

Regional Industry Briefing

The Knightsbrook Hotel, Co. Meath

22nd February 2023





Agenda





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DRIVING SUSTAINABLE Recovery

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Director Regional Development





1. National Highlights – 2022

2. 2023 Outlook

3. Regional Outcomes & Perspectives – 2022 and 2023

Section 1:

2022 Review

Overseas

Domestic

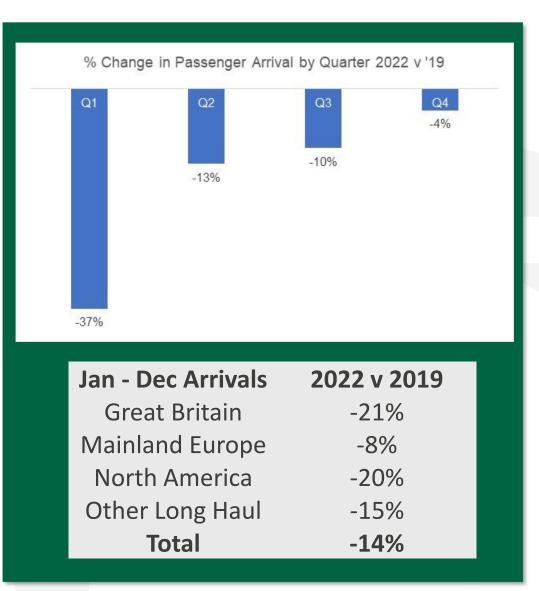




Overseas Market - Fast Recovery



- Progressive recovery in total inbound arrivals
- Continental Europe led the recovery
- Q3/4 good return of North American visitors.
- Great Britain was more challenged



Domestic Market - Strong Performance





Domestic holidays increased share of total trips by Irish residents to

51% in 2019 57% in 2022

Section 2

2023 Outlook

- Demand side opportunities
- Supply side challenges
- Sustainability targets





1. Demand Side Opportunities



Opportunities in Overseas Market: Air Access Forecast 2023

Changes in Seat Capacity	Summer 2023 vs. 2019
Great Britain	+2%
Mainland Europe	+4%
North America	-2%
Rest of World	+8%
All Markets	+3%

1. Demand Side Opportunities



Positive Domestic 2023 Outlook

- Consideration for taking a domestic trip in 2023 is 82% on par with 2019
- 23% intend to take a break in the next 3 months
- Visitor satisfaction high at 79%
- Value for money critical for domestic

Supply Side Challenges







Supply Side Challenges



- 1. Rising Operating Costs
- 2. Accommodation Capacity
- 3. Staffing
- 4. Car Hire
- 5. Value for Money

Pressure on margins
 Price pressure/lost business
 Pressure to maintain standards
 Regional mobility impacted
 Long-term reputational risk

Government Contracts





Combined IP and BOTP contracted beds in all Fáilte Ireland registered accommodation

The graphic below details the percentage of IP and BOTP contracted beds in Fáilte Ireland registered accommodation. For comparison purposes, the relative positions this month and last month are as follows:

Total average contracted beds across all counties: 26.05% (25.19 % in December)

Total average contracted beds across all counties excluding Dublin: 31.57% (30.12 % in December)

average contracted beds across all cou					
				ed Accommodation	
Counties	Registered Beds Overall (Contracted Beds Overall %	of Contracted Beds		
Leitrim	794	650	81.86%		
Longford	312	202	64,74%		355
Donegal	9,009	4,511	50.07%	Done	gal: 50.07%
Meath	3,577	1,635	45.71%	and the second	
Cavan	2,543	1,069	42.04%		
Sligo	3,653	1,521	41,64%	and the second se	2
Clare	8,435	3,323	39.40%	Leitrim	
Monaghan	1,155	431	37.32%	Silgo: 41.64%	Monaghan: 37.32%
Louth	2,153	801	37.20%	12	Cavan: 42.04%
Кепу	18,433	6,780	36.78%	Mayo: 35.04% Roscommon:	Louth: 37.2%
Мауо	7,537	2,641	35.04%	Roscommon:	Longford: 64.74%
Westmeath	2,758	935	33.90%		Meath: 45.71%
Offaly	1,031	319	30.94%		Westmeath: 33.90%
Wexford	4,995	1,544	30.91%	Galway: 21.04%	Dublin: 13.69% Offaly: 30.94% Kildare: 9.78%
Tipperary	2,594	769	29.65%		Kildare: 9.78%
Carlow	1,687	472	27.98%		Laois: 26.86% Wicklow: 24.36%
Laois	1,508	405	25.86%		
Roscommon	894	231	25.84%	Clare: 39.4%	Carlow: 27.98%
Cork	15,223	3,903	25.64%		Kilkenny: 18.7%
Wicklow	4,159	1,013	24.36%	Limerick: 22.08%	Tipperary: 29.65%
Limerick	6,009	1,327	22.08%		Wexford: 30.91%
Galway	14,593	3,071	21.04%		Waterford: 17.31%
Kilkenny	3,958	740	18.70%	Kerry: 36.78%	
Waterford	4,216	730	17.3196	Cork: 25.64%	
County Dublin, Ireland	55,763	7,635	13.69%		
Kildare	3,425	335	9.78%		
Total Average Contracted beds across all counties	180,414	46,993	26.05%		
Total Average Contracted beds across all counties Excluding	g Du 124,651	39,358	31.57%		



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige | Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

Sustainability Targets











Government Commitment to carbon neutrality no later than 2050

Sector target is a 35% reduction in emissions by 2030

Collective effort from every business and stakeholder

Section 3

A Closer Look At Regional Performance









Visitor: Destination Attitude Survey

Industry: Barometer, Occupancy and Rate

Community: Tourism Approval Rating

Environment: SEA/Environmental Monitoring

VISITOR

Destination Attitude Survey







Visitor Destination Attitudes Survey



- 8,283 interviews across 56 locations between July and September 2022
- Visitor satisfaction is exceptionally high, indicating experiences are delivering against expectations.





- IAE is a consistently strong performer with overall satisfaction and VFM in line with the strong national performance.
- Some DEDPs could benefit from improvements to functional elements of the visitor experience, but the scale of actions are more incremental as opposed to mitigating poor perceptions.
- Significant daytripping behaviour into the DEDPs, from both domestic and overseas visitors, suggests accommodation hubs outside of areas and a concentration in specific locations.



INDUSTRY

Industry Sentiment







Plenty of Optimism





Occupancy and Rates

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Fáilte Ireland Hotel Performance Year to Date December 2022



	Occupancy		Occupancy Average Daily Rate		RevPAR				
	2022	2019	Variance 2022 vs 2019	2022	2019	Variance 2022 vs 2019	2022	2019	Variance 2022 vs 2019
National	73	77	-4 ppts	160	128	25%	117	98	19%
Meath**	61	68	-7 ppts	133	98	36%	82	67	22%

