



**Achieving Balanced Regional Development:
Dynamic Regions, Spatial Strategies and Collaboration
Radisson SAS Hotel
Letterkenny, 22-23 January 2009**

Provisional Programme*

22 January

1.00 Registration & Tea/Coffee

Chair: Prof. Peter Roberts, Professor of Spatial Sustainable Development, Leeds University

1.45 Welcome

John Driscoll, Director & Feargal McCormack, Chairman, ICLRD

1.50 Opening Address

John Gormley TD, Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government

2.10 Keynote Address:

Balanced Regional Development & Territorial Competitiveness

Patrick Salez, DG Regio: Urban Development & Territorial Cohesion, European Commission

Session 1: Collaborative Frameworks & Spatial Strategies

2.25 Presentations

Spatial Planning in Wales Grant Duncan

Spatial Planning in Scotland Jim MacKinnon

Spatial Planning in England Eike Ndiweni-Muller

Q&A

3.45 Refreshments

4.15 Growing Opportunities for Cooperation: The Review of the *Regional Development Strategy (RDS)*, refresh of the *National Spatial Strategy (NSS)* and the *All-Island Collaborative Framework*

Mike Thompson, Department for Regional Development, Northern Ireland

Dave Walsh, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Ireland

4.45 Respondents

Brendan Bartley, ICLRD / NIRSA, NUI Maynooth

Alastair Adair, ICLRD / University of Ulster

5.00 Q&A

5.20 Concluding Remarks: Day 1

Andy Pollak, Centre for Cross Border Studies

7.15 Reception & Conference Dinner with Speaker

Conor Murphy MLA, Minister for Regional Development

23 January (morning)

08.30 Registration & Tea/Coffee

Chair: Aidan Gough, Strategy & Policy Director, InterTradeIreland

Session 2: Achieving Balanced Regional Development—Learning from Each Other

09.00 The Irish Gateways

The Atlantic Gateway: Brian Callanan, Shannon Development

The Cork Gateway: Joe Gavin, Cork City Manager

International Practices – Key Lessons

Smart Growth, Maryland: Gerrit Knapp, University of Maryland

European Example: Rupert Kawka, Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning, Germany (TBC)

10:15 Refreshments

10:45 A Role for Gateways in Progressing Cross-Border Collaboration

The Newry-Dundalk Gateway: Conn Murray, Louth County Manager & Tom McCall, Chief Executive, Newry & Mourne District Council (TBC)

The Letterkenny-Derry/Londonderry Gateway: Michael McLoone, County Manager, Donegal County Council & Valerie Watts, Town Clerk & Chief Executive, Derry City Council

11:30 Discussion Groups

We have asked a distinguished group of chairs to lead group discussions on key issues such as: dynamic regions and the private sector; the role of regeneration; evidence-informed planning and indicators; aligning central and local development policies and strategies; transnational cooperation and learning from others.

- Pat O'Hara, Western Development Commission
- Ian Talbot, Chambers Ireland
- Cliff Hague, ESPON Representative, UK
- Gerard McCleave, ILEX Urban Regeneration Company
- Justin Gleeson, All-Island Research Observatory

12.30 Panel Respondents

A panel representing the County and Council Executives and Central government departments will respond to questions generated during the discussion groups. Additional questions from the floor will also be taken.

1.15 Closing Comments

Francois Vigier, ICLRD

1.30 End conference / Buffet Lunch

*** Please note that this is a provisional programme that is subject to changes that will be noted on our ICLRD website and the final programme.**