# Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024
# WEST

SPC Meeting Galway City Council
26th May 2022
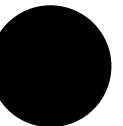
# Introduction

3 Minutes

# Process & REP Summary

5 Minutes

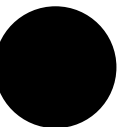# Implementation

10 Minutes

# Conclusion & Next Steps

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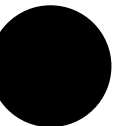
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# Regional Enterprise Plan West to 2024 Programme Manager

Helena Deane

# Regional Enterprise Plans

**"The Department's Regional Enterprise Plans are developed by regional stakeholders and focus on undertaking collaborative initiatives that can help realise enterprise growth and job creation in each of the nine regions across Ireland. They are an important part of the Programme for Government commitment to achieving more balanced regional enterprise development"**

# Regional Enterprise Plan West to 2024 Chairperson
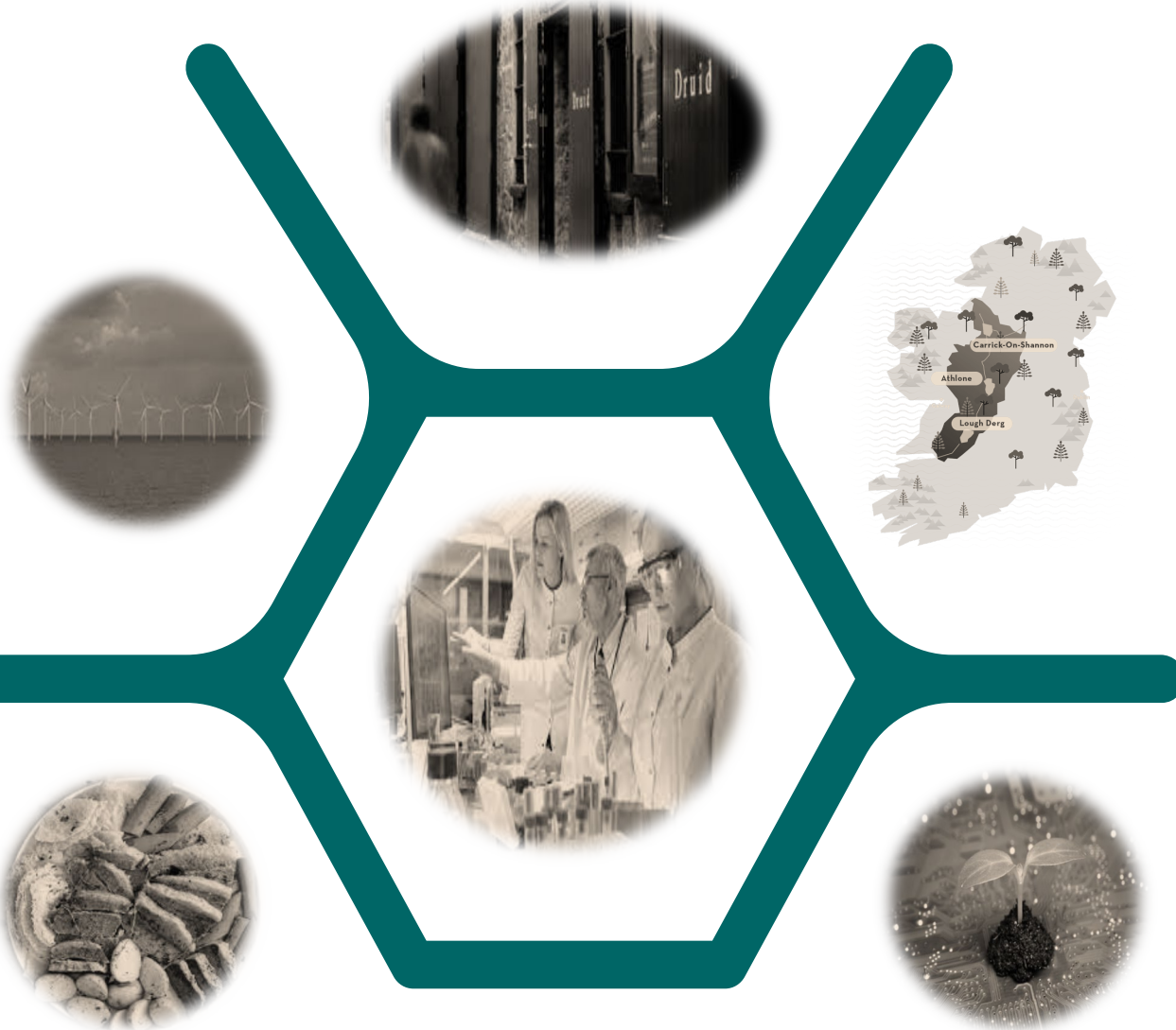Evelyn O'Toole

# WREP Vision

## Region in Transition, with Vast Potential



### AMBITION

Resilience and recovery + growth
Transition: climate change/digitisation
Smart Specialisation, Innovation/R&D
Enterprise Ecosystem, Place-making

