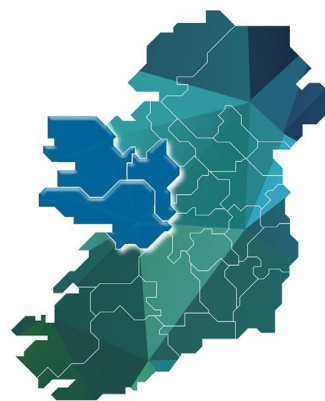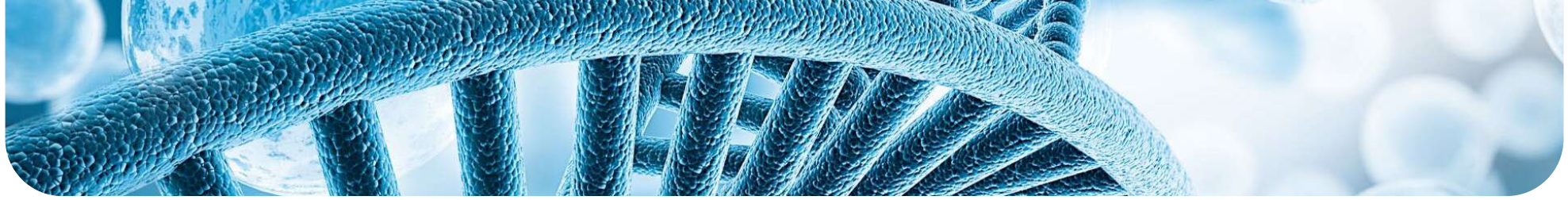Galway City Council SPC
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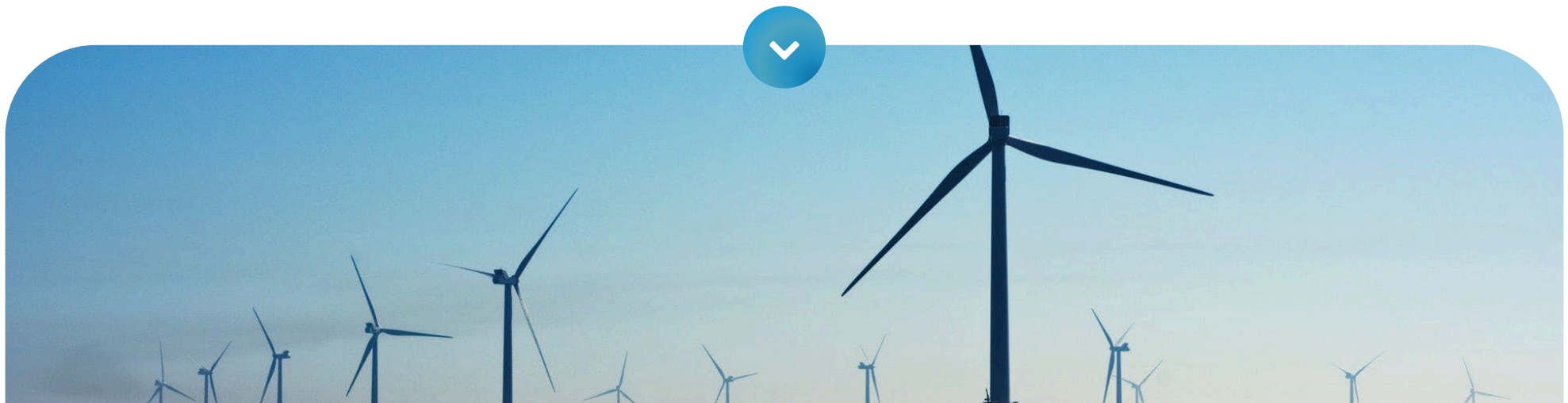
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Implementation

Implementation will be managed through key structures: a Regional Steering Committee with a Chairperson appointed by a Minister of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.
Working Groups will drive implementation at the regional level.
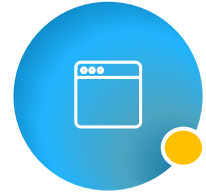
Implementation Structure

DETE REP Oversight

Overview of progress across all regions; information sharing; opportunities for inter-regional collaboration.

