

Responding to Recession

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Government Policy Responses

- Smart Economy Framework
- Restoring Competitiveness
- Restoring the Public Finances
- Addressing the Banking Sector

Smart Economy Framework

- Enterprise economy, promoting competitiveness
- Ideas / creative economy by establishing Ireland as an innovation hub
- Enhancing the environment, securing energy supplies and building the Green Tech sector
- Securing more efficient public services and smarter regulation

Enabling Ireland to move into sectors of higher levels of knowledge input

Rural Matters

Rural communities need sustainable:

- Income / Employment
- Population
- Services and Infrastructure

Rural Programmes across D/ Agriculture & D/ CRGA

- Direct payments - € 2bn in 2008
- € .6bn on other grants

D/CRGA (€100m)

- LEADER
- RSS
- CLÁR
- Others

Wider D/CRGA spend €360m Excluding Gaeilge/Gaeltacht/Oilean

Good Sectoral Policy

- Links with overarching National Strategy and other sectors
- Preferably addresses key National targets
- Identifies emerging opportunities wider than sectoral players agenda
- Strong in heeding heterogeneity emerging interests within the sector/s

Rural Matters

- Agri-food Production and Processing
- Energy Processing
- Creative Economy
- Rural Tourism

Environment – Natural Targets

- Electricity Targets
 - 15% - 40%
- Heat
 - 5% - 12%
- Transport
 - 4% - 10%

Of Rural Interest

- Wind
- Micro hydro
- Bio mass
- Wood

WDC Initiative

- €1m EU support for Wood Energy
 - 40% of wood resources in West
 - Farmers
 - Forestry contractors
 - Haulage

Looking Ahead

- Review of White Paper on RD
- CAP POST 2013
- Agri Vision 2020
- Interdependencies of sectoral policies
- Ongoing investment
- Sectoral alignments & reform