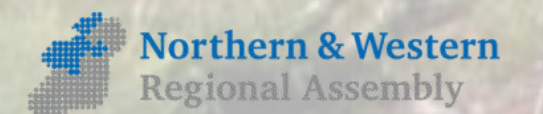


# STEPS TAKEN IN THE NORTHERN & WESTERN REGION

**OUR WAY**  
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# WHERE DID WE START FROM?

Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES)  
2020 – 2032

## STRENGTHS

- Clear structure of Greenway Priorities has emerged from RSES & County Development Plans.
- Funding in active travel has increased, with commitments to Regional Projects.
- Learning for us – Models such as the Management Consortium Model (Murcia, Espana) can deliver learnings for NWRA

## WEAKNESSES

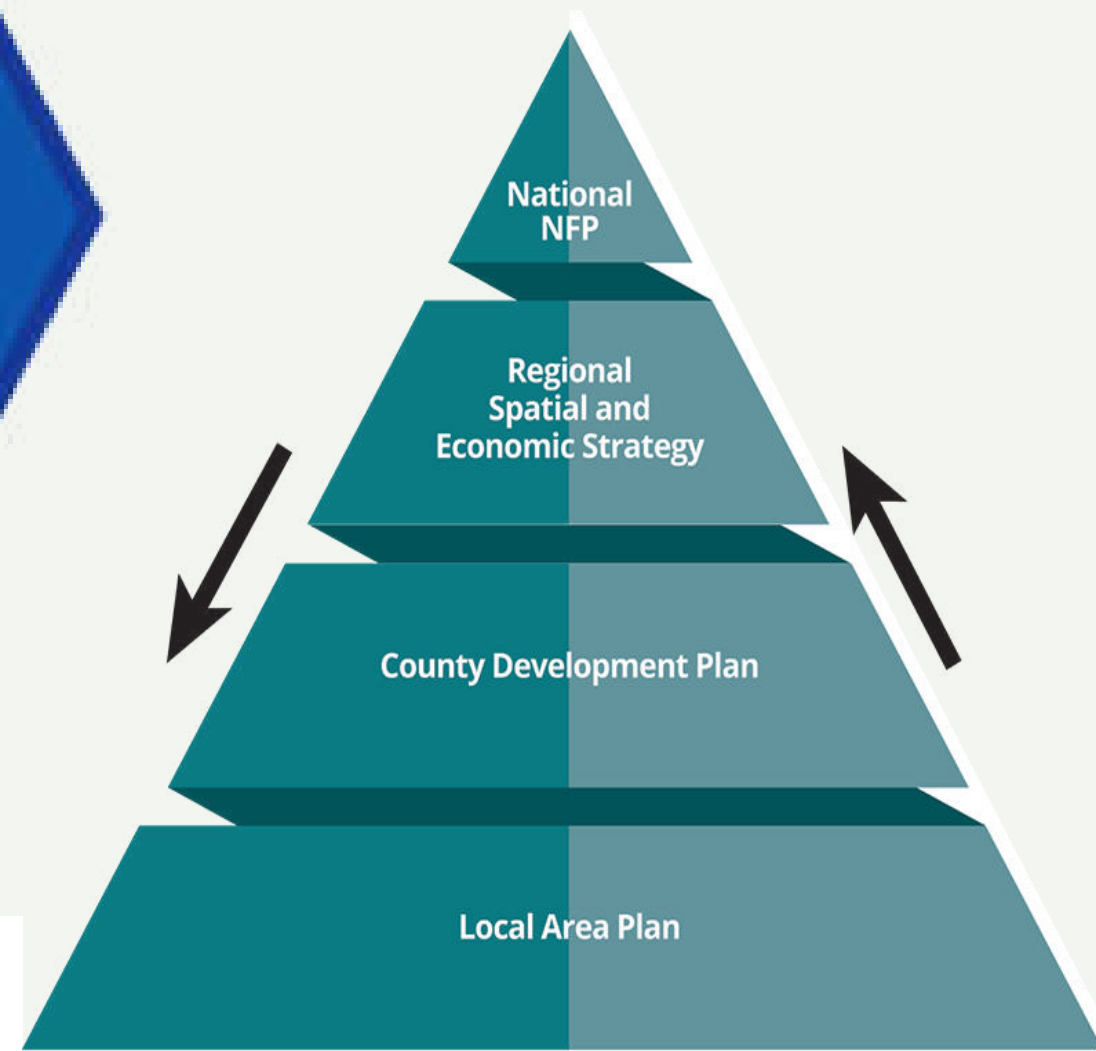
- Slow delivery on Projects – Lead in time can be 5-6 years.
- Local Authorities in Ireland can give varying degree's of priority to greenway development – Some see significant added value, and some do not.
- Stakeholders are many – Dept. of Transport, Local Authorities, Failte Ireland (Tourism), Waterways Ireland & Irish Rail & Community Groups