**Minimum sample size

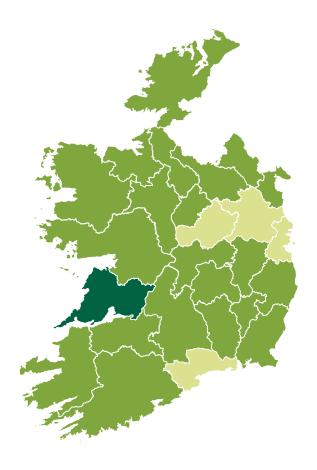
COMMUNITY

Tourism Approval Rating



International Tourism

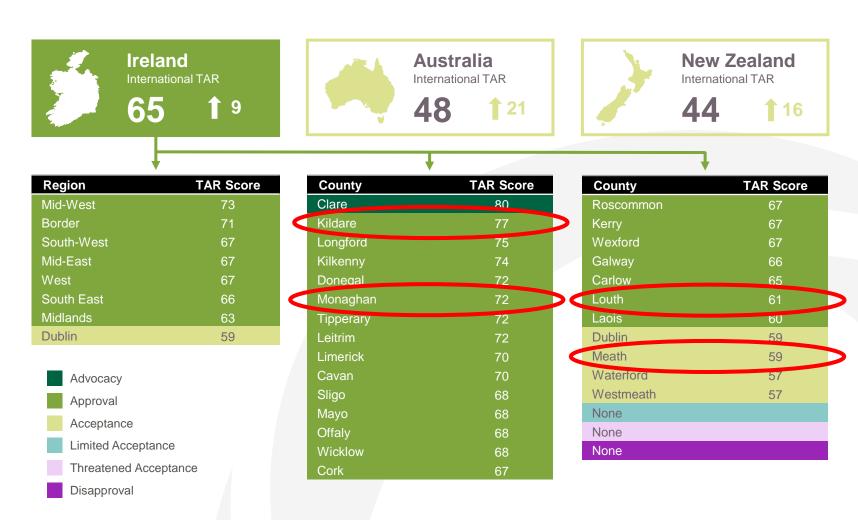




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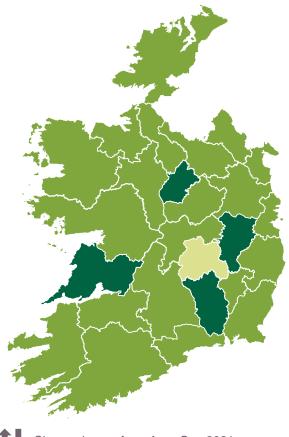
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Domestic Tourism





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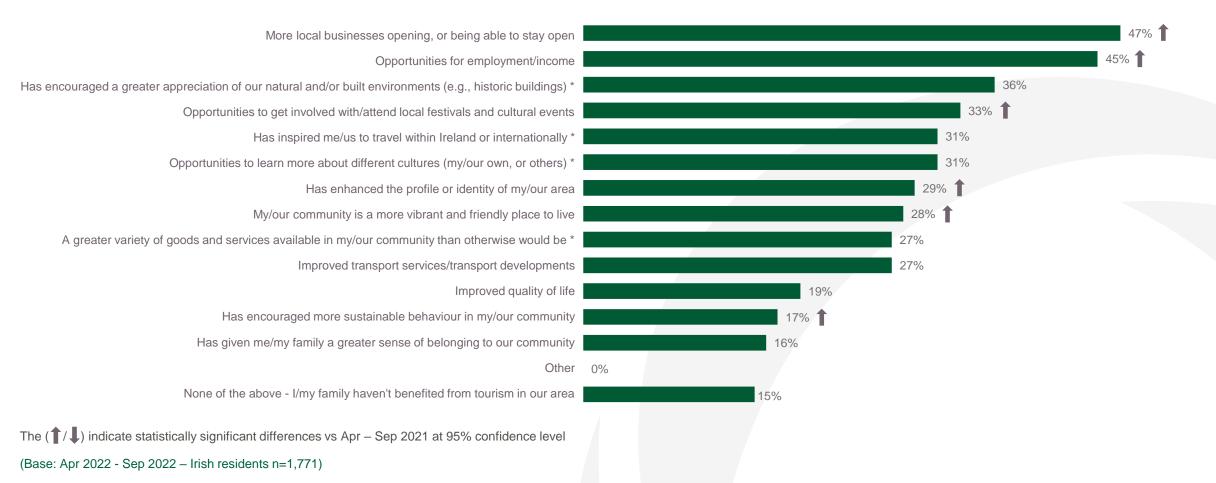
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Ireland Domestic TAR			Australia Domestic TAR		New Zealand Domestic TAR		
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Region	TAR Score	County	TAR Score	County	TAR Score		
/lid-West	76	Longford	83	Sligo	70		
Border	73	Kilkenny	81	Offaly	70		
/lid-East	72	Clare	81	Galway	68		
South-West	71	Kildare	80	Waterford	67		
Vest	70	Leitrim	78	Carlow	67		
South East	69	Tipperary	75	Louth	67		
/lidlands	67	Donegal	74	Meath	67		
Jublin	64	Limerick	74	Westmeath	67		
		Мауо	74	Wexford	65		
Advocacy		Kerry	73	Dublin	64		
Approval		Roscommon	73	Laois	58		
		Cavan	73	None			
Acceptance		Wicklow	72	None			
Limited Acceptance		Monaghan	71	None			
Threatened Acceptance	•	Cork	/1				
Disapproval				-			

Benefits from tourism activity in local area





* Answer added in Q4 2021 - significant difference test not possible

Ensuring tourism benefits Irish communities



What more, if anything, do you think could be done to ensure tourism benefits communities in Ireland?

	Growing Tourism	35%
	Increase promotion of individual Irish counties	13%
	Create new attractions and activities	8%
	Greater investment/funding for county development	7%
	More events and festivals	4%

	Community Focused	35%
	Reduce costs of living (including domestic travel)	15%
	Increase provision of local facilities	7%
	Community beautification	5%
	Greater celebration of Irish culture, language and heritage	3%
	Encouraging residents (and tourists) to support local	3%

	Infrastructure	23%
	More public transport	9%
Â	Infrastructure development (generally)	7%
	Better overall transport solutions	5%
	More roading	3%



Managing Tourism	7%
Public consultation and collaboration	3%

Tourism Accommodation	11%
Cheaper accommodation options	8%
More/greater diversity of accommodation options	4%

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Sustainability







- Environmental Monitoring Plan all regions
- SEAs Regional Strategies & DEDPs
- Reducing Businesses' Carbon Footprint
 - Climate Action Roadmap
 - Business Capability Toolkits
 - Carbon Calculator

Industry Recovery Strategy





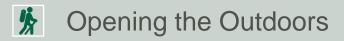
7 Areas of Transformational Change



Sustainable Business Recovery

WW Supporting Tourism Careers

Accelerate Domestic Tourism



Industry Digitalisation

Destination Development and Distribution



Fáilte Ireland

Brian O'Flynn Regional Development



IAE RTDS 5 Strategic Objectives



Motivate the domestic and international consumer to visit Ireland's Ancient East.



Provide the visitor with more reasons to stay, increasing the economic impact of tourism in Ireland's Ancient East.



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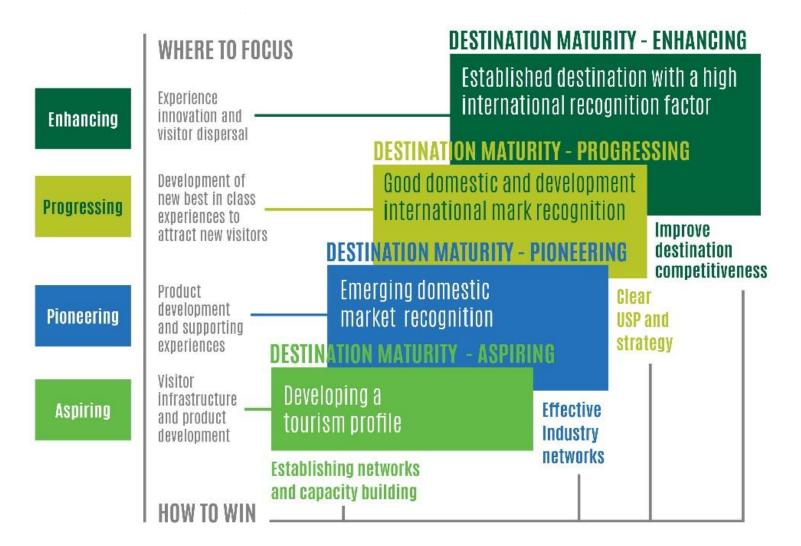


Enable and assist the industry to grow its capacity and capability to ensure that it can thrive and create sustainable jobs in local communities.



