

Governance in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown *Fostering Participatory Approaches- achievements and potential in the sub-urban context.*



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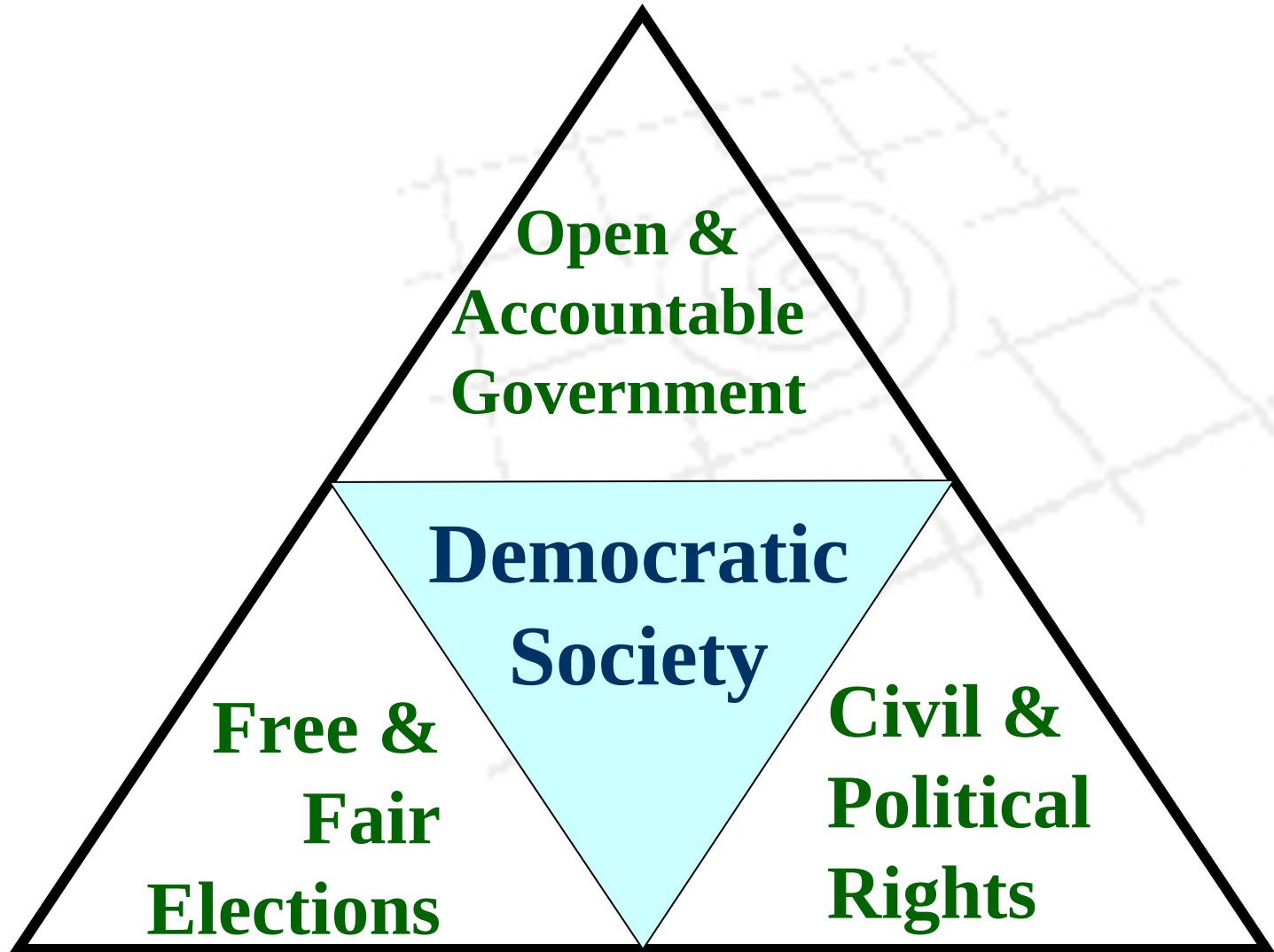
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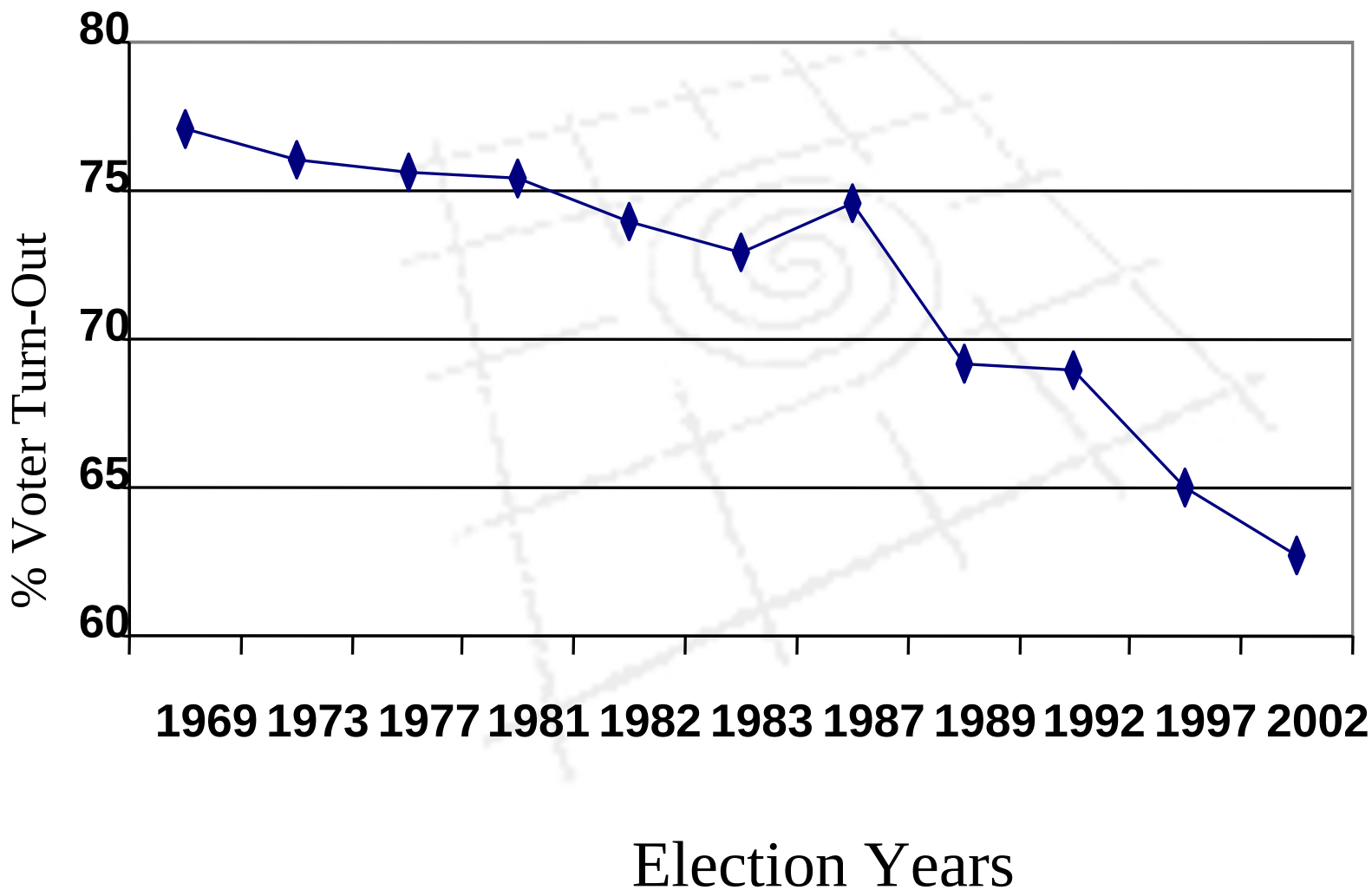
