

LEADER Partnerships as agents of Rural Economic Development

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STRATEGIC
PLANNING
ACTION
NETWORK



NIRSA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS
AN INSTITIÚID NAISÍONTA UM ANÁLÍS RÉGIÓINACH AGUS SPÁSÁIL

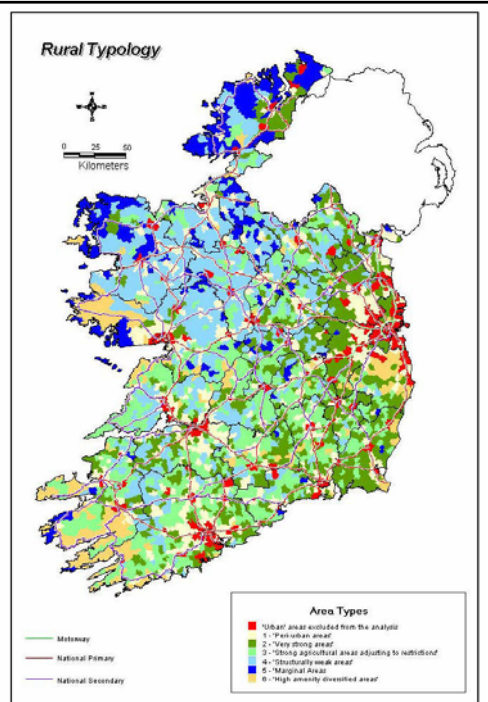
Rural Typology

Dublin Sprawl

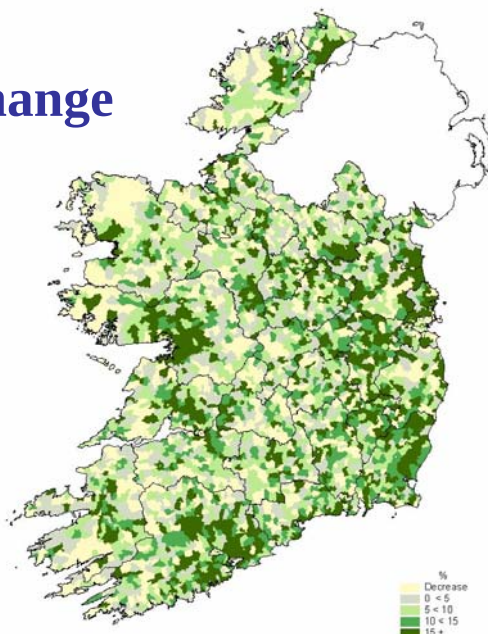
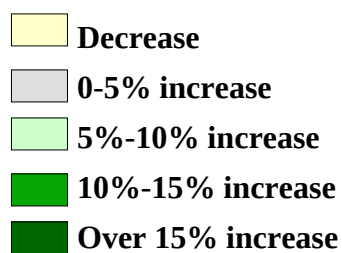
Concentration of Weak Areas in the North West

Vulnerability of Strong Agricultural Areas

Weak Demographic Structure



Population Change 2002 - 2006



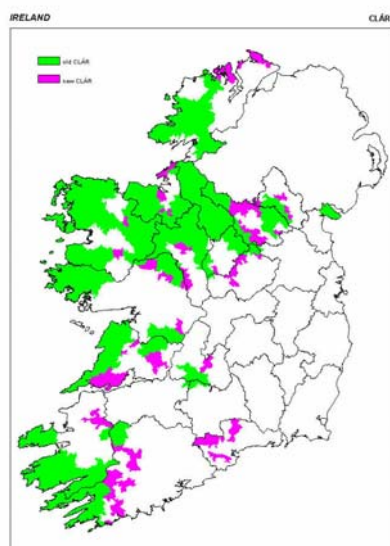
CLAR Programme

**Areas that have lost
50%+ of Population
since 1926**

DCRGA

**Minor Infrastructure
Grants**

State Agency Priority?