Build committed stakeholder and industry partnerships to guide sustainable destination development. **Destination Development Framework**







- 5 year sustainable tourism development plan aligning all stakeholders
- Focus on the strengths of the area
- Identify projects that will make a difference
- Maximise their opportunity for success
- Motivate visitors to visit, stay and spend
- Extend the season
- Disperse visitors across the destination
- Generate economic return for the area



DESTINATION PROPOSITION



VISITOR



PRODUCT

INVESTMENT

VISION



STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT



EVENING ECONOMY



COMMUNITY



SAFETY



ACCOMMODATION



BUSINESS TOURISM FACILITIES



DISTINCTIVE DESTINATIONS





FOOD & DRINK



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



RETAIL



VISITOR INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES



FESTIVALS & EVENTS



ACCESS FOR ALL



MANAGED PUBLIC REALM



ACCESS & TRANSPORT





SIGNAGE & ORIENTATION



SUSTAINED SALES & MARKETING



Ancient DEDP (Meath & Louth)

Launched 2021





What the Plan addresses...

2



4

Visitor orientation & dispersion

1

- Boyne Valley Drive
- Cooley
- Food Trails

Heritage Proposition

- Leverage
 UNESCO
- Brand consistency
- Immersive
 Experiences
- Púca Festival

Industry Collaboration

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- Cross Selling
- Improved Distribution

Outdoor Proposition

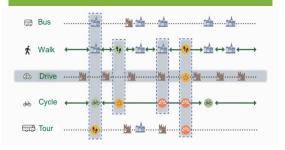
- Protect and sustain environment
- Develop activity base



Priority Projects 2023

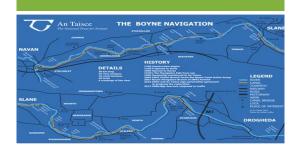


Re-imagining the Boyne Valley Drive



- Develop Interpretation
- Standardise Branding
- Digital orientation
- Drogheda Gateway
- 5 Industry clusters

Boyne Navigation & Greenway



- Preferred Greenway route
- Slane Estate Masterplan
- Trim Blueway activation
- Completion of Navan to Kingscourt Greenway

Carlingford Vision '31



- Development & Orientation Plan
- Táin Trail review

- Ravensdale Masterplan
- Omeath Greenway
 extension

Boyne Valley 5000 years of Food Experiences



- Culinary centre of Excellence action plan
- SeaLouth Seafood trail development plan
- Develop Food Experiences







Private Sector Partnership

Púca





+320 million

Media Reach

34 million

US Broadcast

39

International Media

International Buyers

11

90% Reduction in CO2 emissions per day



Thoroughbred Country (Kildare & Tipperary)

Launched 2022





Thoroughbred Country - What's the strategic intent...



Provide Provide a <u>tactical plan</u> to address the strategic challenge of harnessing the visitor flow	Address Address the <u>Green Haze</u> - lack of identity beyond Dublin	Tap Tap into the emerging potential for Ireland to deliver unrivalled <u>Luxury experiences</u>
 Rebalance The <u>distribution</u> of international visitor revenues 23% of visitors 11% of revenue 	Connect <u>Connect</u> Irelands World Class reputation in the Thoroughbred Industry to tourism	Improve Improve visitors' ability to consume the region – development of the Internationa <u>Thoroughbred Trail</u>

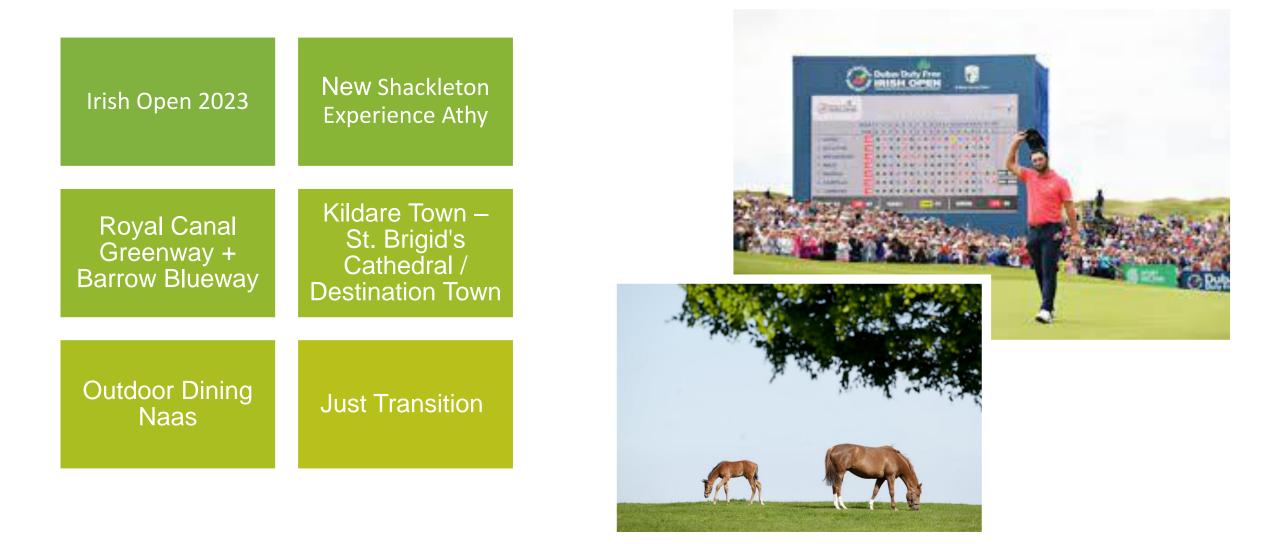
Thoroughbred Country



DEDP					
Destination Development (Supply)	Thoroughbred Trail (Enablers)	Thoroughbred Country Entity (Demand)			
Digital – websites and distribution New Saleable Experiences Capability and Capacity Building	Design of trail Visitor facing trail/ infrastructure Industry Clusters	Member based Trade shows Bespoke tour management Marketing			

Other Kildare Projects 2023







Monaghan





What the Plan addresses...



Visitor orientation & dispersion

- Dublin / Belfast Access
- North / South partnerships

Industry Collaboration

2

- Hub focus
- Cross Selling
- Improved Distribution
- New Experiences

Outdoor Proposition

- Protect and sustain environment
- Untouched landscape

3

Priority Projects 2023



Progress visitor proposition for Glaslough	Develop & activate Industry Clusters	Feasibility Study for Muckno Estate	WELCOME TO Kavanagh COUNTRY
Progress Slieve Beagh	Completion of	Align Peace Campus	COUNTRY
Eco Tourism	Monaghan	Project with Product	e Baller
Destination (Shared	Destination Town	& Cluster	
Island Application)	Outdoor Event Space	Experiences	