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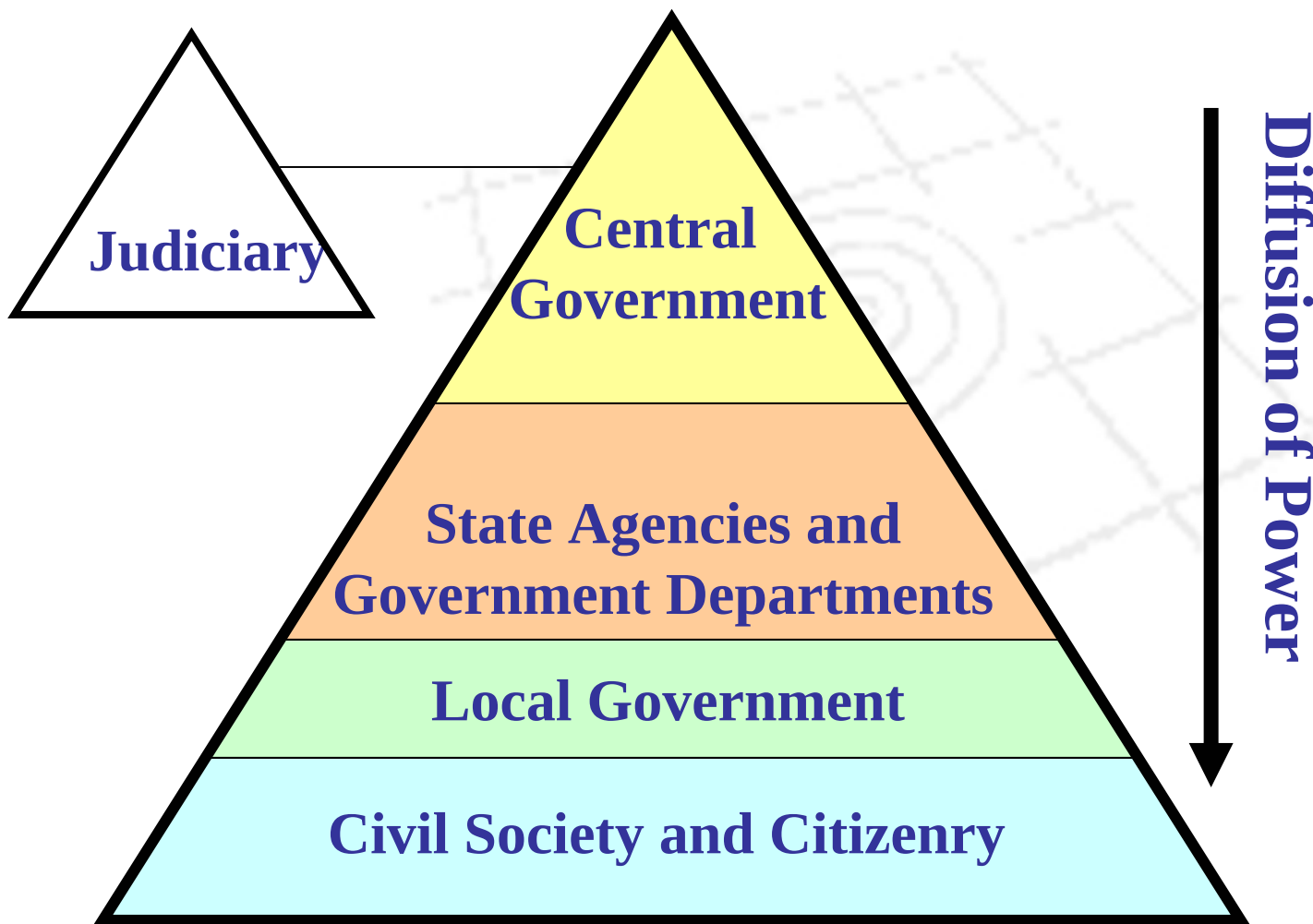
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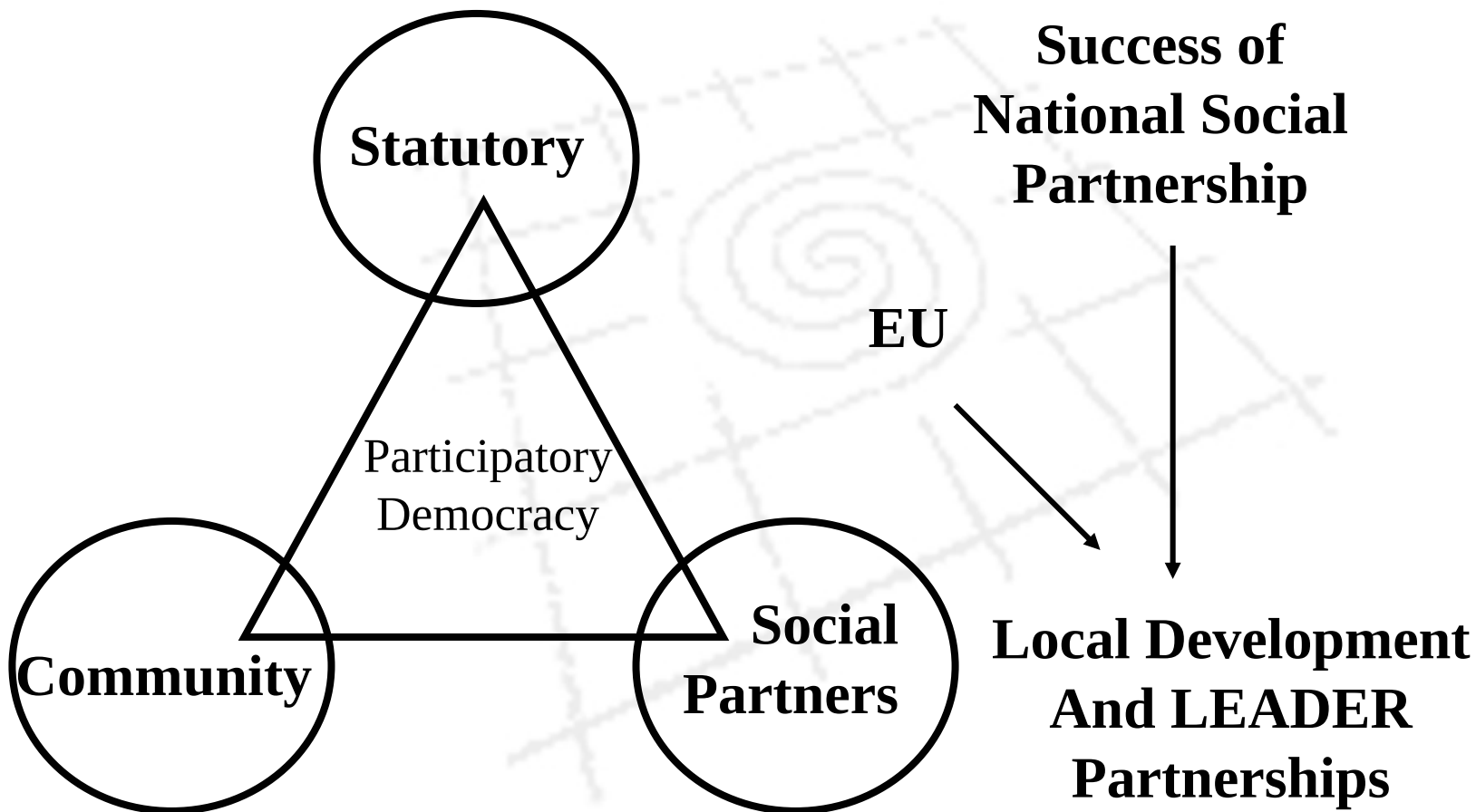
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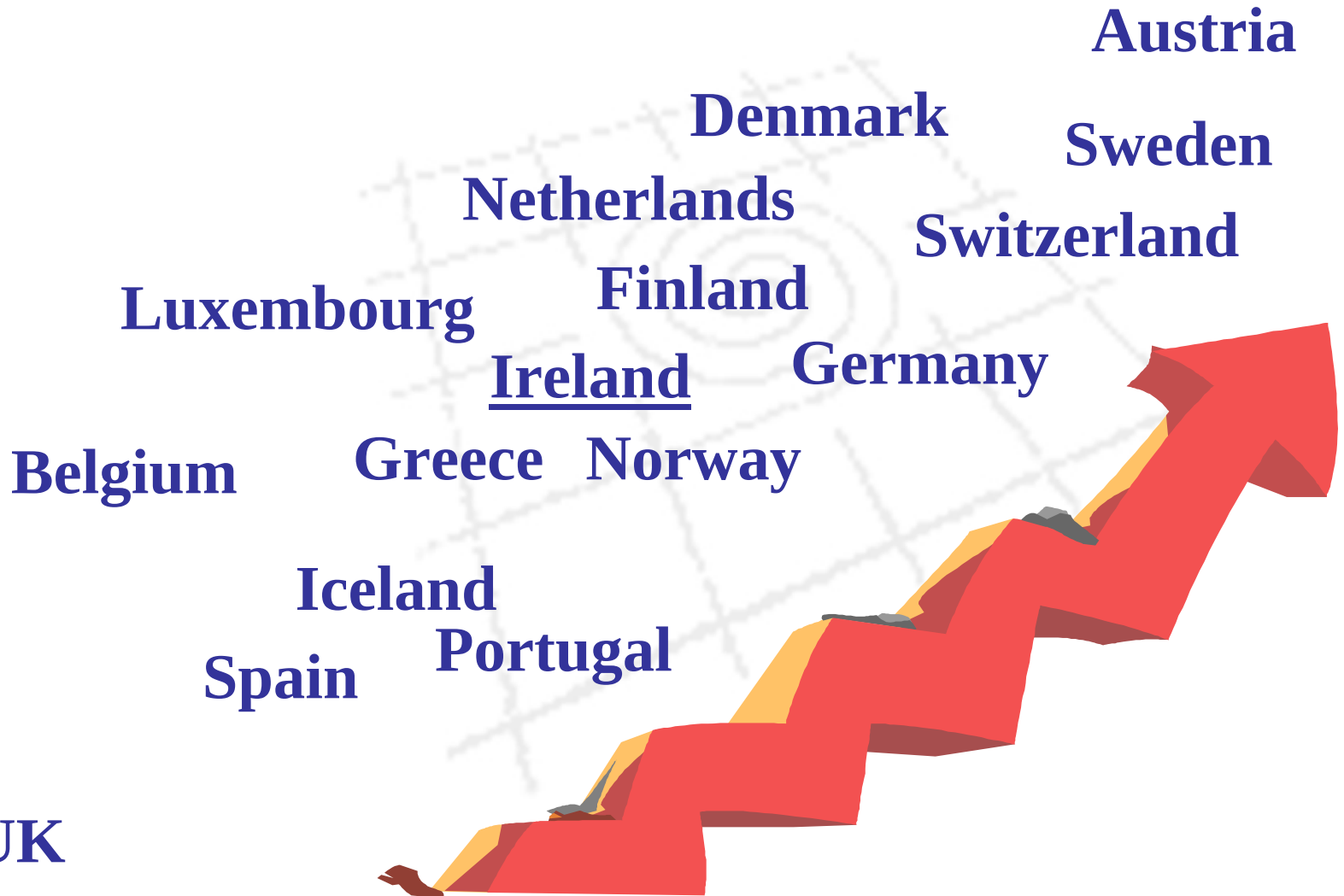
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REPRESENTATION