RSES – Growth Framework  
(2020 -2032)

### Strategic Planning Hierarchy







# 3 Main aims of NWRA – via OurWay?

## TOP 3

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**Have plans for Greenways included in County Development Plans**

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# WHAT HAVE WE DONE?



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# WHAT HAVE WE DONE?



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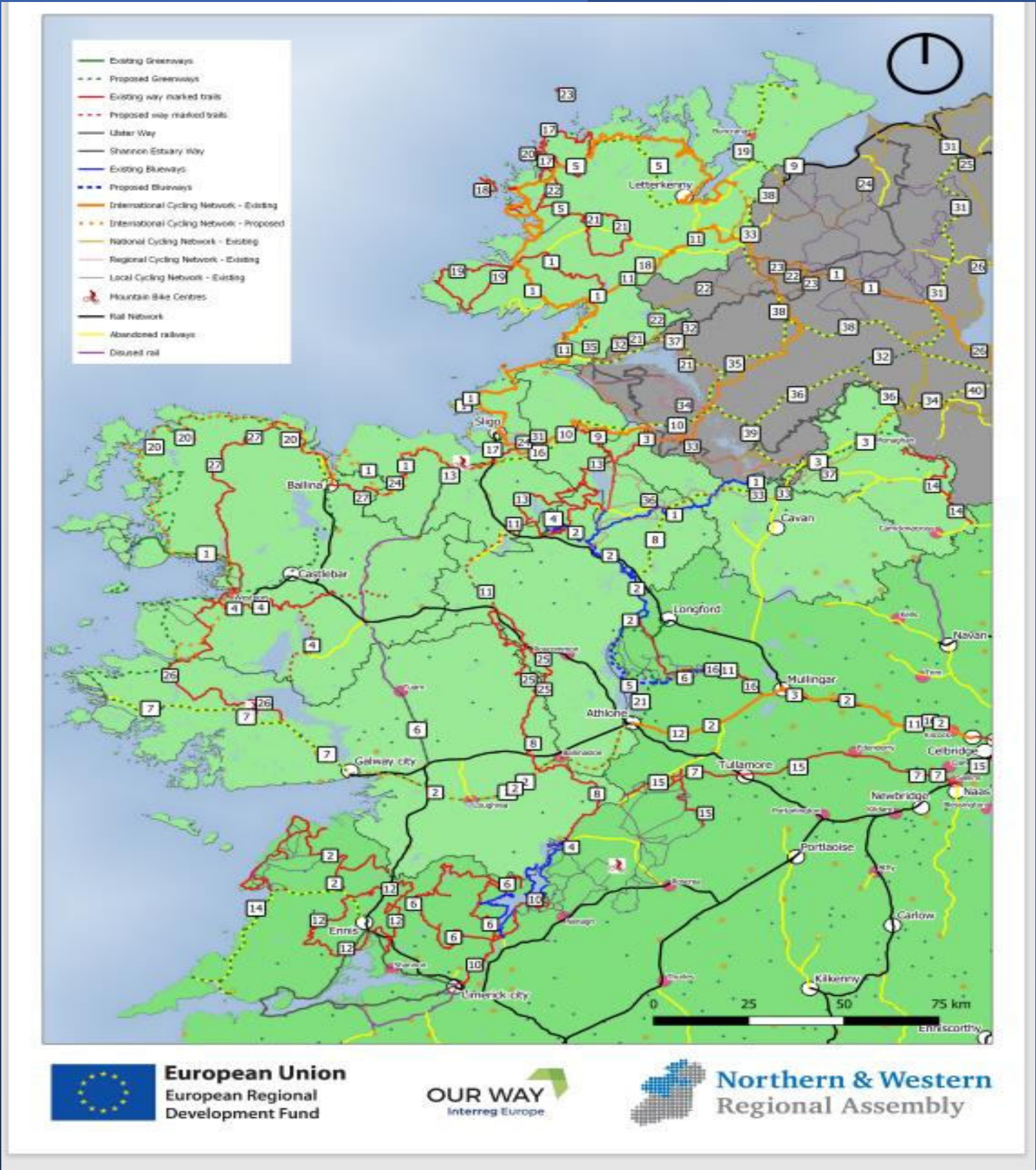