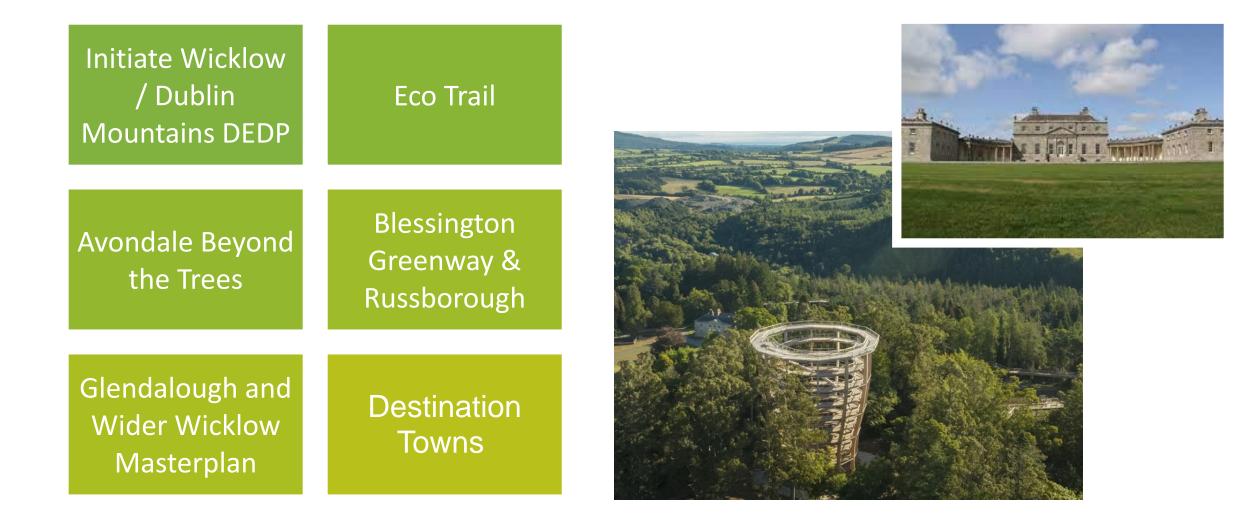
Wicklow





Wicklow Projects 2023





Glendalough and Wider Wicklow Masterplan



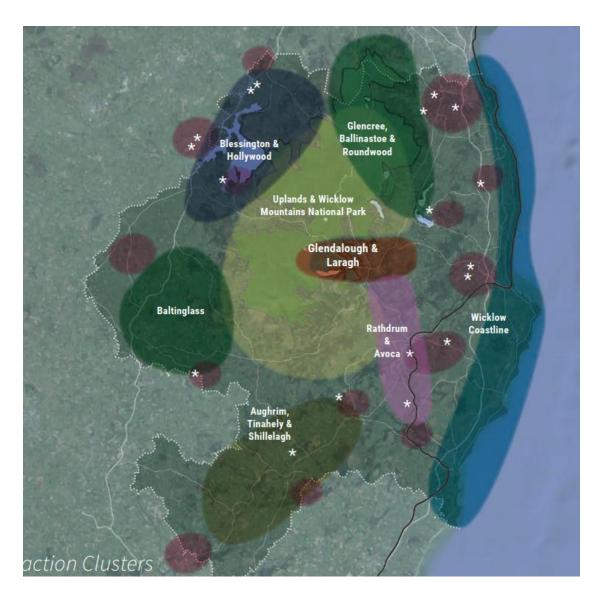
What is your experience of Glendalough?

trails Hiking MONASTIC Archaeology Biodiversity PEACEFUL History WILDERNESS

TRAFFICTouristsOver-SaturatedLOCAL FOODOvercrowdedovercrowdedLitterSecurityCongestiontoilets

Aims of the Plan:

- 1. Enhance the natural, built and cultural heritage
- 2. **Disperse** the benefits and impacts of tourism
- 3. Improve the visitor experience



Enterprise Supports







2022 Supports



469 Businesses

1,114 Employees

from *Ireland's Ancient East* businesses attended Fáilte Ireland training events in 2022

Most popular Programme Areas:

 Energy Management Climate Action Supports

- Saleable Experience Development
- Digital
- Sales & Marketing

96% noting better business decisions as a result

2023 Challenges









Employer Excellence Programme







Employer Excellence To Date in Numbers



170

Businesses registered to date

2,100

People Managers completing the Fundamentals of People Management Learning 20,000

Tourism and Hospitality employees positively impacted by the Employer Excellence Programme

EMPLOYER EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

MPLOY

Targeted support for businesses to drive implementation of action plans



Comprehensive Communications Campaign raising awareness and encouraging participation

Host Employer Excellence Gala Awards Event April 2023

Launch Micro Programme for businesses with fewer than 20 employees



Roll Out Employer Excellence Certification to participating businesses





Fáilte Ireland new Online Learning Platform





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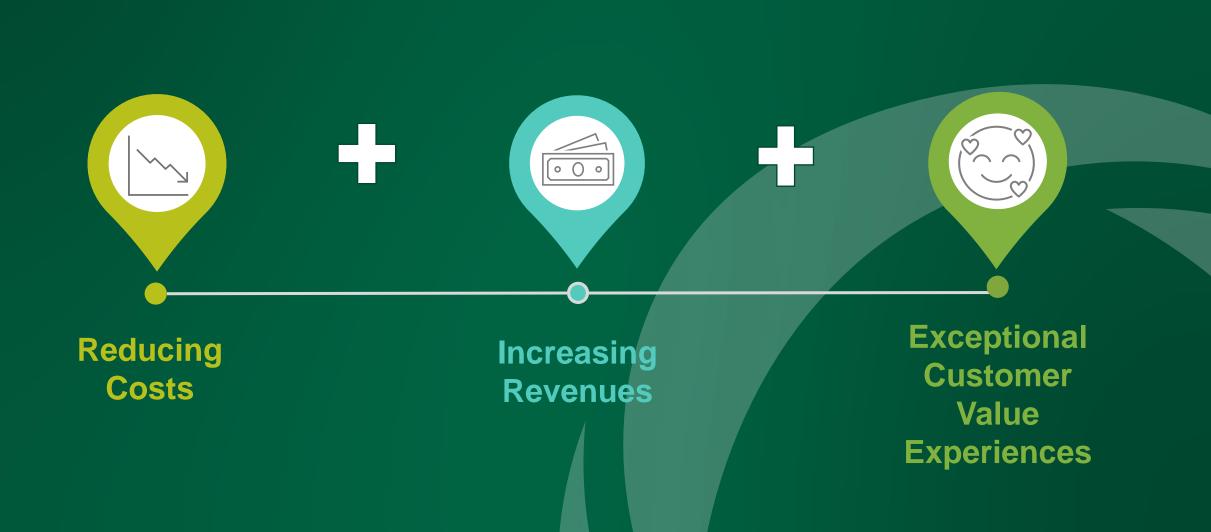
150+ Modules available Accessible anytime, anywhere and on any device





Competitiveness





2023 Strategic Priorities





Cost Reduction and business efficiencies

- To reduce Costs
- To drive Efficiencies
- To deliver VFM and great customer experiences



Digitalisation

- Increase customer reach and engagement
- Drive sales & spend online using web, social & connected distribution
- Data analytics & tech adaptations for big impact with small investment



Climate Action

- Measuring your carbon Footprint
- Practical supports to develop and implement your action plan
- Supported by case studies and expert guides

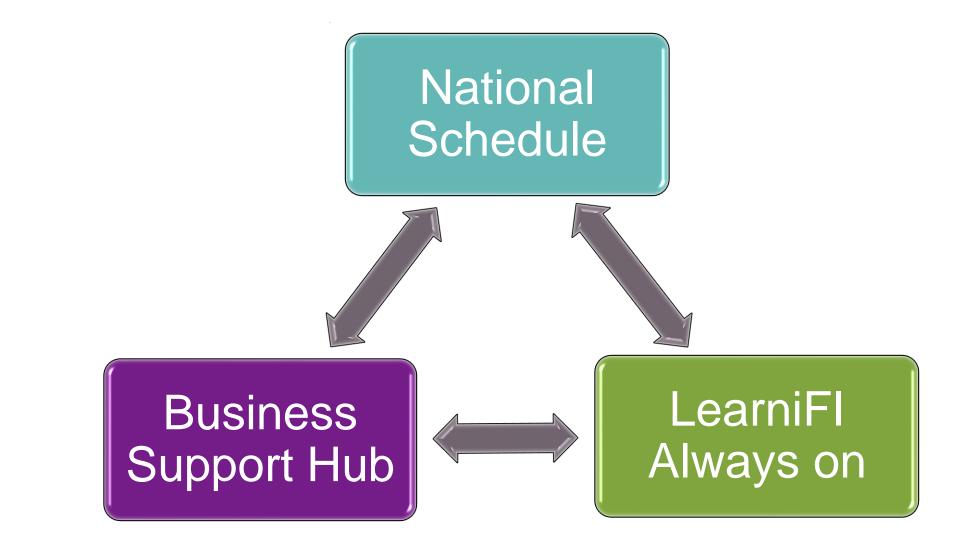
National Schedule & Support Hub





Engaging with Supports





1. Sign up to the Climate Actions and Excellent Employer Programme

- 2. Engage with supports to drive your business growth
 - Speak to your local contact for further information on the programmes available to support your business in 2023
 - Engage with Fáilte Ireland's National Calendar of supports and the Business Support Hub
- Encourage your staff to upskill and engage with the New learniFI always on learning to support your teams (Launching March)