NIRSA
Business, Innovation, Enterprise, Research and Innovation Agency

NDP
National Development Plan

Prepared by NIRSA
Data provided by OSI, CSO,
Dept. of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

OSi
Ordnance Survey
Map Data © 2003

LEADER in Ireland



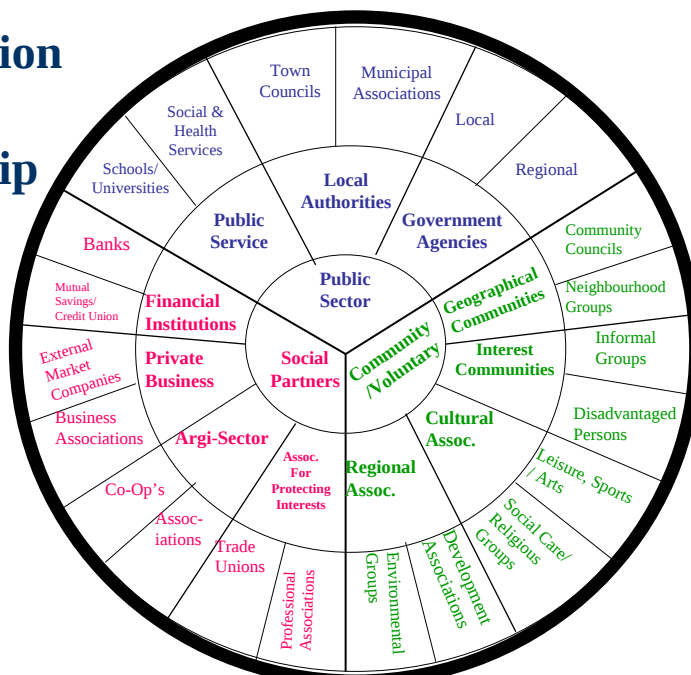
National Coverage
Mainstreamed since 2000
75% National Funding
Dedicated Ministry

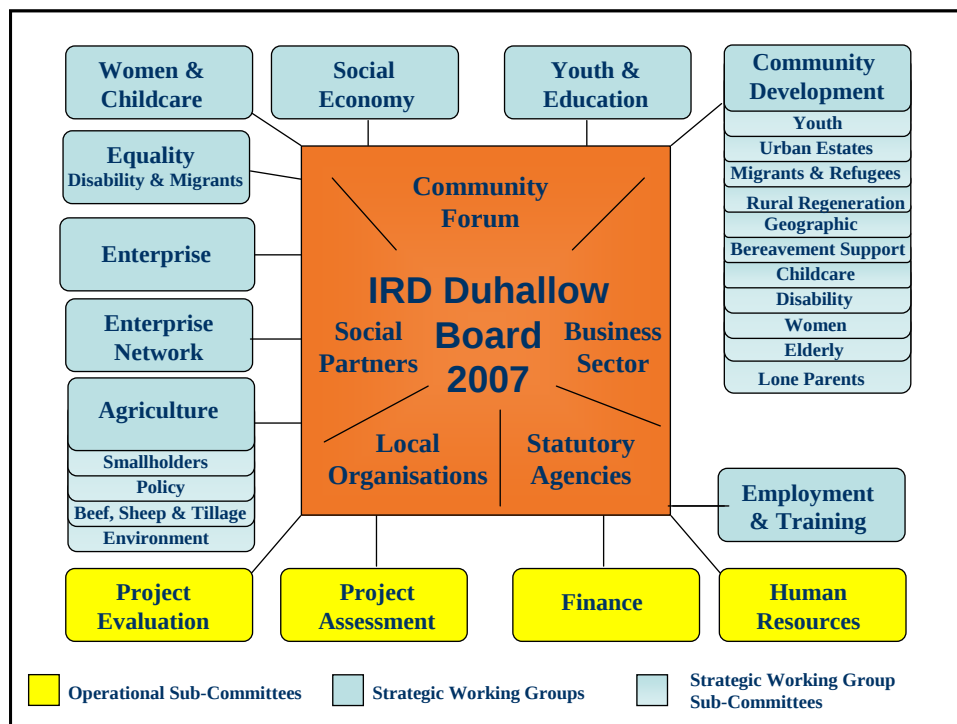
Autonomous Local Action Groups
Partnership Principles
Equality
Bottom-Up

Financial Responsibility
25% paid in Advance
Ministry Audit – outputs and process

