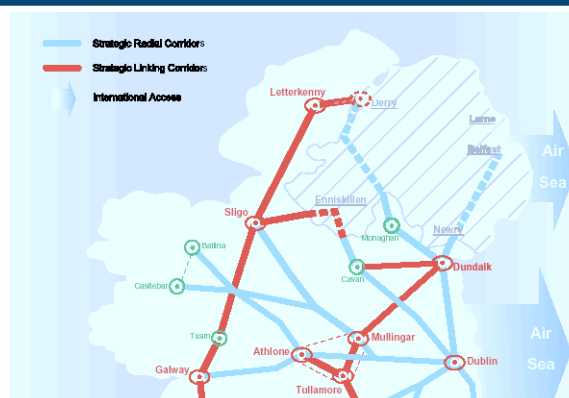
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Gateways and Hubs



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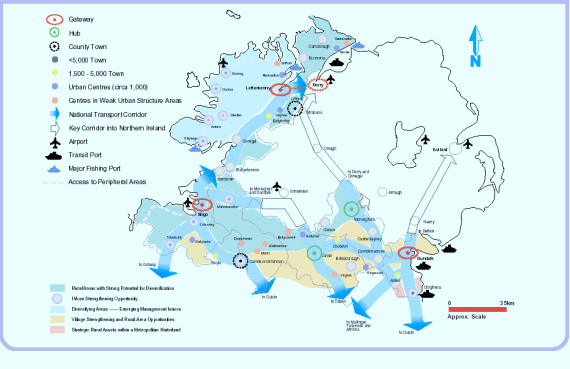
National Transportation Network



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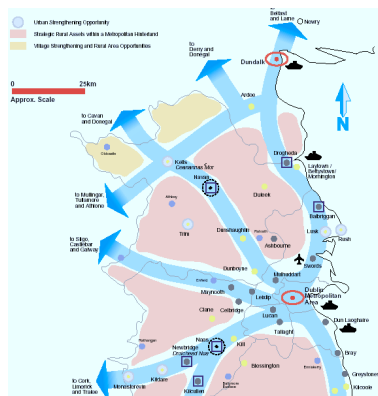
Northern Ireland & The Border Region

Map 4 Border Region



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The Eastern Seaboard Corridor



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Conclusion

- Need for the market to respond in the delivery of the RDS
- Challenge to turn the potential of the RDS into positive actions, to transform Northern Ireland economically and socially
- Develop mutually beneficial practical cooperation to promote balanced, sustainable growth and development



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