Democracy in Europe



Citizen Participation

Co-Operatives in Emilia Romagna

Social Economy in Spain

Citizen Juries in Germany

Citizen Plebicides in Swiss Cantons

“I believe the quality of life in society and the ultimate health of our communities depends on the willingness of people to become involved and active”

**- An Taoiseach
14th April 2005**

Participation Ladder



**Community
Participation**

**Community
Representation**

Consultation

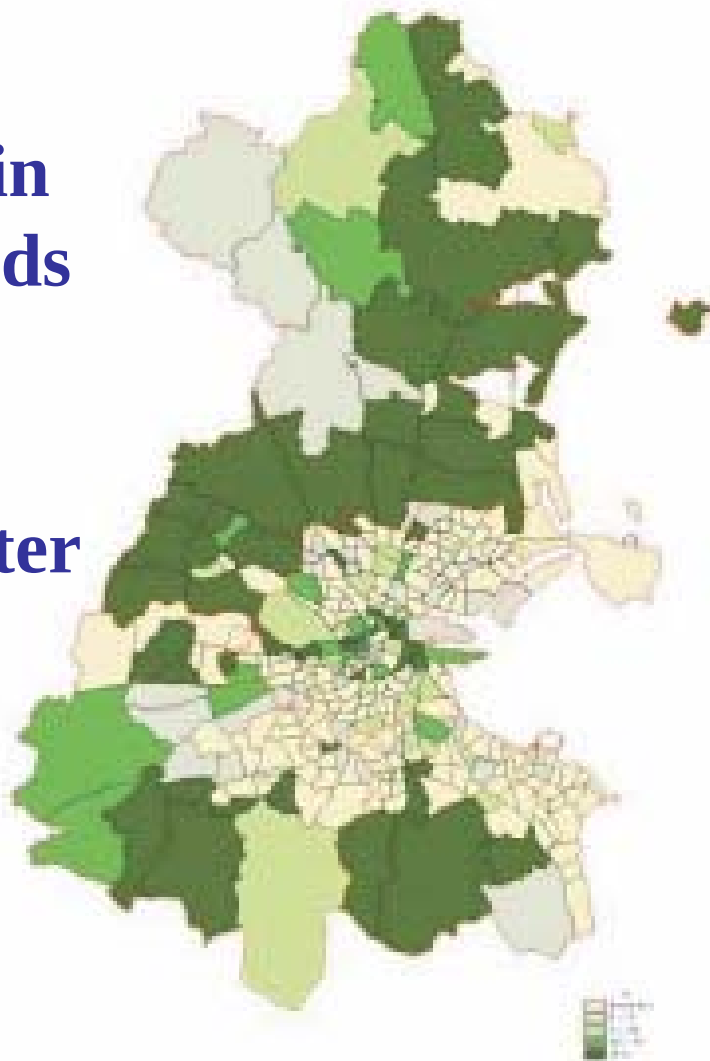
Information

This map displays the 105 Electoral Divisions (EDs) of Dublin, Ireland. Each ED is represented by a light blue area with a black outline and a label indicating its name. The map is divided into several major regions, including the north, east, south, and west. The north is characterized by numerous small EDs, while the south and east feature larger, more contiguous areas. The map is a detailed representation of the administrative divisions of the city, providing a clear visual overview of the local government structure.

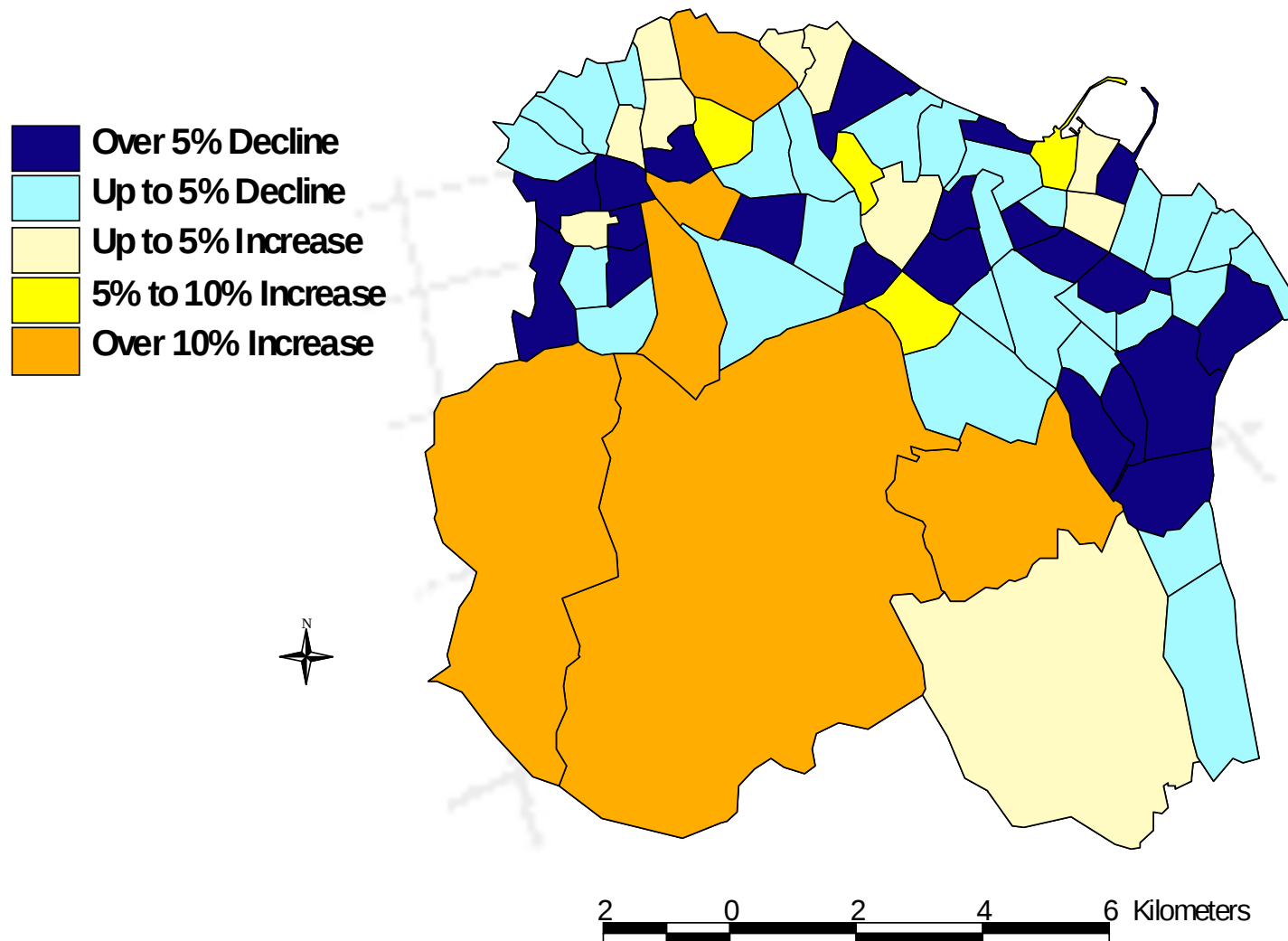


Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown in Context Population Change 2002 - 2006