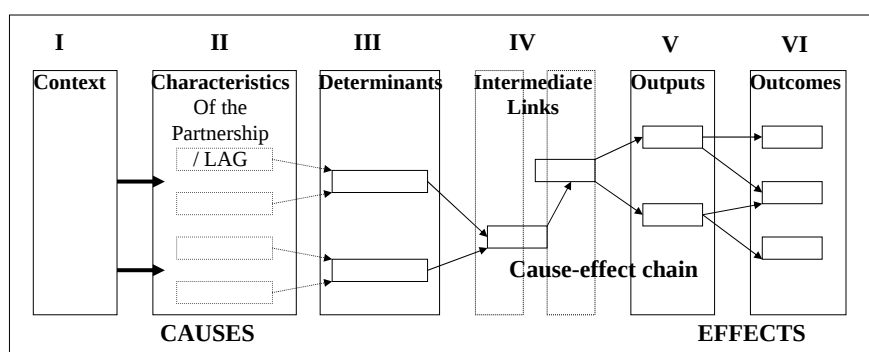
Complementarity

Participation in Partnership



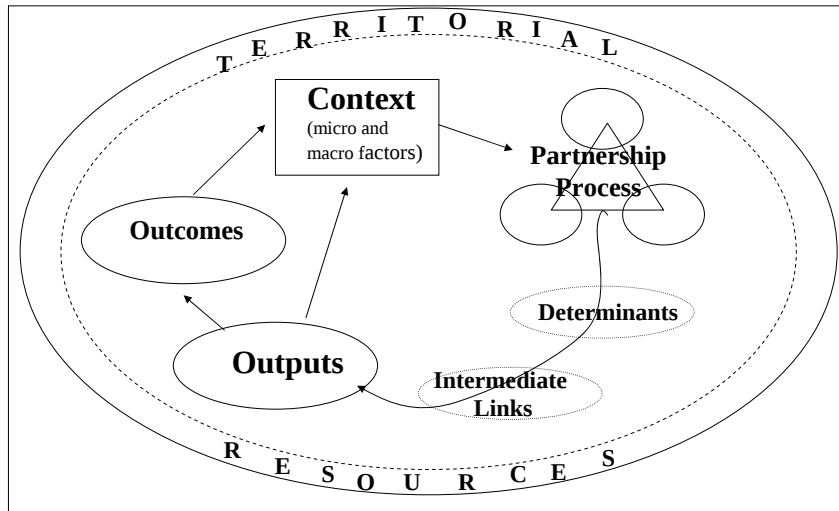


F.A.C.T. Cause and Effect Chain

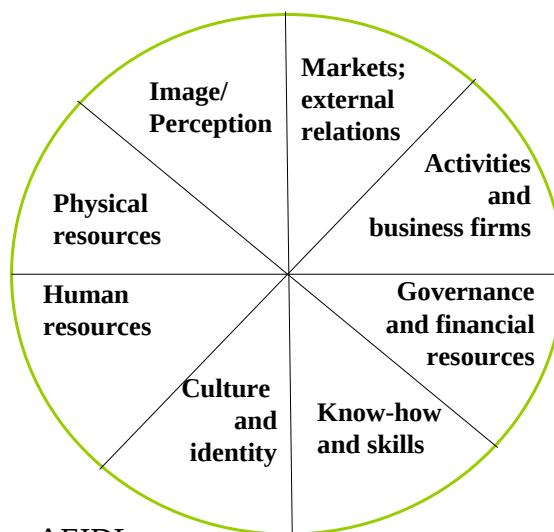


Source: Moseley, 2003

Territorial Competitiveness



Elements of Territory



Source: AEIDL

Evaluation Indicators

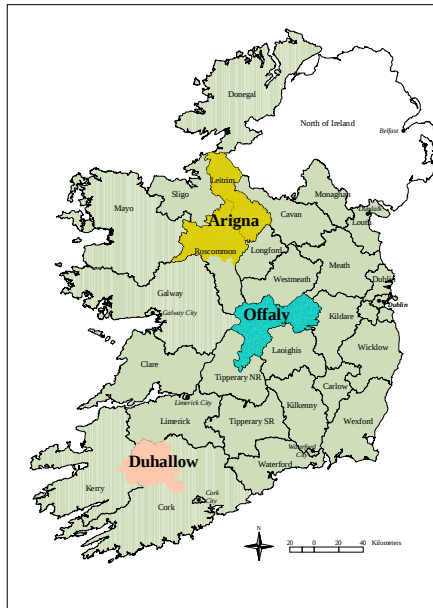
Element of Territory	Lead/ Primary Indicators	SRD Weightings		
		Econ.	Soc. C	Envir.
Physical Resources	Biodiversity	.1	.1	.8
	Environmental Initiatives	.2	.1	.7
Human Resources	Population Dynamics	.4	.5	.1
	Social Structures and Services	.3	.5	.2
Culture and Identity	Heritage Artefacts and Amenities	.3	.2	.5
	Cultural and Arts Organisations	.1	.4	.5
Know-how and Skills	Educational Attainment Levels	.45	.4	.15
	Skills and Training Levels	.45	.4	.15

