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Shaping the Future – Heritage led Regeneration

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BIGGER PICTURE







The Urban Age project – the Endless City

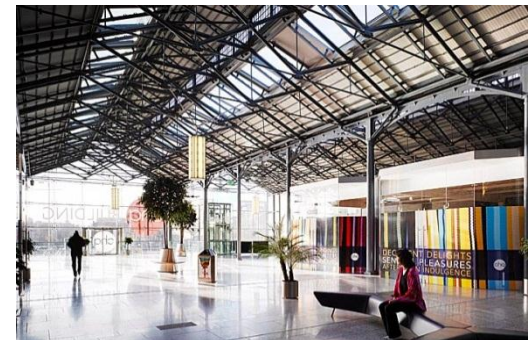
- Population of the State 1996 – 2006
- 3.6m to 4.3m, 17% increase
- Unevenly throughout the Gateways, Cities and Counties
- Largest growth in Fingal County, Galway City, South Dublin with Cork City reduction



















Key objectives of Section/Division:

Statement of Strategy

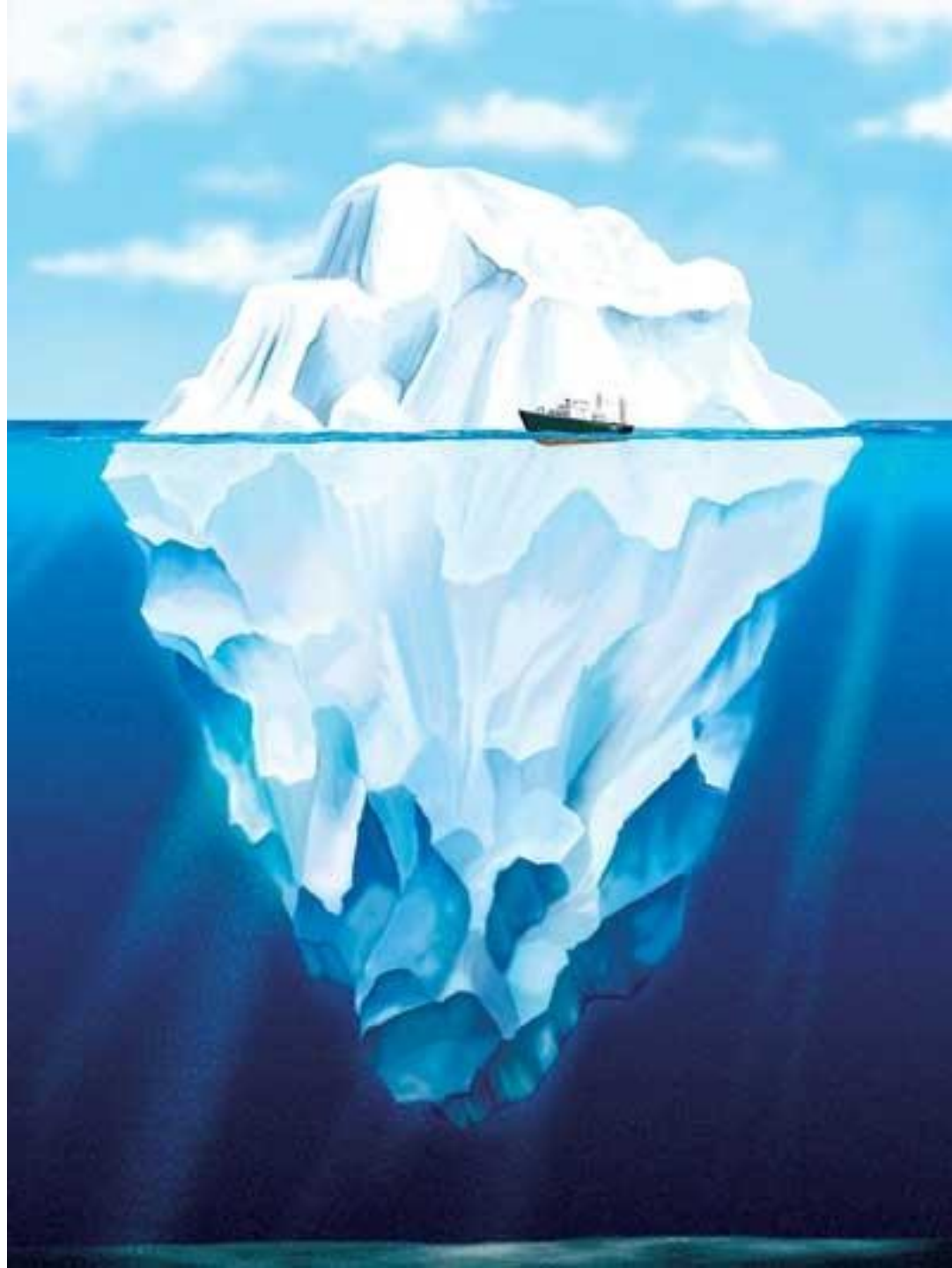
To conserve and manage our unique heritage for the benefit of present and future generations, as a support to economic renewal and sustainable employment, and in compliance with legal obligations.