- **Population Decline in Older Neighbourhoods**
- **Growth in Suburbs**
- **Expanding Commuter Belt**

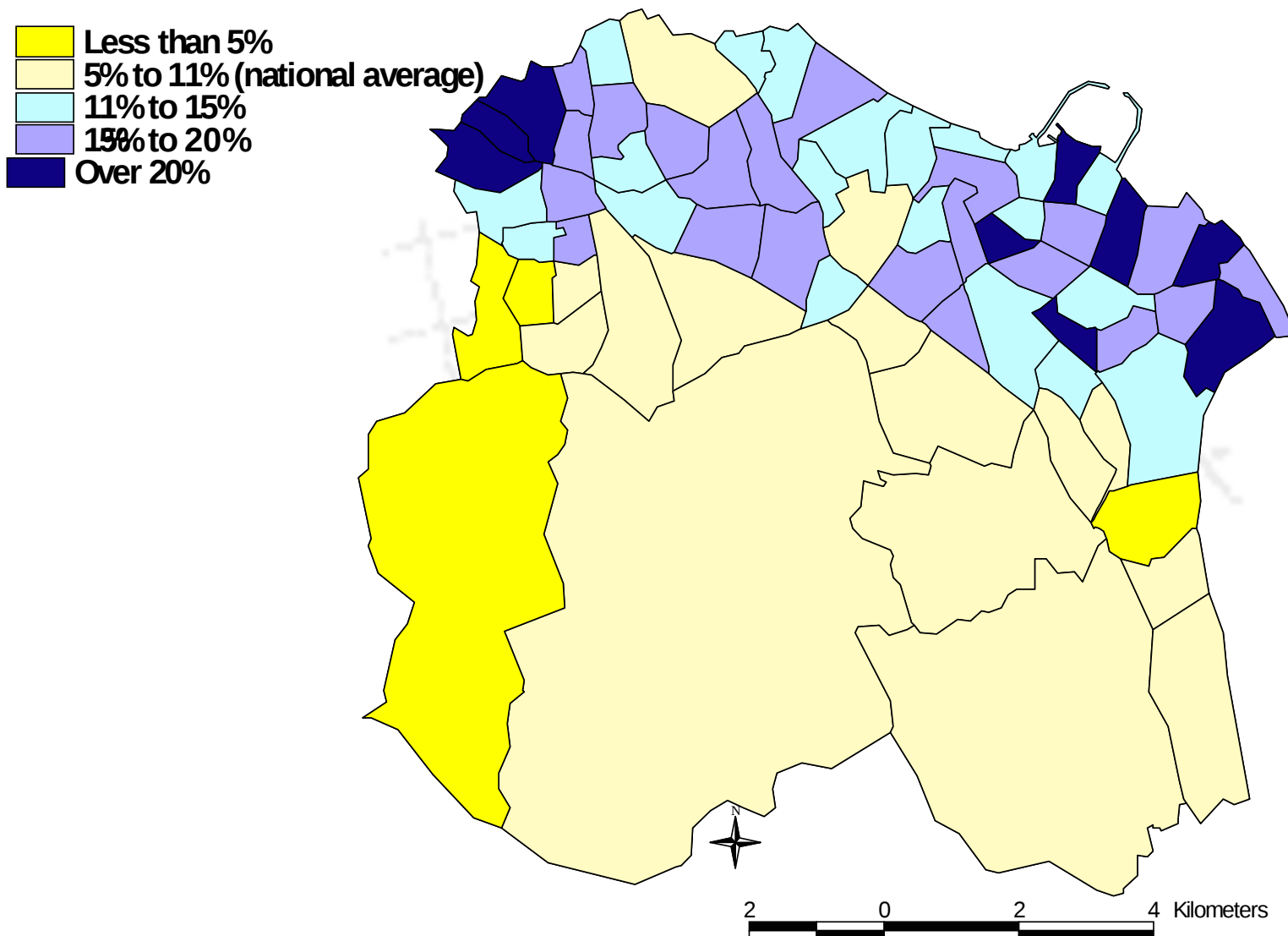


Population Change in Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown 2002 - 2006