Evaluation Indicators *(continued)*

Element of Territory	Lead/ Primary Indicators	SRD Weightings		
		Econ.	Soc. C	Envir.
Governance and Financial	Civil Sector Dynamics	.2	.6	.2
	Citizen Participation in Decision-Making	.25	.55	.2
Economic Activities /Businesses	Employment (and Unemployment) Levels	.5	.3	.2
	Business Activities	.55	.25	.2
Markets and External Relations	Inter-agency Co-Operation	.45	.3	.25
	State/ Public Sector resourcing of local initiatives	.35	.2	.45
Image and Perception	Presentation of the Territory to outsiders	.38	.24	.38
	Territorial Marketing	.35	.3	.35

Case Study Territories

1. Very Marginal Cross County
2. Traditional Industry County
3. Weak Agricultural Sub-County



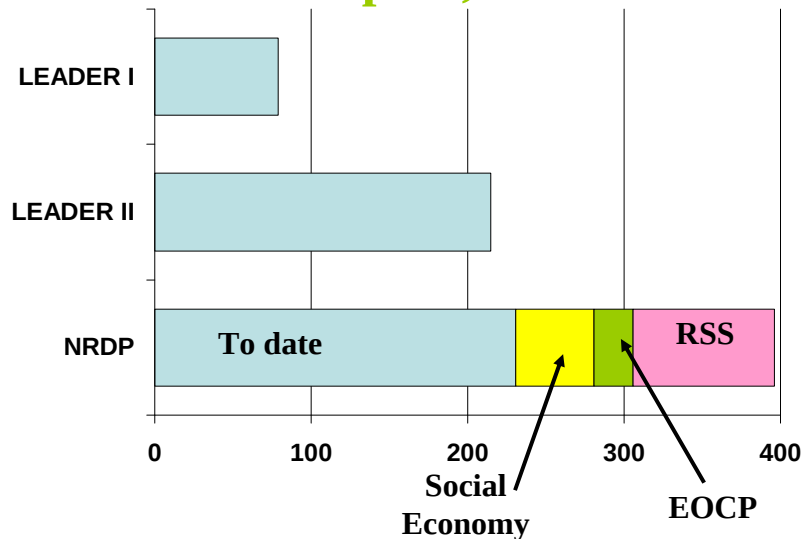
Quantifying Outputs

Time – territorial change
Territorial Profiling
Processes of Change
Determinants of Change

Spatial Dimension
Effectiveness of Targeting?



Arigna Economic Outputs; Job Creation



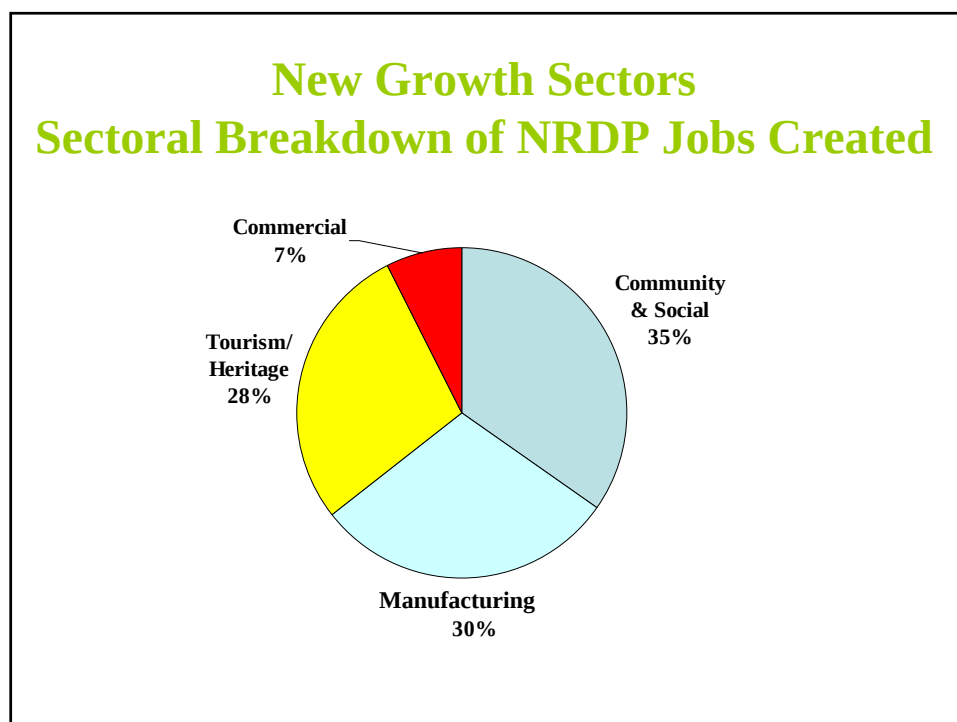
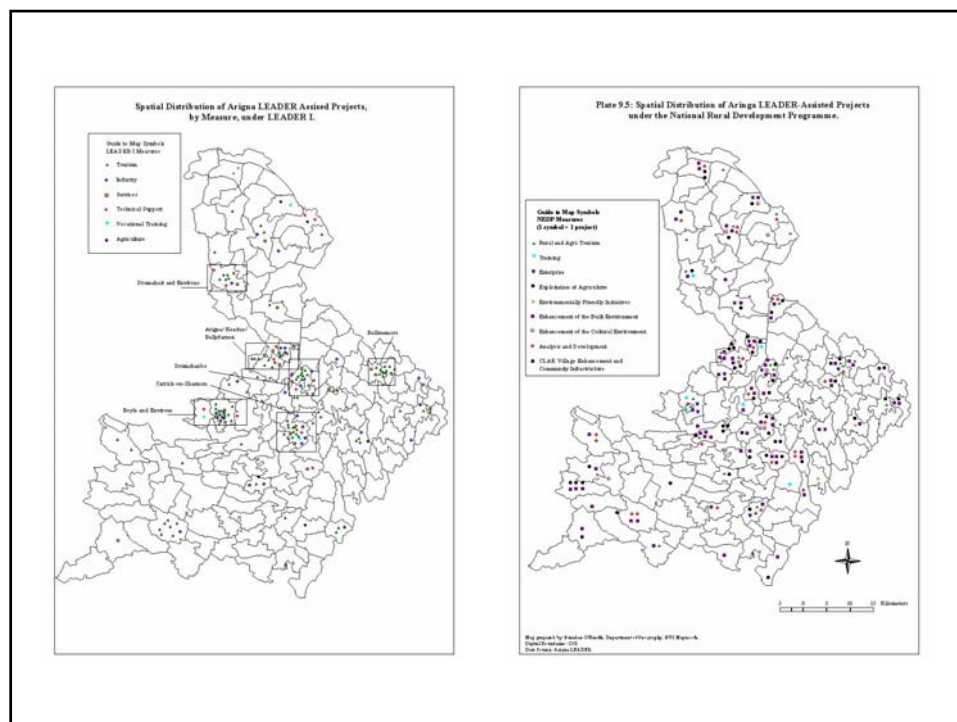
Business Development