Emma Woods Head of Marketing Communications Marketing Overview

Ireland's Ancient East Louth, Monaghan, Meath, Kildare <u>& Wicklow</u>





Communications Journey



CATEGORY BUILDING	THINK ABOUT GOING Making Ireland salient in the minds of the domestic audience Role: Inspiration
REGIONAL EXPERIENCE BRANDS	WHY SHOULD I GO (REASONS TO BELIEVE) Keep Discovering starts the story. It establishes Ireland and its regions in the minds of consumers. Role: Inspiration & Consideration
DESTINATIONS, OCCASIONS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS	WHERE SHOULD I GO & WHY GO NOW The creative builds the Keep Discovering story highlighting places to go and significant reasons to travel now. County creative completes the story. It moves consumers to a specific location providing the final pull to encourage that

short break. Role: Conversion





INTEGRATION



SPONSORSHIP



AUDIO



PRINT



PUBLISHER PARTNERSHIPS

HIGH REACH, HIGH FREQUENCY MULTI-CHANNEL CAMPAIGN



SUPPORTED BY BUSINESS & MARKETING TOOLKIT

Inspiring the nation through TV

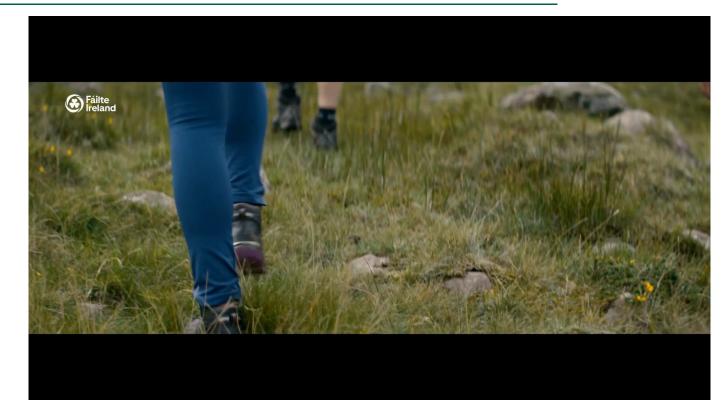


National TV across ROI & NI

> Reaching 55% of adults weekly



Building salience through Ireland's largest Fáilte Fáilte broadcast sponsorship



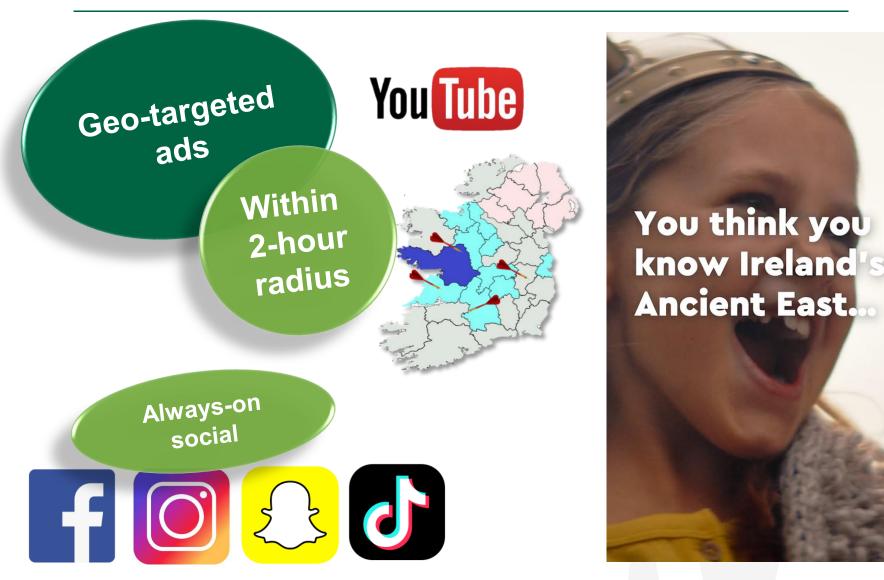


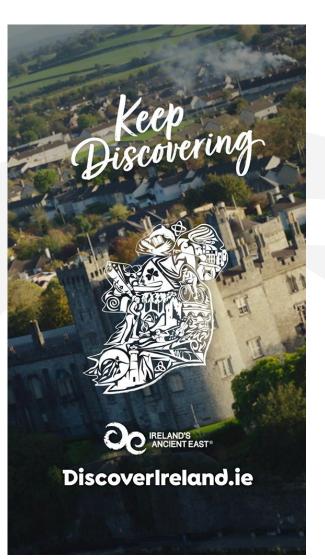
Driving national reach via audio & press Failte



IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST® Wander Through Time

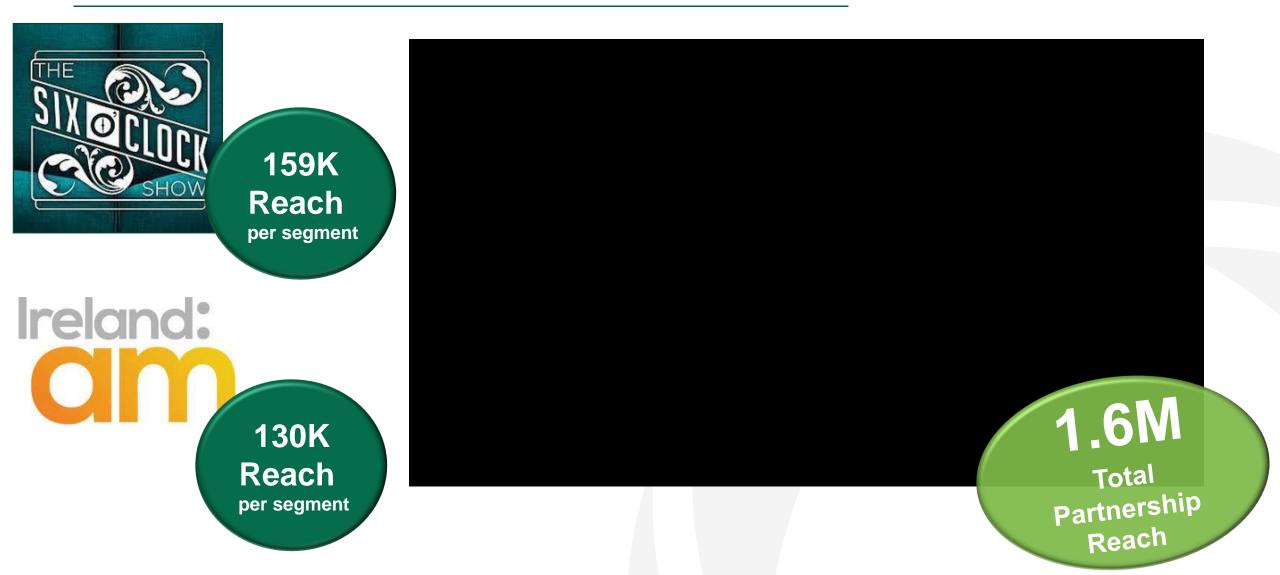






Showcasing experiences via TV Partnerships...