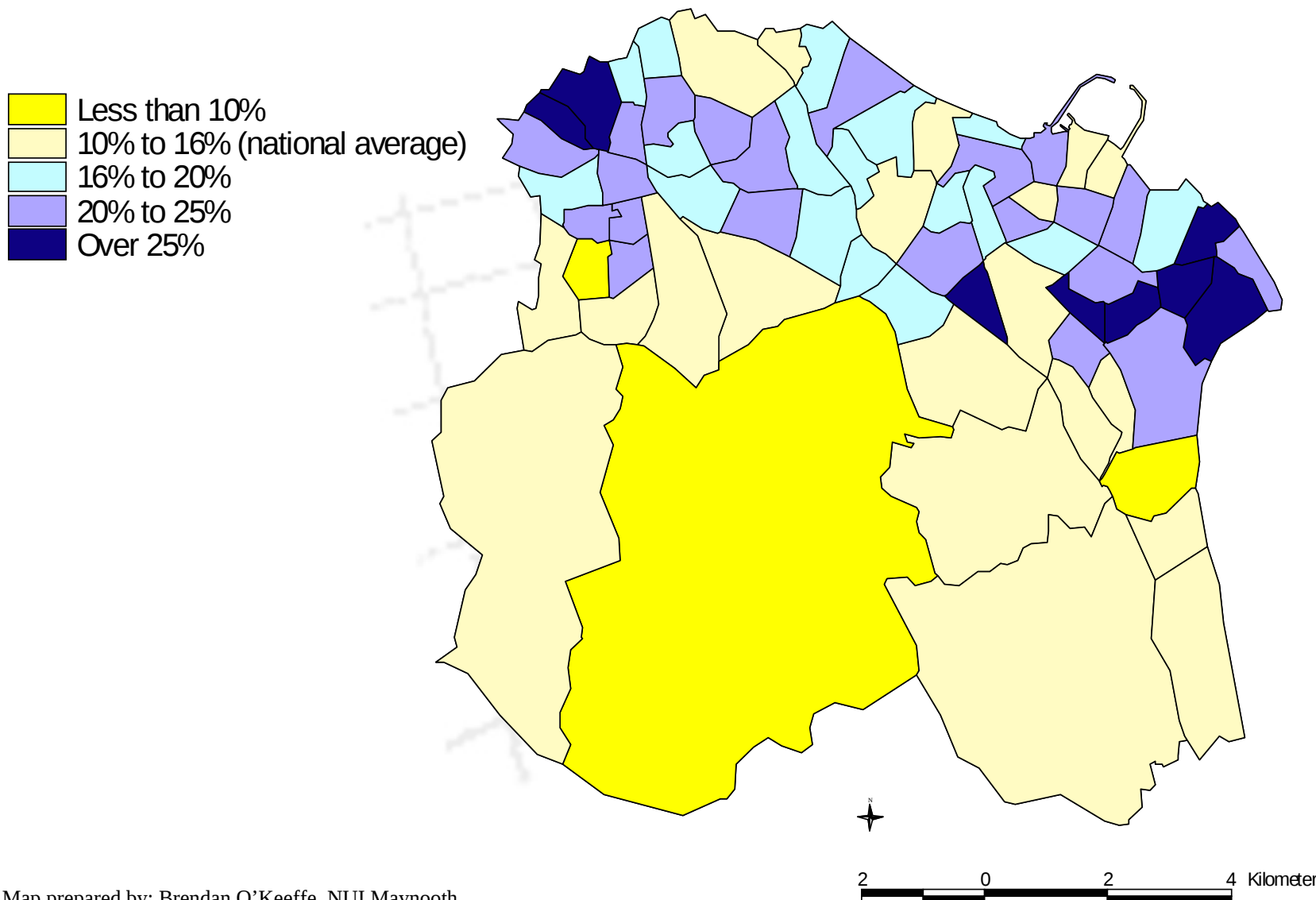


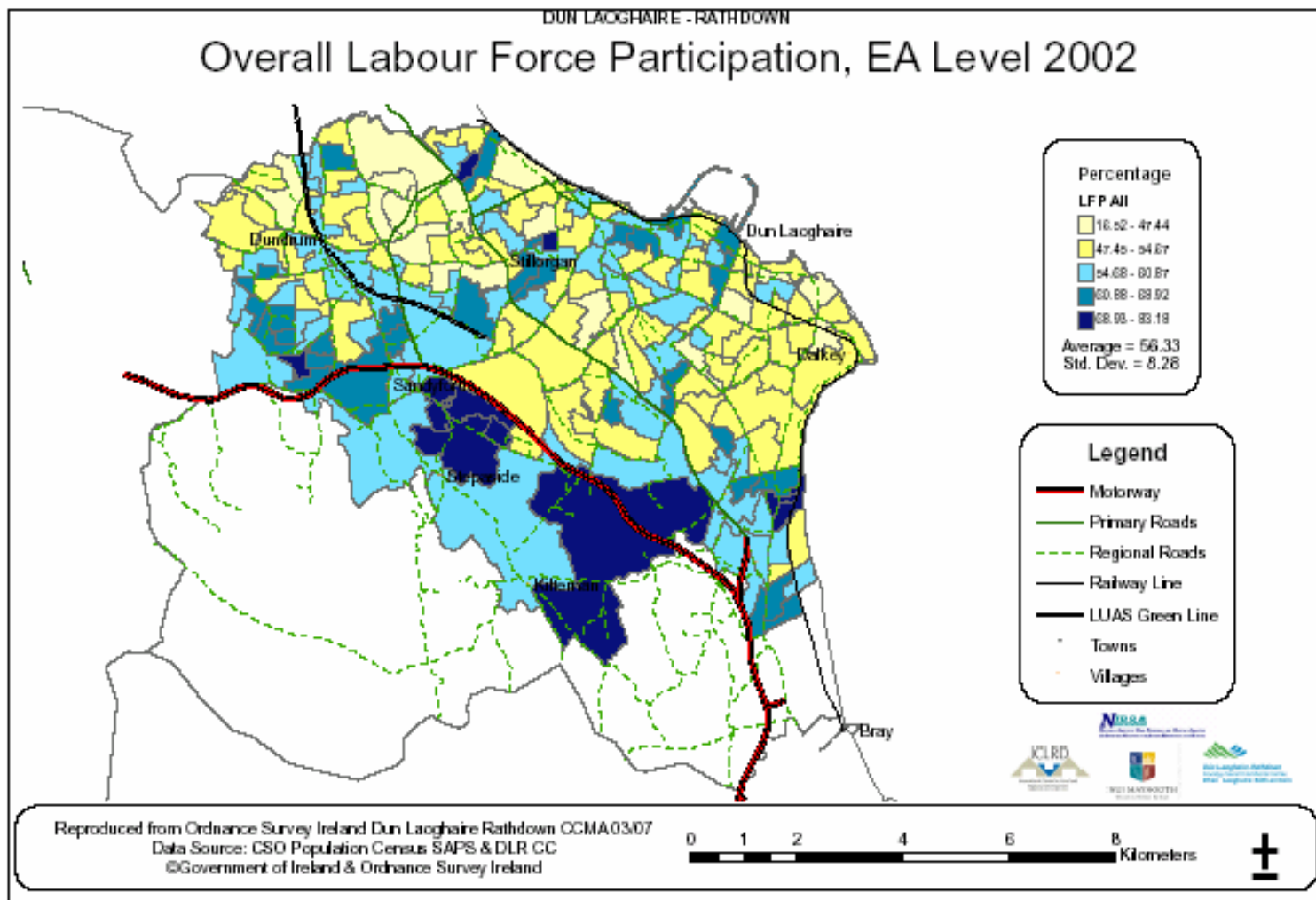
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Digital Boundaries: OSI
Data Source: Census of Population, Central Statistics Office

Percentage of the Population aged 65 Years and Over, 2002.



Empty Nest Households and Households Comprised of Retired Person(s) With No Children, as a Percentage of All Households, 2002

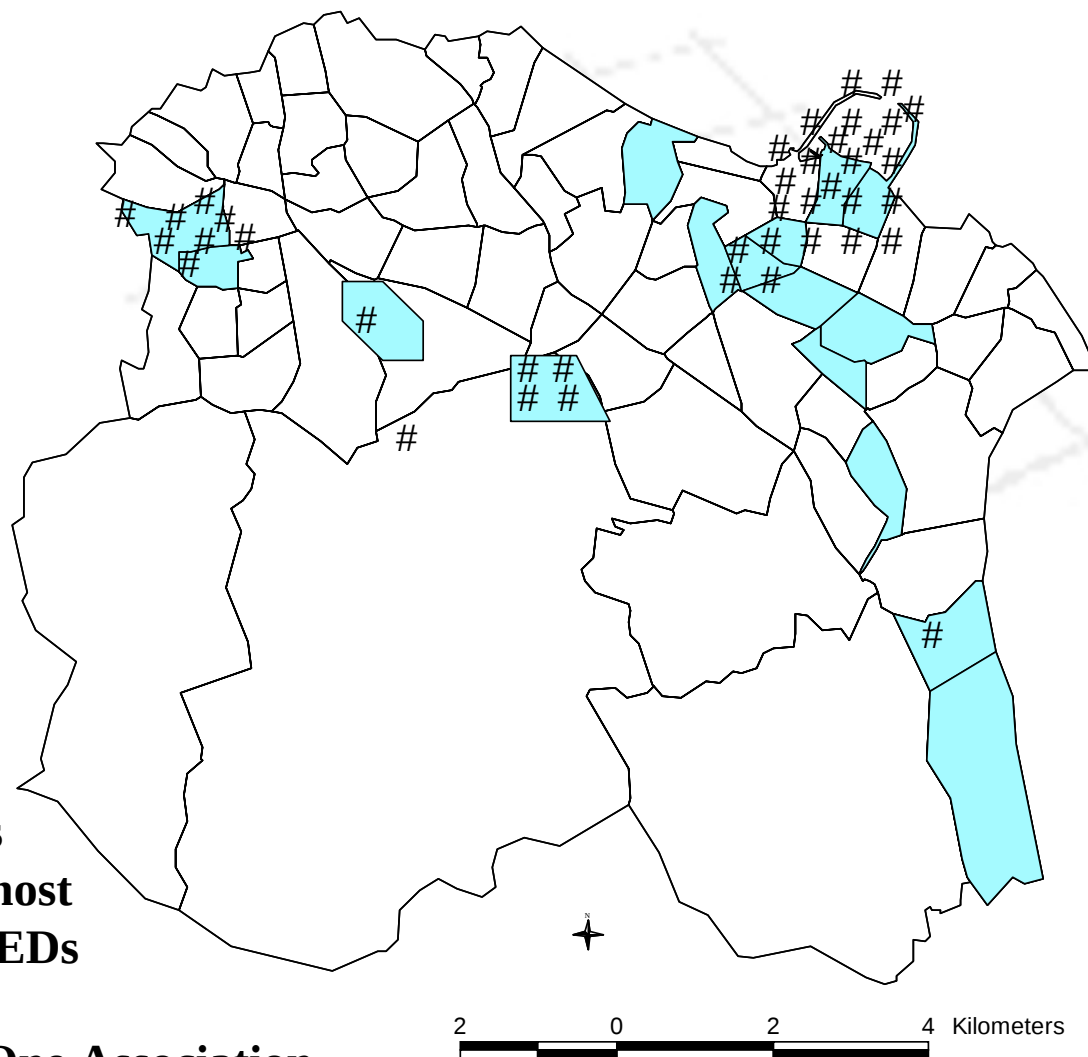




Community Development Groups and Organisations currently supported by Southside Partnership