**70% of LEADER I still trading/ expanded (38 / 54)
Current Employees: 215**

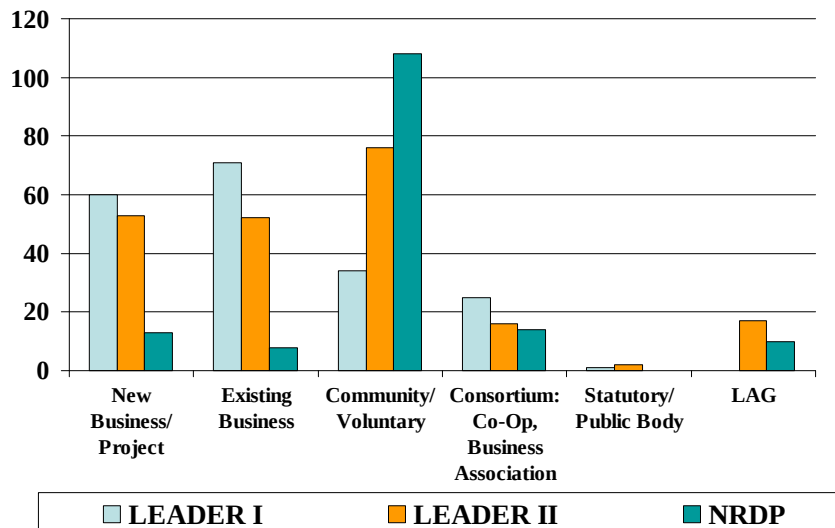
**80% of LEADER II still trading/ expanded (56 / 69)
Current Employees: 222**