### BUILDING ON UNIQUE NATURAL ASSETS

Landscapes, natural energy assets (wind, wave), ocean and other bio-resources, good availability of strategic sites for development

### SUSTAINABLE JOBS

Addressing cyclical and seasonal nature of jobs in e.g., creative sector and tourism, ensuring continuity and strong pipeline of sectoral opportunities

### REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Additionality, scalable impact, share resources and synergistic approaches – regional balance and cross-sectorial 'meshing'

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Department of Social Protection

GALWAY
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Irish Food Board

IRELAND WEST
GALWAY
CONVENTION
BUREAU

NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

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National Tourism Development Authority

OPW
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Office of Public Works

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

MAYO COUNTY
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Department of Rural and
Community Development

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Teagasc
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WestBIC

Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe
Galway City Council

WESTERN
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Northern & Western
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Regional Skills
Partnerships for Skills

Waterways Ireland
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# WREP Roadmap

**1st Steering Committee** Meeting December 2020

**2nd Steering Committee** Meeting March 2021

**1st Project Delivery Team** Meeting April 2021

**2nd Project Delivery Team** Meeting May 2021

**Vertical Teams** Sesions (6 sessions) June 2021

**Stakeholder Consultation** Facilitated Session with DETE 29th June 2021 (5 Breakout sessions)

**Stakeholder and Vertical Teams** Notes Draft WREP Plan August 2021

**3rd Project Delivery Team Meeting** Agreement of Objectives & Actions Owners &Timelines 10th November 2021

Sign–Off on WREP by **Steering Committee** (3rd Meeting) 23 November 2021

# Regional Enterprise Plan West Launch
**4th March 2022**

# Regional Enterprise Plan to 2024
## WEST
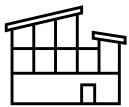
- Enterprise Support Infrastructure & Strategic Development Sites
- Scaling Capital
- People & Skills
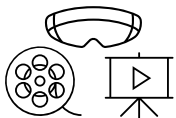- Grow Remote, Connected Hubs & Talent Retention
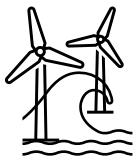- Connectivity
- Equality & Diversity

## SO1: Advance the development of the regional Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem

**SO2:** Strengthen and harness the **Cultural and Creative Sector** to attract new investment, commercialisation, and collaboration opportunities

**SO3:** Realise the Atlantic West region's potential for enterprise and job creation in the **Renewable Energy sector**

**SO4:** Drive the Global Competitiveness of the **Life Sciences sector** underpinned by an expanded regional footprint and coordination
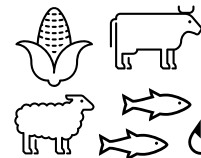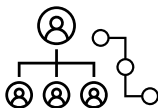
**SO5:** Grow the **AgTech and Food** sector in the West, driven by an integrated innovation network, facilitating the transition towards a sustainable **Bioeconomy**

**SO6:** Expand prospects for sustainable entrepreneurship, employment and upskilling in **Tourism**
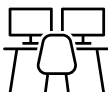
- Scaling of infrastructure & supports
- Clustering & development of virtual production, animation and immersive technologies
- Develop IP Framework for commercial exploitation, strengthen industry-HEI collaboration
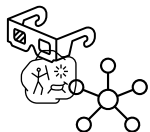
- Supply-chain animation and development
- Smart specialisation strategies based on local assets & strengths
- Taskforce to drive key enablers, in particular infrastructure

- Strategic Coordination
- Scaling of sector-specific support regionally

- Scale, integrate, harmonise food assets + knowledge + supports
- Secure Food FDI
- Grow AgTech Sector
- Support transition to low-carbon land-based Bio-economy
- Develop the Blue Bio-economy

- Pilot accelerator for TourismTech and Experience Economy
- Thematic connected destinations of scale

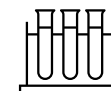## SO7: Facilitate an equitable Digital and Green Transformation in the West

- Access to Advanced Digital Technologies
- Mainstreaming 'green' skills in start-ups
- Capacity building for circular economy
- Living Lab for Digital Transformation
- Enterprise Decarbonising Zones

# Implementation

2x **Steering Committee** Meetings

2x **National Oversight Group** Meetings with Chairs and Minsters

Ad-hoc meetings of **Working Groups**

2x **Chair/Programme Manager** Meetings with DETE

Ad-hoc progress meetings between **Chair + Programme Manager**

Ad-hoc progress meeting with **DETE and Programme Manager**

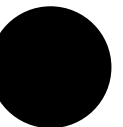4x **Programme Manager Group and DETE Meetings**

**KPI Monitoring**

# Next Steps

- Steering Committee meeting 15th June
- Formal initiation of Working Groups
- 1st informal progress report via KPI monitoring

# Thank you!

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