Chair and Steering Committee

Guidance on strategic direction; support the formation of working groups; review and sign off (through the Chair) Progress Reports - at least 2x SC meetings per annum.

Programme Manager and Working Groups

PM: Overall day to day management of the REP implementation and delivery. WG: Driving delivery of specific objectives/actions; reporting back to PM and SC.

WREP Working Groups

WG1

SO1 Talent Retention, Remote Working, Connected Hubs & Skills Development

WG2

SO1 Ecosystem, Infrastructure, Connectivity & Equality/Diversity

WG3

SO2 Cultural & Creative Sector

WG4

SO3 Renewable Energy

WG5

SO4 Life Sciences
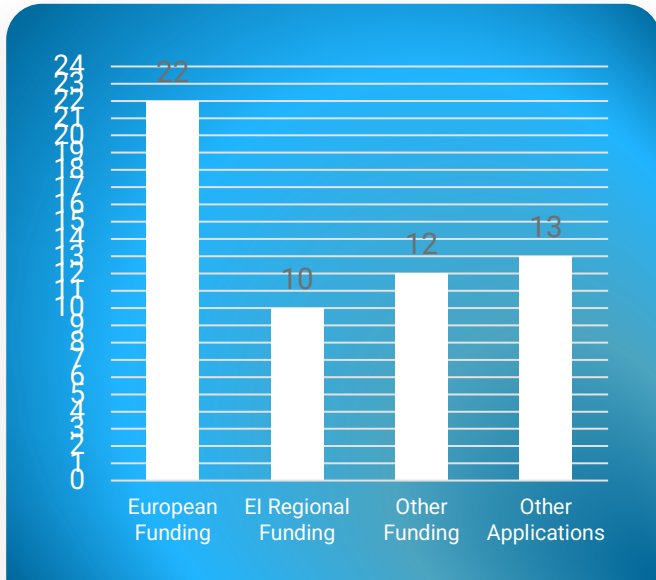
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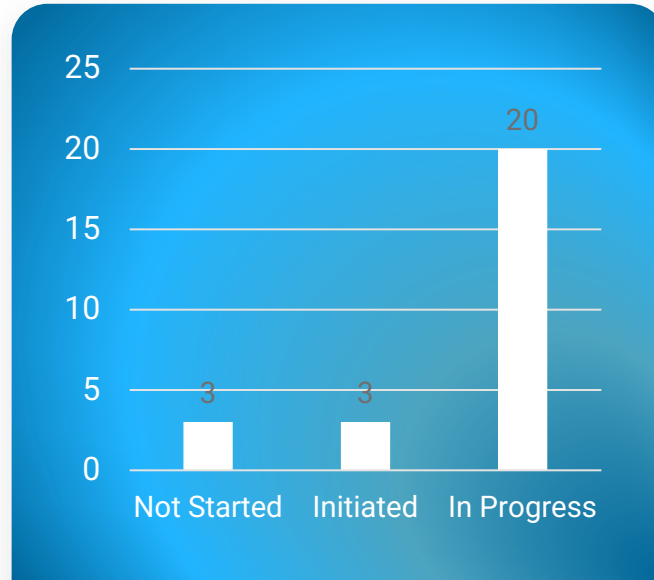
WG7

SO6 Tourism

WG8

SO7 Green & Digital Transformation

WREP Progress to Date

57 Applications Submitted
Since October 2021

Action Progress
Up to May 2022

Summary

Work has commenced on multiple actions, motivated by availability of specific funding opportunities that tied in closely with the strategic objectives and individual actions. Main objective of these early interventions was to create financial and other resource to underpin the implementation of actions.

26 projects and initiatives were underway in June 2022, now growing to 57 in June 2023. Galway City is a direct partner or stakeholder in roughly 50% of those.