Need for follow-up Appraisal





Profile of Project Promoters

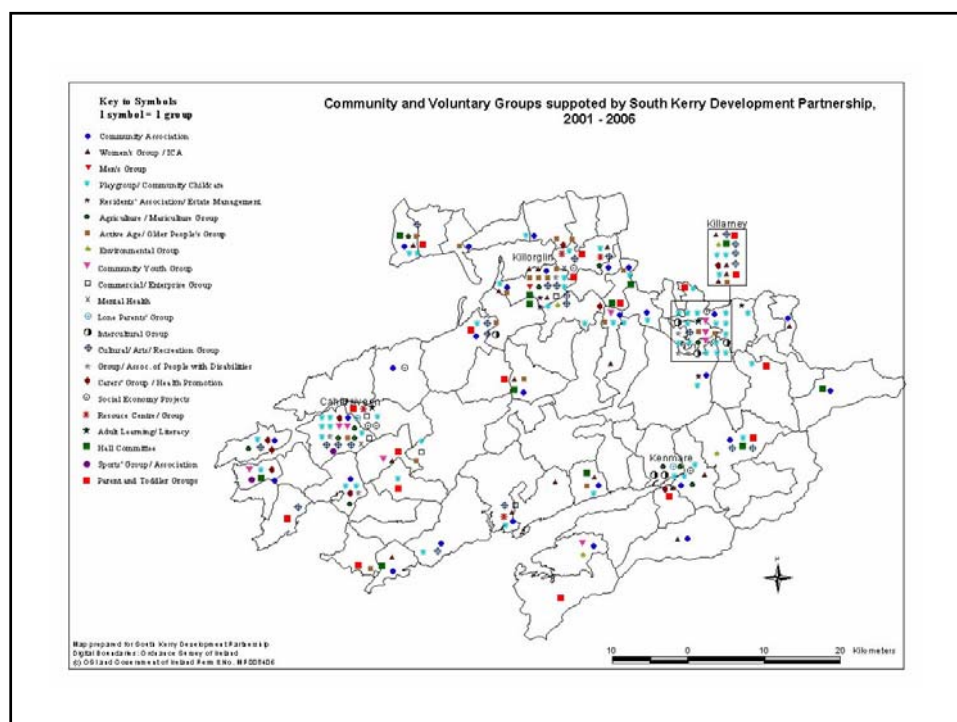
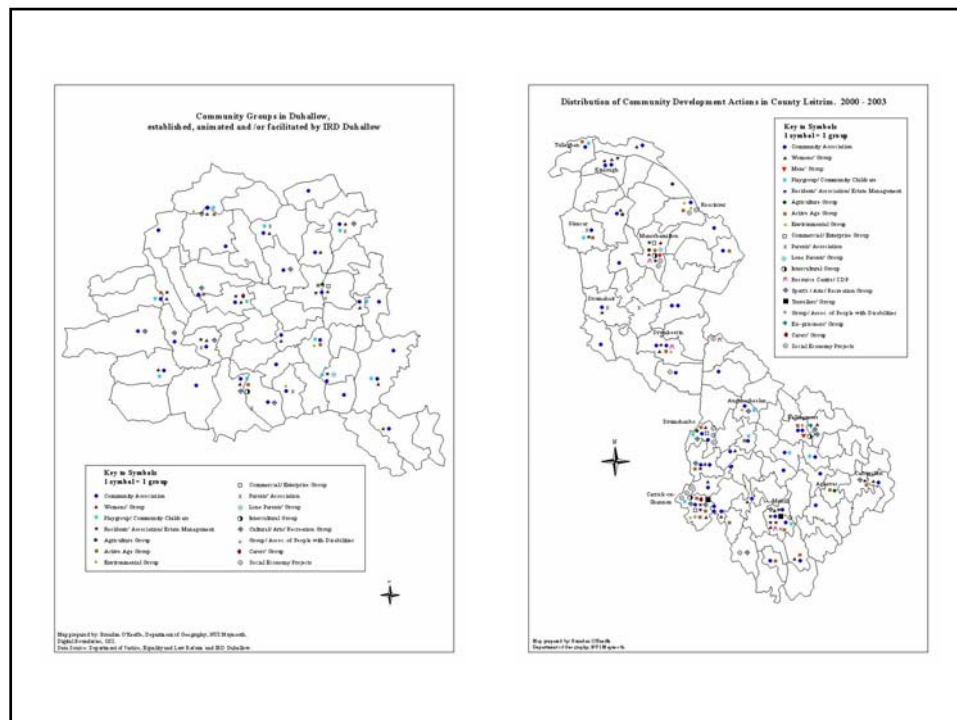