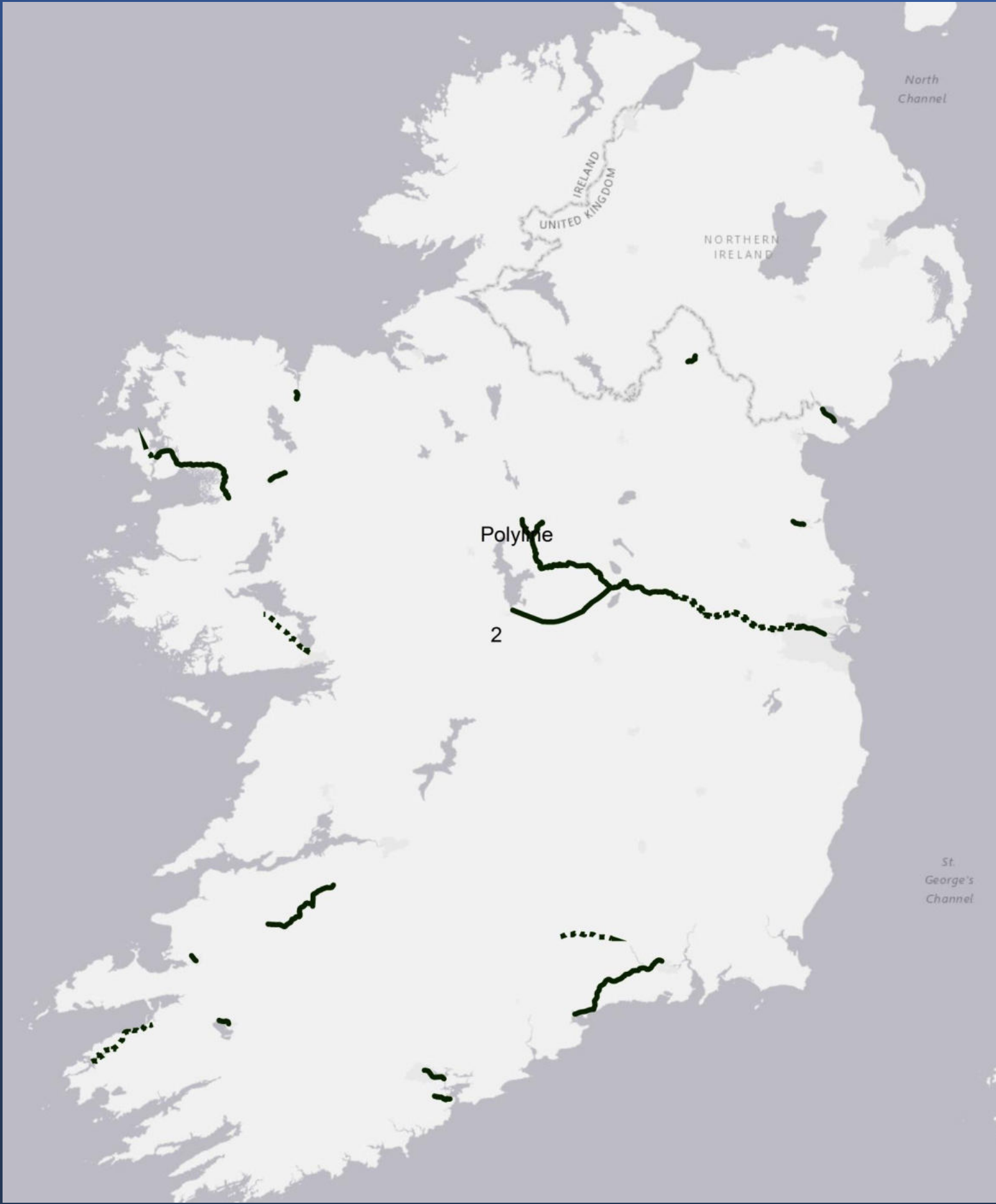


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# NEXT STEPS

1

Expansion of Greenways firmly embedded now in National / Regional / Local Policy

2

Delivery projects now in order of priority is the next challenge .

3

Challenges to be overcome include – Securing Planning Permission, Designing Routes Environmental sensitivity .

4

Roll out new Projects over the next 5 years .



- Eurovelo Routes
- Greenways
- Blueways
-  Mountain Bike Centres