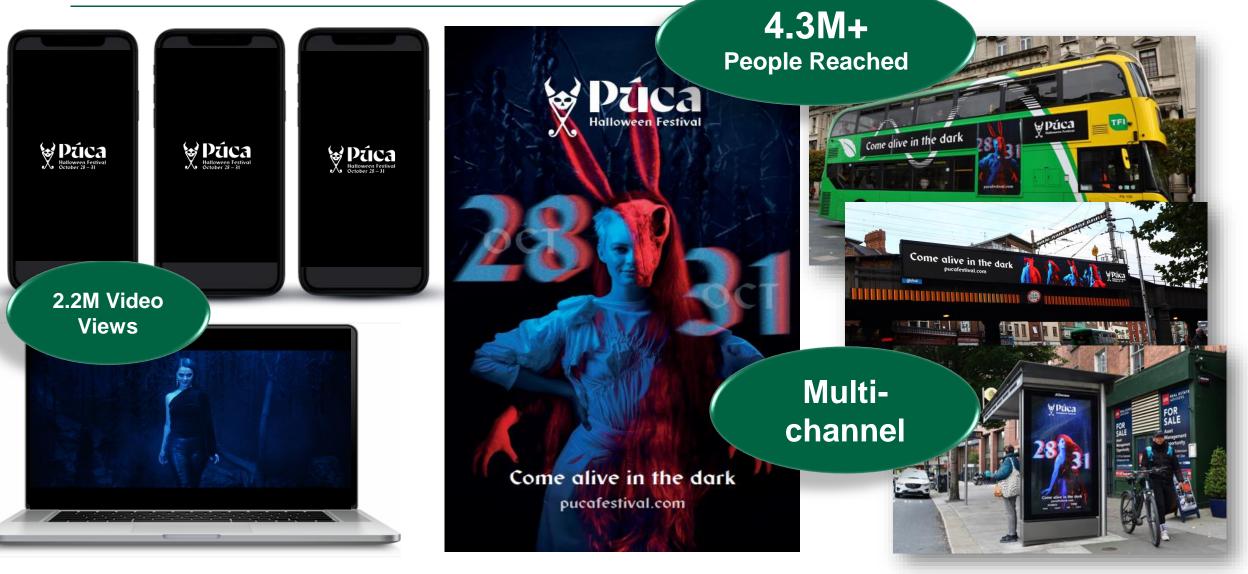




Extending an invitation to "Come Alive in the Dark" at Púca Festival







Building positive word-of-mouth through PR



Press Reach 16M +

Kildare is a lucky find for every kind of tourist



Glorious greenways, equine heritage and peatlands makes for a charming, explorative getaway

As staycations dominated many of our holiday itineraries throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, it encouraged a lot of us to go looking for 'hidden gems' throughout the island of Ireland, and I recently found one in the shape of Co Kildare.

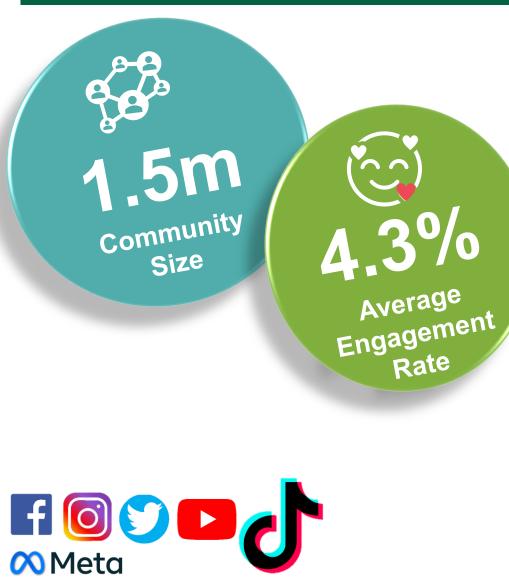
o be honest, my only knowledge of the county prior to my extended weekend stay there was the fact that it is home to Kildare Village — a luxury designer outlet complex that quite literally looks like a small town in itself — and that it used to host the popular summer music festival Oxegen, at Punchestown Racesson and the statement of the st





Showcasing the best things to Discover Ireland.ie IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST See and Do via website & email DiscoverIreland ✓ What's nearby Emails Database: 60K Open Rate: 30% Published Twice a month 564,170 Sessions 89,772 Referrals

Building communities on Social Media



Top Performing Posts The Hike Life Sunrise Series Bray Head, Wicklow Wicklow Kildare Louth Monaghan Meath Views - 8k Views - 5k Views - 10k Views - 12k Views - 10k \odot shanecrawford___ Great video 🙌 rozannapurcell 🕸 🙂 🙂 🙂 8w 1 like Reply 16w 3 likes Reply **3.2M** sheenead Looooove this!!! View replies (1) 8w 1 like Reply smoothcruzinireland Wow, we really do live in a country **Total Impressions** with spectacular scenery 🙂 9 w 1 like Reply +++



How you can get involved

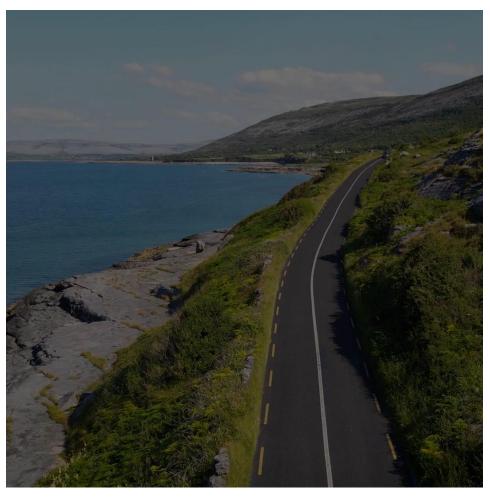




Keep Discovering Industry Toolkit







50,000 images and videos Free to use on Ireland's Content Pool









Commercial Development





Commercial Development





Leisure Tourism

- Destination Development
- B2B Routes to market
- Itinerary Development
- Buyer programming
- Golf & Luxury



Trade Team

- In Ireland Platforms Meitheal
- Buyer FAM trips
- Recruitment for overseas leisure events
- Management of trade portal



Business Tourism

- Generate Business Event Leads
- Lead conversion & distribution
- Pipeline management
- Supporting industry conversions
- Regional Convention Bureaux

Impact in 2022



Leisure Tourism

- €36.5m Incremental Revenue, In Year
- Bed nights delivered across 26 Counties
- 6,000 Overseas Golf Travel Trade Campaign With Regional Messaging



Trade Team

- 11 In Ireland Platforms providing
 12,500+ contracting opportunities
- **900+** Industry recruited for In Ireland platforms
- Recruited 670+ Industry for 80 Overseas Platforms





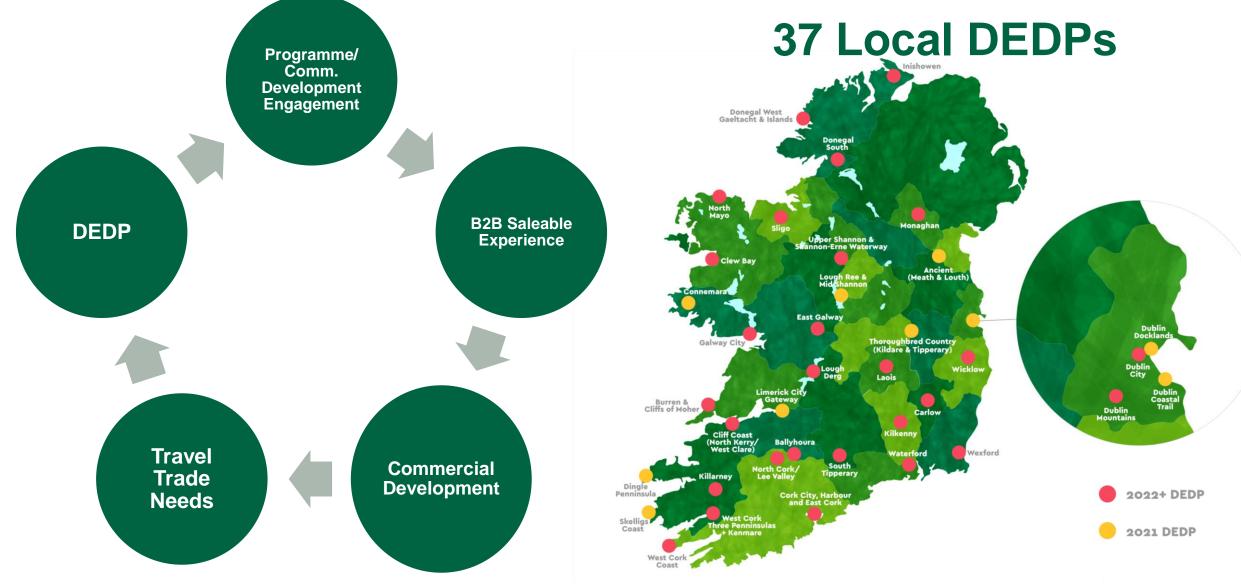
Business Tourism

- €202m of Events Took Place
- €271m of Leads Generated
- €183m of Leads Converted
- €660m of Leads Added to Pipeline