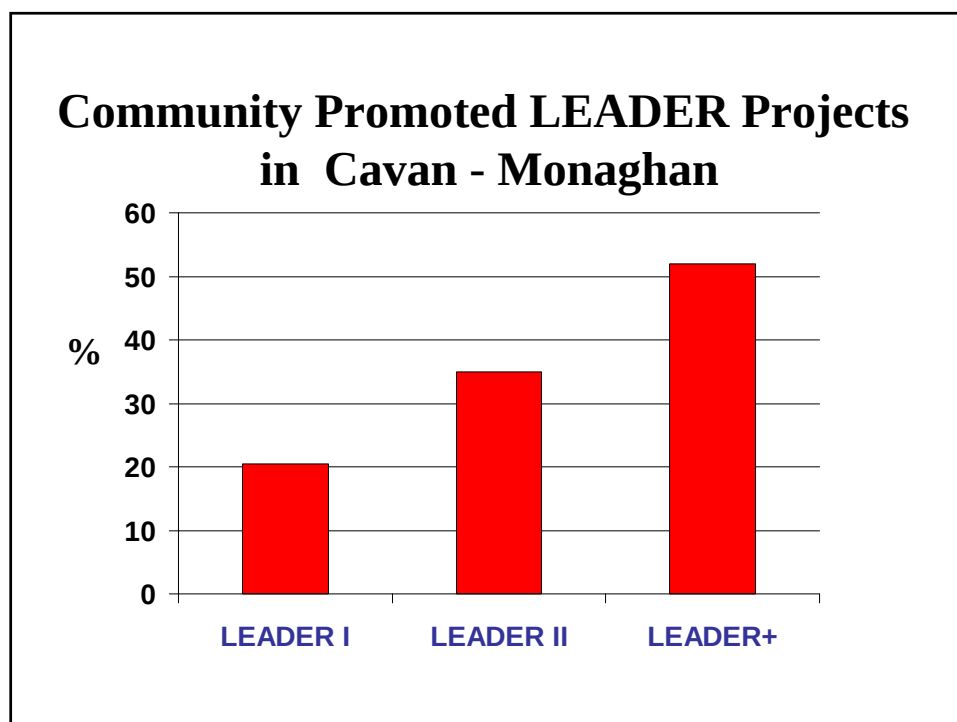
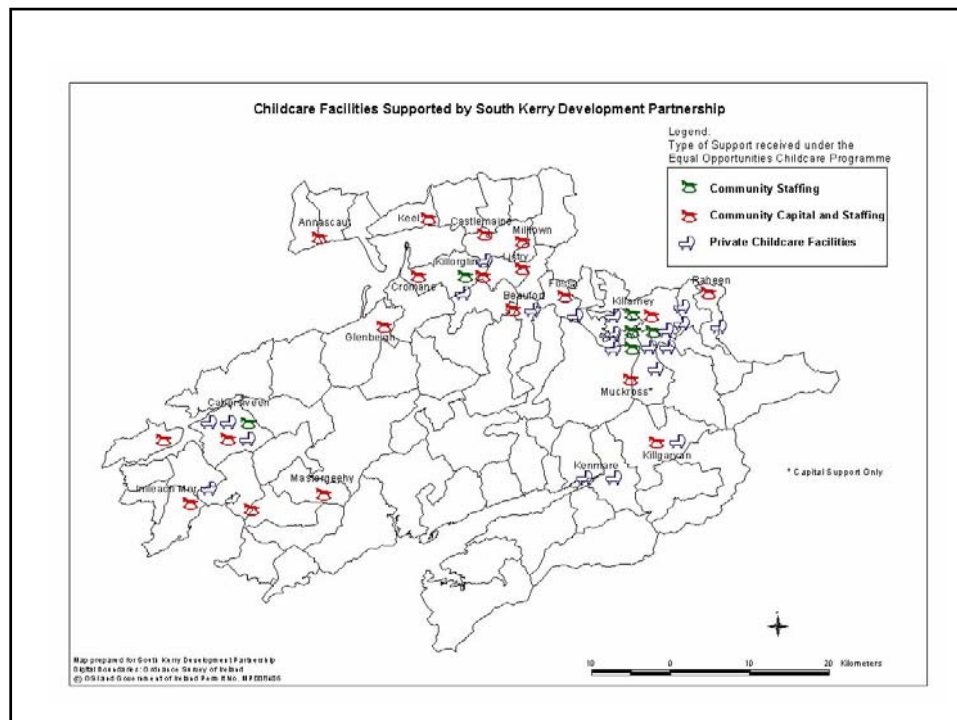
Community Projects in Transition

From: Sports (only)
Minor Infrastructure

To: Service Provision
Large Scale Resource Centres
Job Creation







Community Infrastructure and Facilities in Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown

- Community Centre
- ✚ Parish Centre
- ▲ Resource Centre
- Play/ Childcare
- ★ Youth Centre
- ✱ Older People's Centre
- ♣ Employment Centre
- ⊕ Conference Centre
- ⓘ Information Centre
- ◆ Heritage / Library
- ▣ Sports' Centre
- ▼ Health/ Family Support
- ⊙ Meeting Room(s)

Areas shaded in pale blue are the 'Priority Areas' identified by Southside Partnership.

