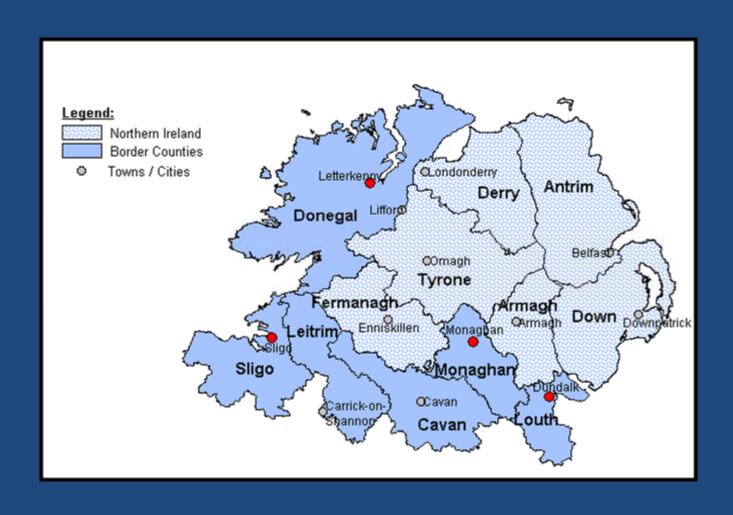




Cross-border services for citizens in the Irish Border Region

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Cross-border health services

- Pilot projects in mental health, road safety, sex offenders, foster care, health impact assessment training, diabetes care, emergency planning, 'out of hours' doctors services
- Premature babies, hernia surgery, kidney dialysis, eye care
- Short-term solutions not embedded in overall health planning
- Political context the most significant factor
- Centre for Cross Border Studies research project on 'hospital services without borders' 2009-2011

Cross-border training and planning

- 150 central and local government officials trained
- New training courses on local planning issues
- Planning responsibilities returned to local councils in Northern Ireland
- New planning legislation in Republic of Ireland
- International Centre for Local and Regional Development research projects

Cross-border citizens information

- Study of obstacles to cross-border mobility in Ireland
- Mobility information website for people crossing the border to live, work, study or retire (www.borderpeople.info)
- Information about taxes, social benefits, job seeking, educational qualifications, health, housing, banking, telecoms
- All four projects health, training, planning and information – funded by European Union through Special EU Programmes Body (N. Ireland)





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