B2B Saleable Experiences





Buyer Guides and Presentations





IRELAND BUYERS GUIDE

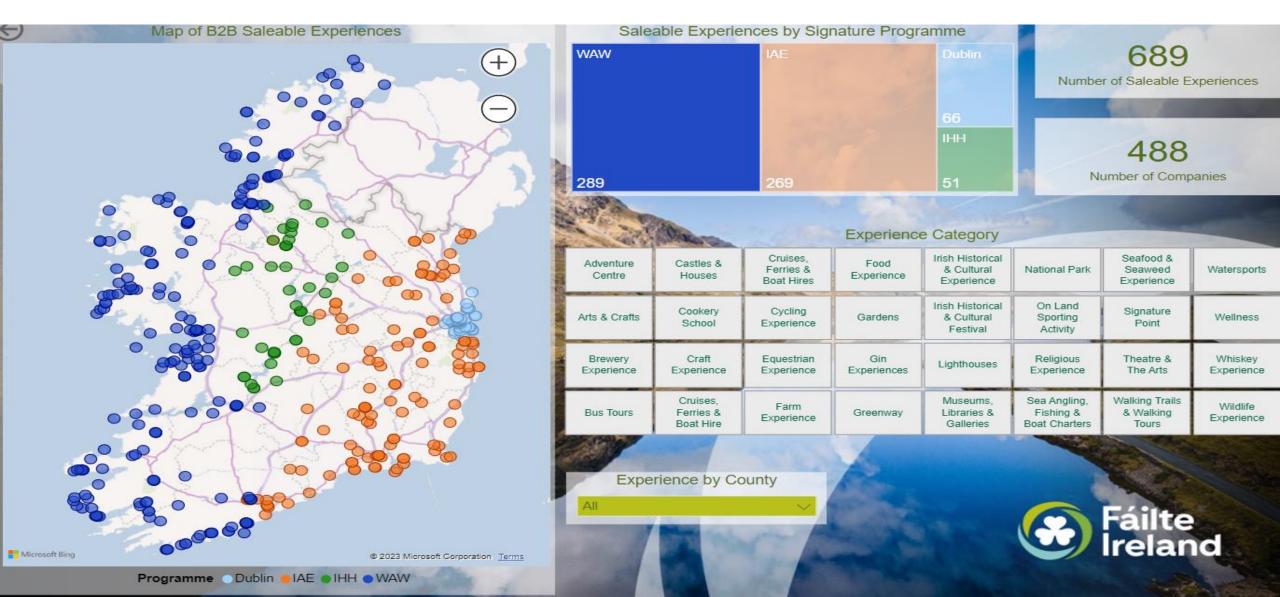




IRELAND YOUTH AND ADVENTURE BUYERS GUIDE

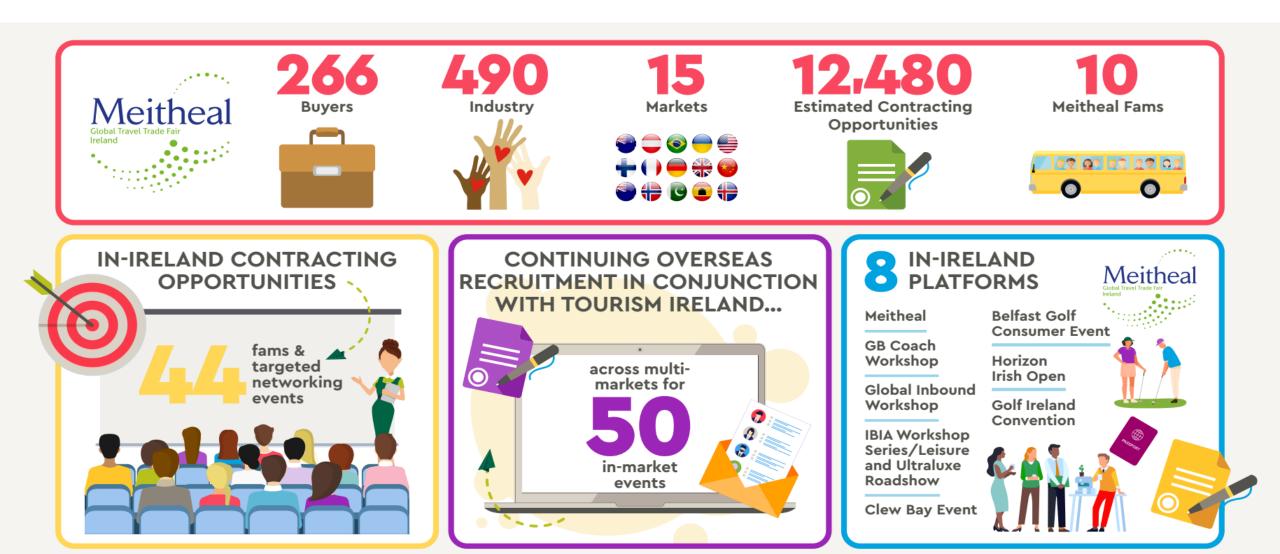
Buyer Portal





Platforms and Fam Trips





Golf, Luxury & Business Tourism











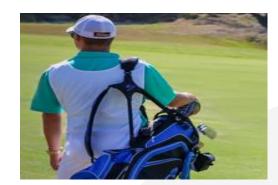




IGTOA Fam Trip



DP World Tour Events



Caddie Programme



Golf Tourism Development Strategy



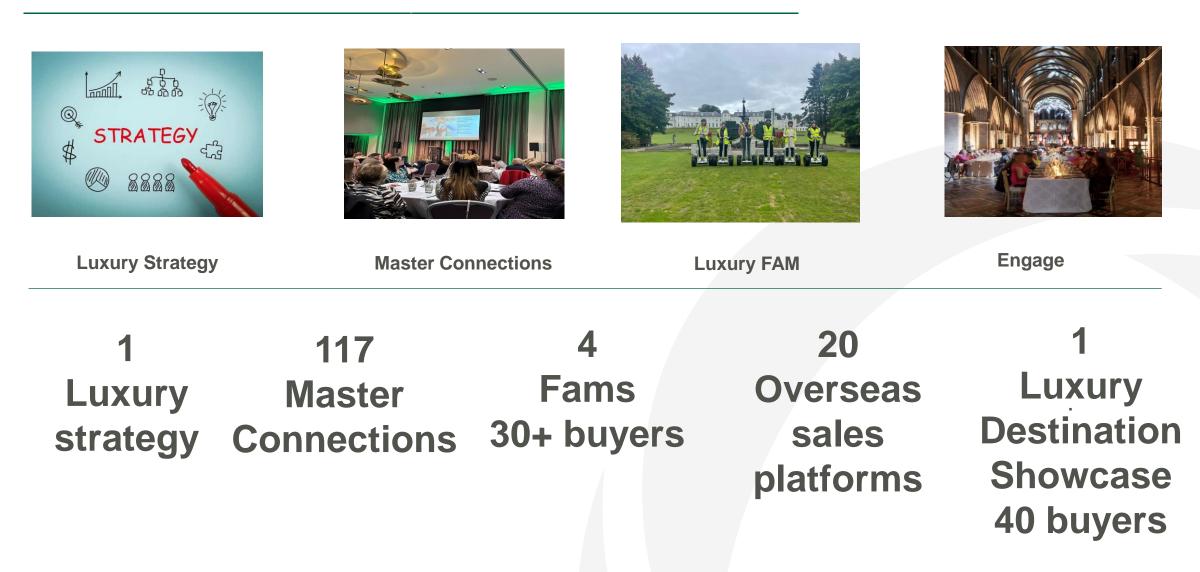
300+ Industry places will be available to participate in these platforms across 2023