Map prepared by: Brendan O'Keefe, NIRSA, NUI Maynooth.
Digital Boundaries: Ordnance Survey of Ireland.
Data Source: DLR CDB

2 0 2 4 Kilometers

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

Community and Voluntary Associations affiliated to the Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Community Forum, 2006, mapped by EA (Enumerator Area)

1 dot = 1 group/ association

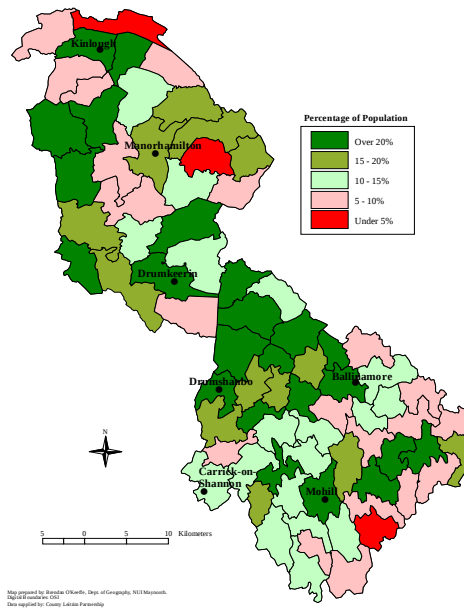
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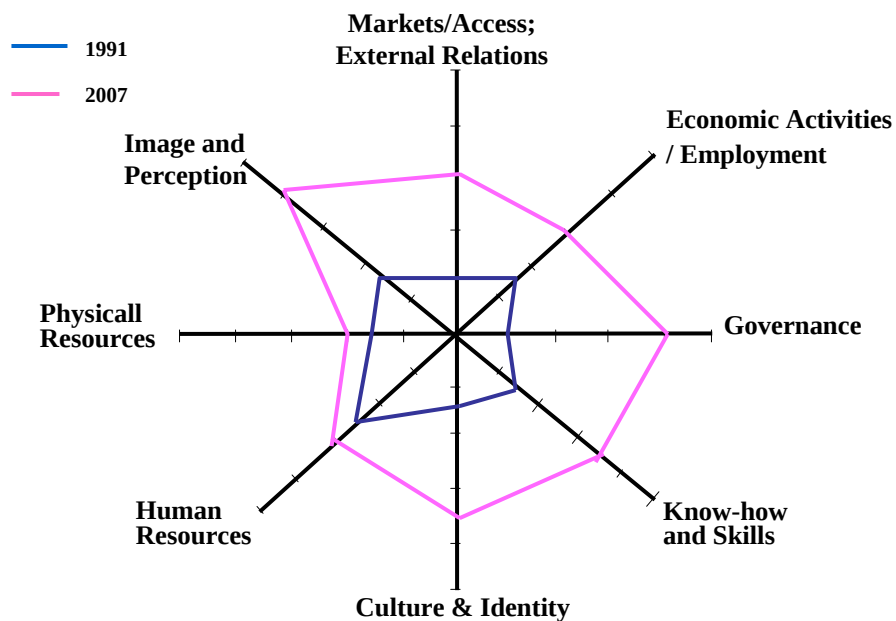
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County Leitrim Partnership

Proportion of the Population completing Training Courses



Evaluating Area-Based Partnership



Observations and Recommendations

<u>Employment and Economic Activities Contributions</u>	<u>Limitations</u>
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Increased Labour Force and Productivity	Mainstream Criteria and Coverage
New Business Dev.	Limited Referral/ Follow-up
Increased Participation	Structural Exclusion
Reduced Welfare	Budgets
Business Networks	
Inward Investment	
Smallholders Viability	

Spatial Remit

Functional Areas / Development Districts

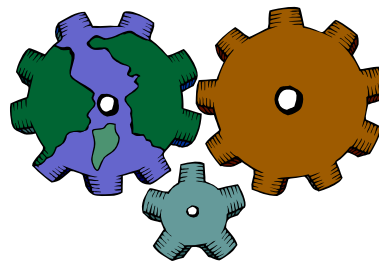
Coherent, Homogenous

Sufficient Critical Mass

Permit Inter-community Networking

Recognise Diversity

Municipalities



Activities

Multi-Sectoral Integration

Multi-Programme Approach

Single Collaborative Structures

Innovation

Role in Mainstream Service Delivery e.g. LISHI

Higher Education Linkages

Conduit for Business Development

Access to National Databases

Agency Collaboration