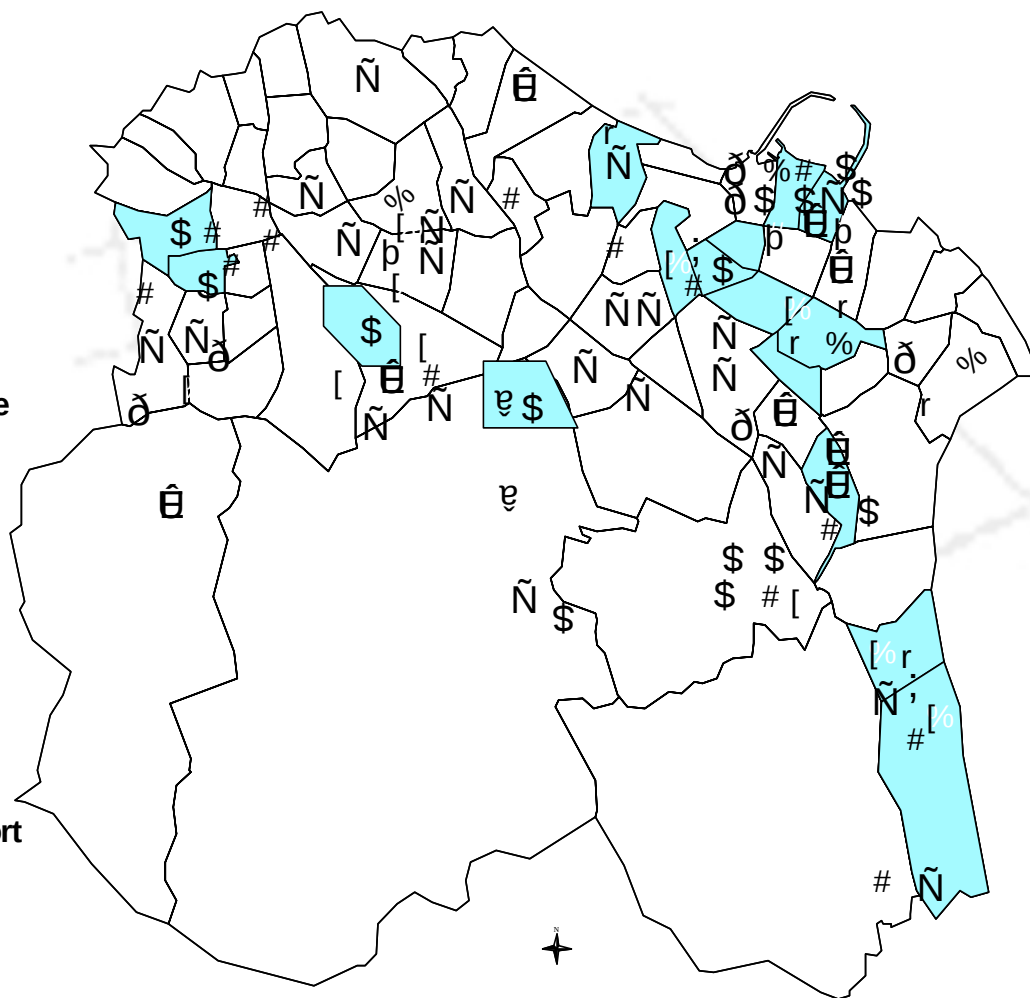
**Pale Blue Areas
Represent the most
Disadvantaged EDs**

One Symbol = One Association



Community Facilities and Supports in Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown

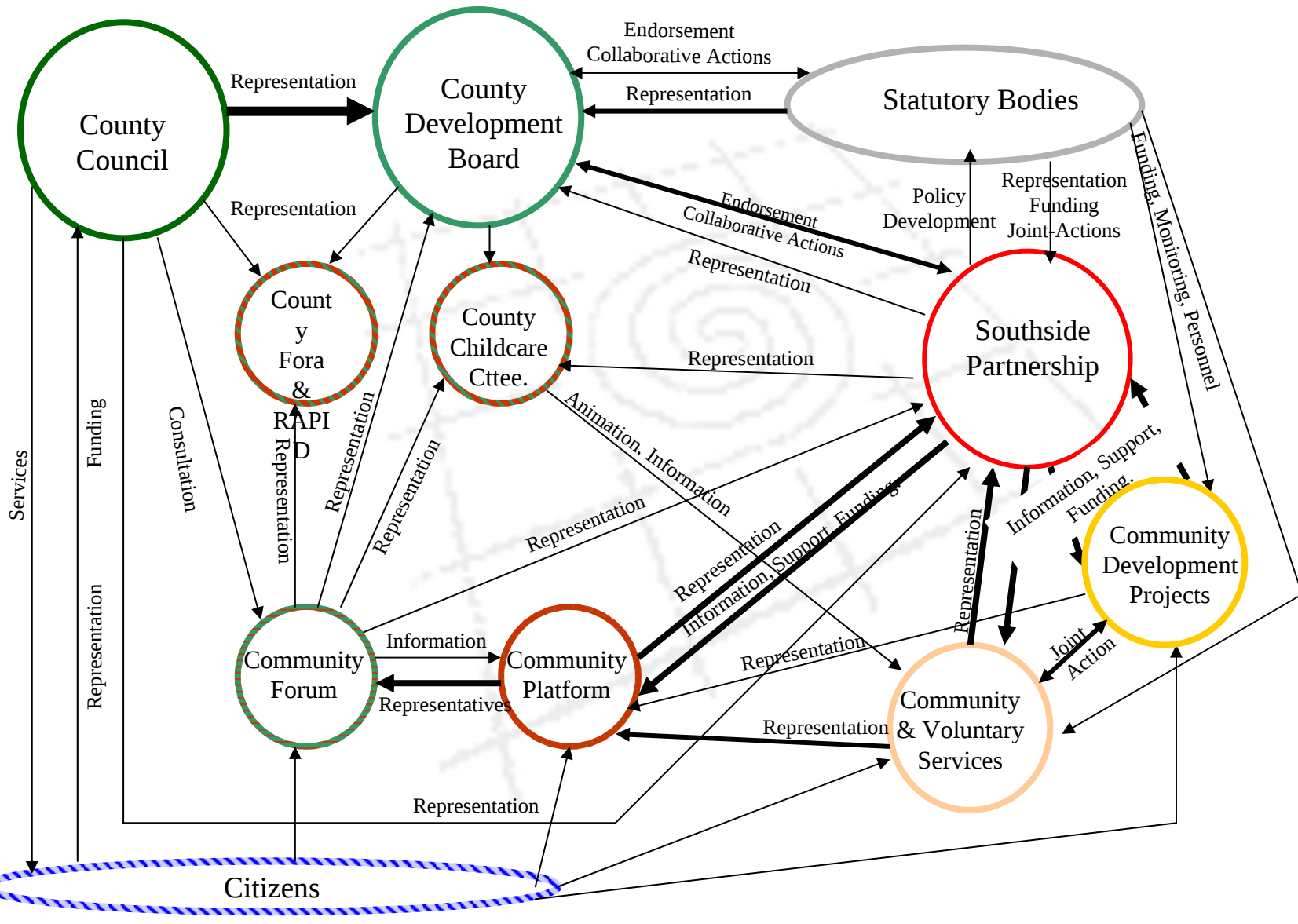
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- ‰ Heritage / Library
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- \$ Health/ Family Support
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Data Source: DLR County Council

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Inter-Organisational Linkages