Enterprise Support Infrastructure & Strategic Devt Sites

REISS Application Life Sciences Hub (Successful)

Scaling Capital

Interreg Europe UnicornQuest (under evaluation)

People & Skills

SOLAS Innovation Fund (Successful)

Grow Remote, Connected Hubs & Talent Retention

Remote Work Vouchers (ongoing-national) EU funding (submission)

Connectivity

REISS IWAK Enterprise Zone (successful- feasibility) Mtg COMPOWER ESF (not funded)

Equality & Diversity

OECD Policy Tool (TBA)

Strategic Objective 01

Advance the development of the Regional Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem

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

Strategic Objective 02

Scaling of Infrastructure & Supports

RRDF An Bealach (submission in preparation)
Horizon Europe EIE SPECTRA (successful - GA)
CEED (launched)

Clustering & Development VR/AR/XR

4 x Creative Ireland LA Economic Fund – Design (successful - ongoing)
TIDE & Wild Galway Immersive Games Initiative (successful - ongoing), follow on funding for Immersive Tech + TIDE
SOLAS Innovation Fund (successful)

HEI-Industry Collaboration & IP Frameworks

Shared-Island Fund x 2 (successful Galway City led, CREW, Galway Culture Company)

EIT KIC CCSI – ICE (successful)

Interreg Europe VIADUCT (successful)

EKIP Policy Lab (successful)

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

Strategic Objective 03

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Supply Chain animation & development

SOLAS Innovation Fund (successful)
RETS Feasibility (completed)
T-Shore Erasmus+ skills focus (successful)

S3 based on local assets & strengths

RETS Feasibility (see previous)
REISS Feasibility H2 (successful)
Hydrogen Study Visit
HORIZON JU Innovation Actions (successful)

Taskforce for Key Enablers incl. infrastructure

RETS Feasibility (see previous)

Strategic Objective 04

Drive the Global Competitiveness of the Life Sciences sector underpinned by an expanded regional footprint and coordination

Strategic Coordination

REISS Priming/Scoping Western Life Sciences Hub (see previous SO1)

Scaling of Support Regionally

RETS Feasibility Study (delivery phase - tender) ATU Mayo iHub-lead
REISS Priming/Scoping (see previous)

Strategic Objective 05

Grow the AgTech and Food sector in the West, underpinned by an integrated innovation network, facilitating the transition towards a sustainable Bioeconomy

Utilising the BIA Innovator Campus as a central engine for development of Agri-food and Ag-Tech, develop an integrated regional platform for innovation in conjunction with national and regional partners, ensuring proactive, joined-up approaches to identify and address ecosystem needs.

Expand the innovation, educational and entrepreneurial opportunities for AgTech.

Further the development of enterprise and innovation in the Blue Bioeconomy

BIA REISS Funding (successful)

BIA Shared Island funding (successful)

SFI BioORBIC ATU (successful)

7 Erasmus+ EU Projects BIA Innovator (successful)

Series of Workshops/Joint Research activities Nua na Mara

Nature Positive EU proposal (submitted)

Strategic Objective 06 ....

Expand prospects for sustainable entrepreneurship, employment and upskilling in Tourism

Develop a pilot accelerator programme focused on experience economy and build out integrated, networked approaches for smarter, greener, connected and a more sustainable tourism offering. (EU Funding proposal, successful).

Strategic Objective 07

Facilitate an equitable Digital and Green Transformation in the West

Access to Advanced Digital Technologies

EDIH Data2Sustain (successful)

Interreg Europe DataPort (not funded)

Interreg Europe submission, under development

Capacity Building for Circular Economy

UoG Strategic Fund (successful)
EU Circular Economy Regions Initiative (successful)

LivingLab for Digital & Green Transformation

CHERRIES EU Project (completed)

Clare Island Digital Health (ongoing)

CivTech Alliance (ongoing)

ENoLL (ongoing)

Enterprise Decarbonising Zones

FAIR Nature Horizon Europe (evaluation – reserve list)
Mission Charter Climate Adaptation (successful)

Q&A

Contact

The Project Manager is the first port of call for any queries related to the Regional Enterprise Plan West to 2024.

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