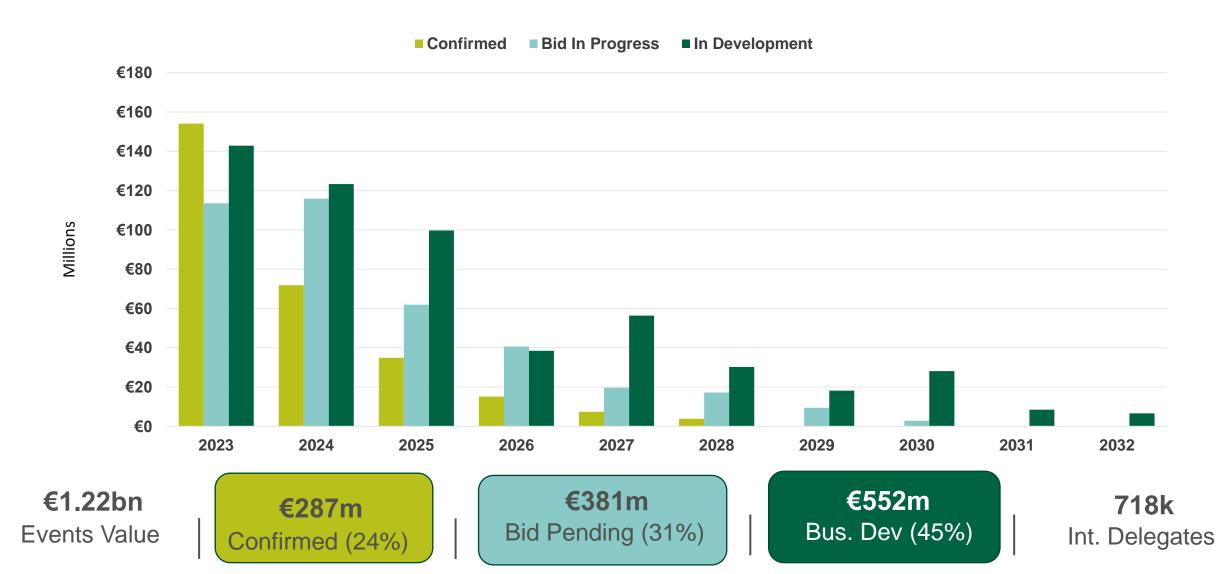






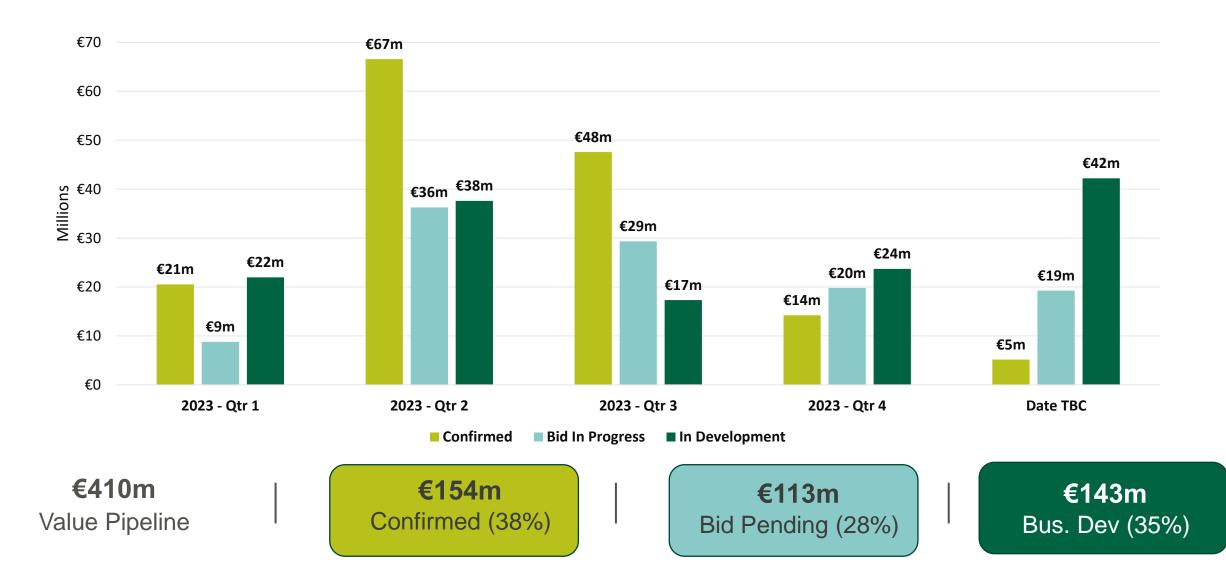
Business Events Pipeline 2023 - 2032





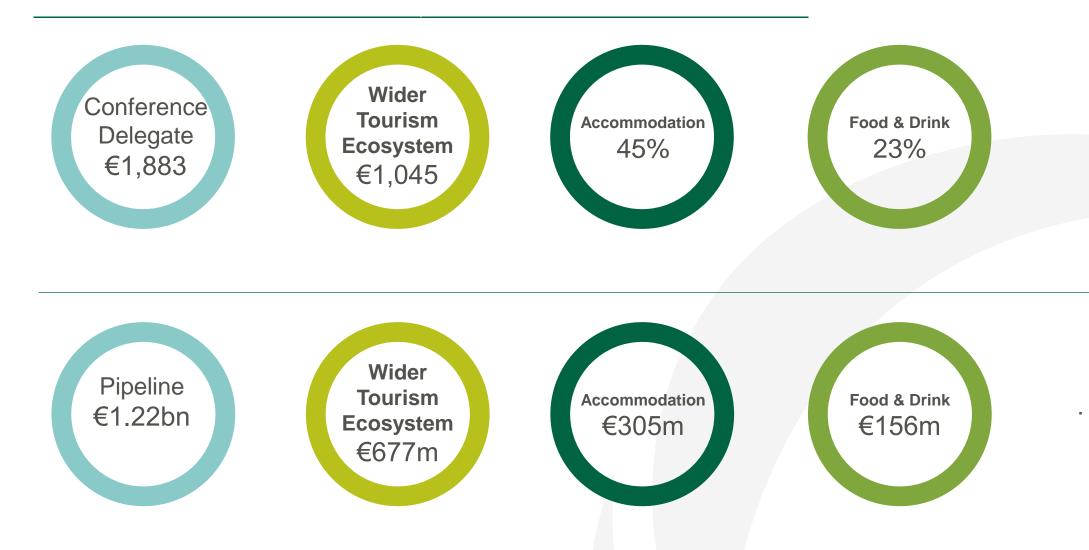
Business Events: Event Year 2023





Business Events Value





Business Events 2023 Platforms



3 Headline Events

- 80 BCD M&E
 Leadership Conference
- 30 HPN Presidents Club

- 4 Fams with 40 Buyers
- DMC & Industry FAMs
- Meet Dublin in London

2023 Priority Projects





Gala Dinner Venues Scheme



Legacy & Impact







Dublin Convention Bureau







€900m + confirmed business

589,774 international delegates

- Working with industry to generate and convert opportunities
 - Dublin specific sales generation activities
 - Membership structure

Commercial Development 2023





Leisure Tourism

- Providing distribution opportunities for saleable experiences from 37 DEDPs
- Routes to market via 96 IBIA
- Presenting B2B experiences at 48 overseas platforms
- New Golf & Luxury Strategies



Trade Team

- 8 In Ireland Platforms providing 15,500 contracting opportunities
- 900+ Industry recruited for In Ireland platforms
- 400+ to be recruited for Industry for 50 Overseas Platforms



Business Tourism

- €274m Leads Generated
- €192m Leads Converted
- €700m Added to Pipeline
- €211m of Events Taking Place
- New Business Tourism Strategy

Digital that Delivers



Scale, investment & economic impact:



Who benefits?





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