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Community Forum

Interface between Citizens and Local Government

Facilitated but not led by Local Government

Focus – targets and indicators

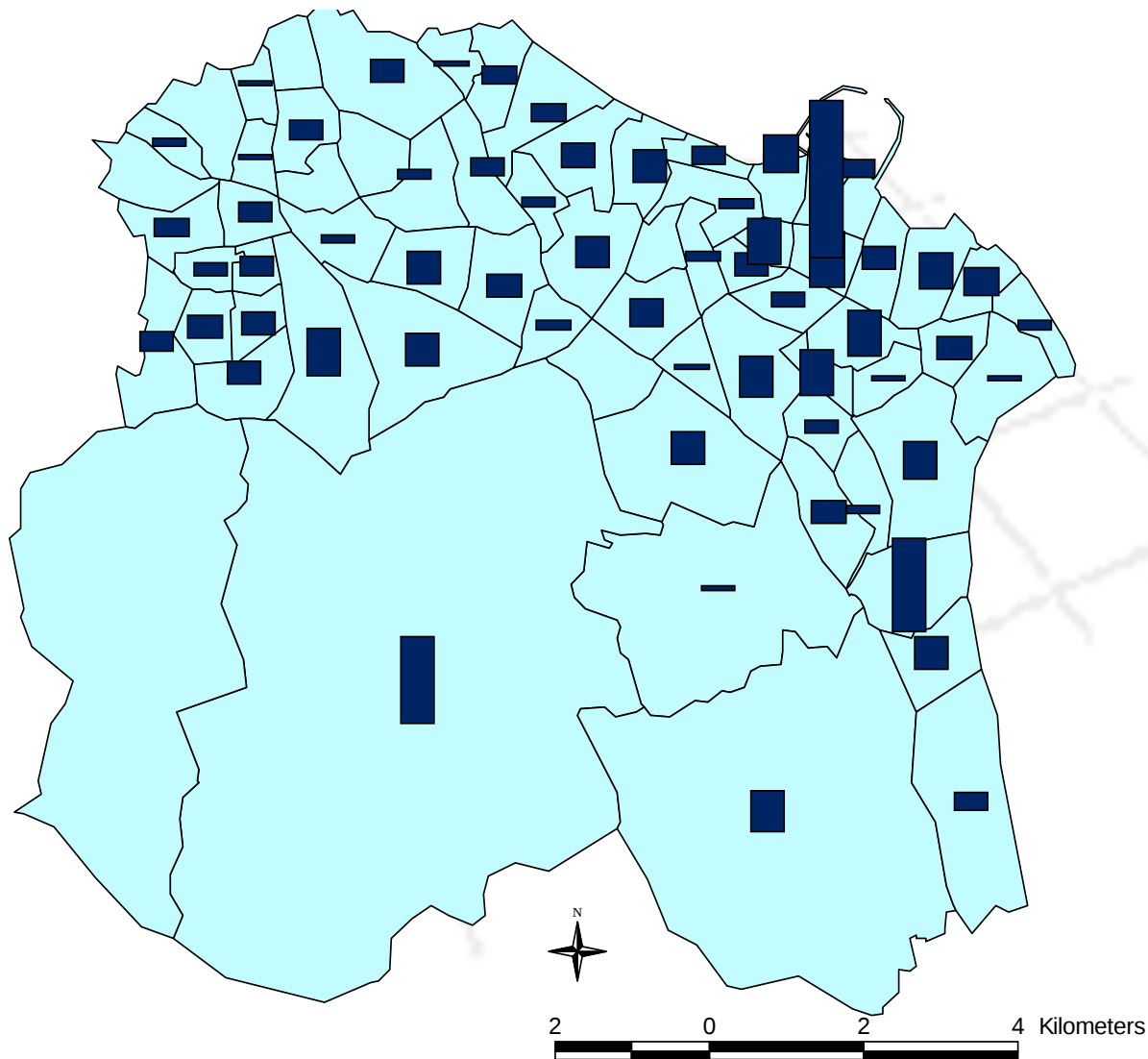
High Levels of Affiliation

Participation Challenges

Scale- spatial, remit

Resources – human (voluntary and professional)

Number of Groups Affiliated to the Community Forum in Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown, by ED in 2006



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Community Platform

Social Inclusion Focus

Poverty-Proofing

Inter-Group Networking

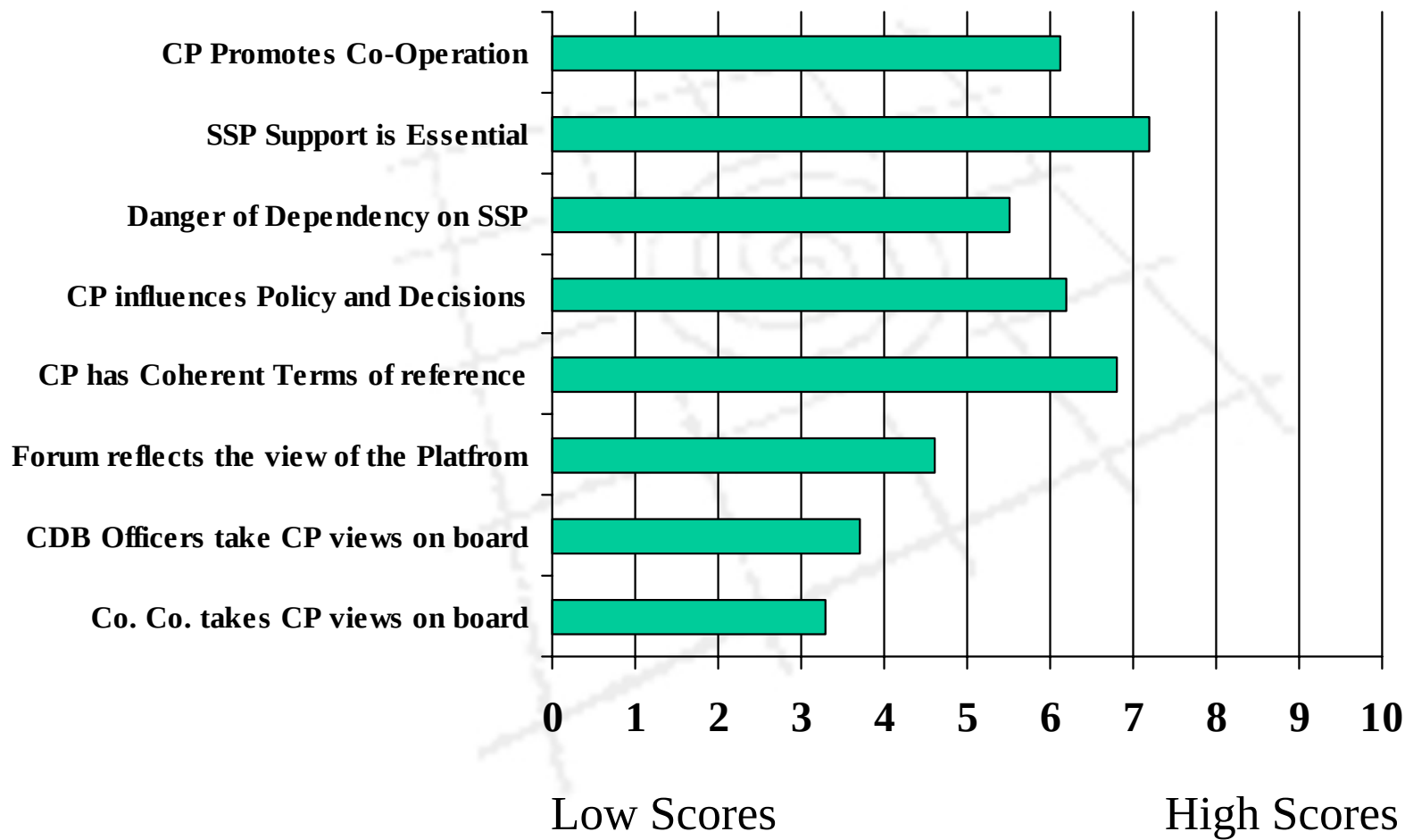
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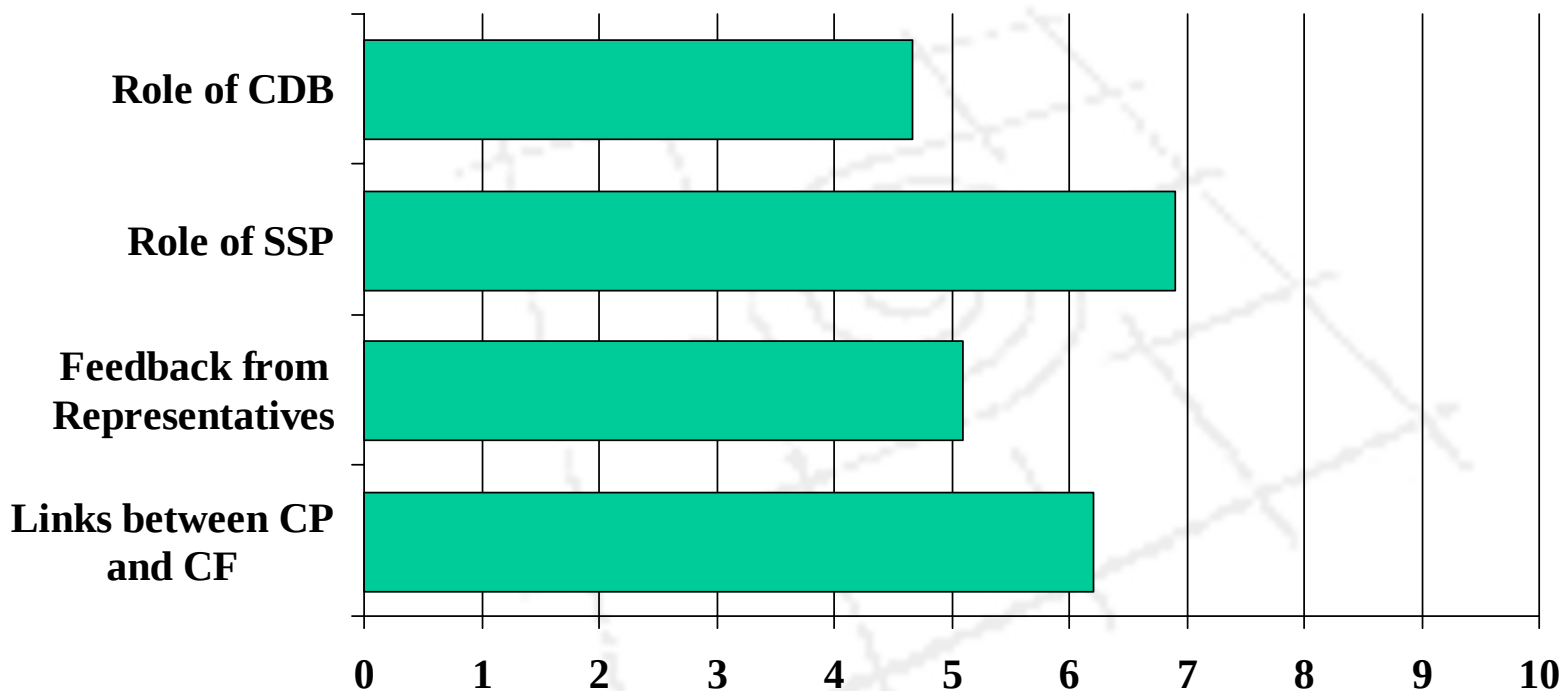
Participation in Formal Channels

Community Platform Members' Levels of Agreement with Statements about Local Governance in DLR

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Community Platform Members' Levels of Satisfaction with Aspects of Local Governance



County Development Board

- Most Innovative Aspect of Local Government
- Co-Ordination Role and Potential
- Promoting Information Sharing and Joint Actions
- Pioneering Initiatives
- Plays Facilitative Role
- Strong Leadership / Visionary Elements
- Developing County Identity.

CDB Challenges

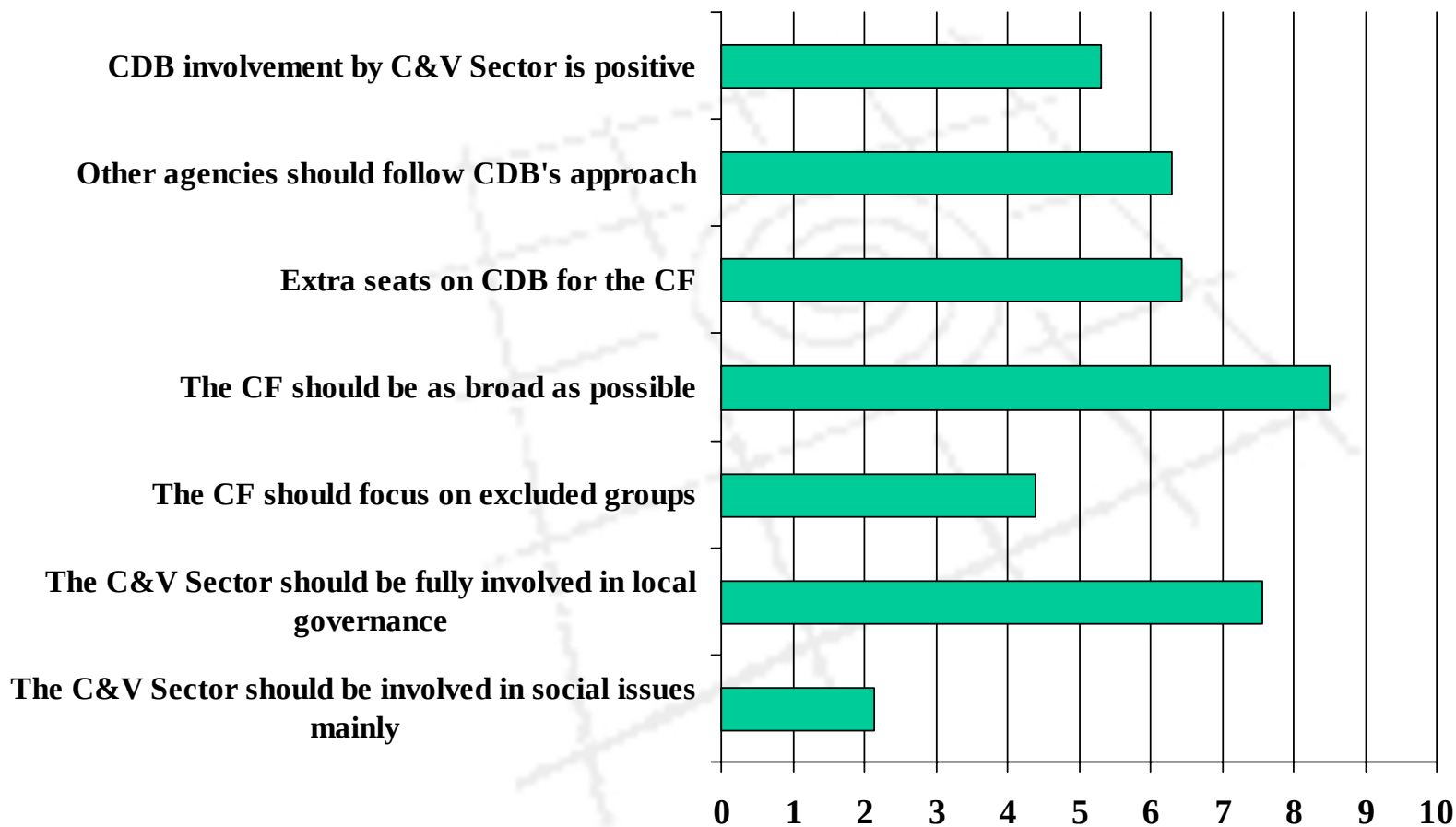
*Identity – Sub-ordinate to Local Authority
or
County Co-Ordinating Body with
Strong Influence in Local Government*

Powers of Persuasion – or more ?

Reporting and Feedback – Accountability

Poverty-Proofing

CDB Members Levels of Agreement with Statements about Local Governance in DLR



Conclusions And Recommendations

Conclusions and Observations

- Evolving and Improving Governance and Accountability in DLR
- Complex yet Complementary Organisational Roles
- Vehicles for Citizen Participation (sectoral and geographic)
- Responsive State Sector – but not uniform
- Persistence of some ‘Silos’
- Community-Level Partnership
- Co-Ordination does not Imply Service Delivery
- New Target Groups
- Poverty and Equality-Proofing
- SCALE

Spatial Remit

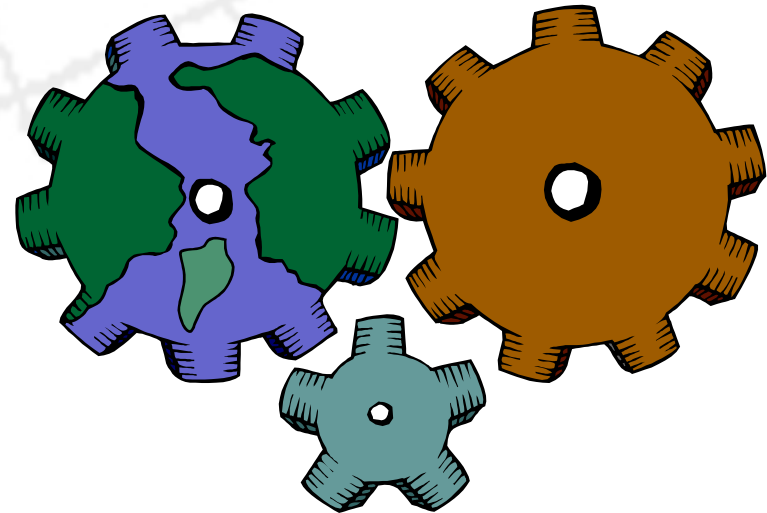
Functional Areas / Development Districts

Coherent, Homogenous

Inter-community Networking

Recognise Diversity

County Identity



Recommendations

- **Outreach Actions over Re-location of Administration**
- **Positive / Proactive Inclusion of new Groups**
- **Monitor, Record and Account for Agency Buy-In and Contributions to CDB Strategy**
- **Enhance South Side Partnership Role in Community Capacity-Building – cohesion opportunities**
- **Highlight Social Inclusion**
- **Community Facilities**
- **Greater Networking and Mainstreaming**