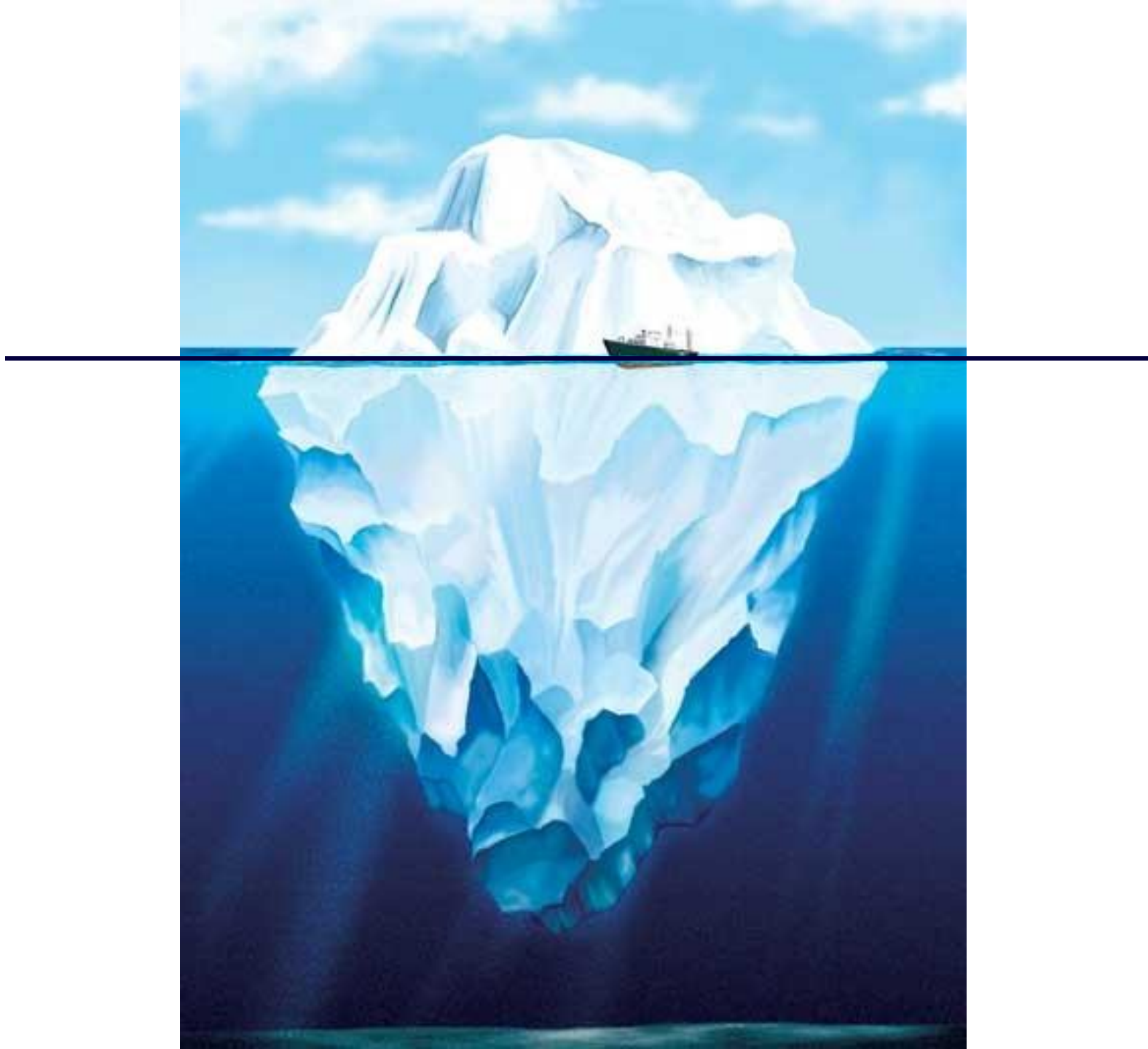
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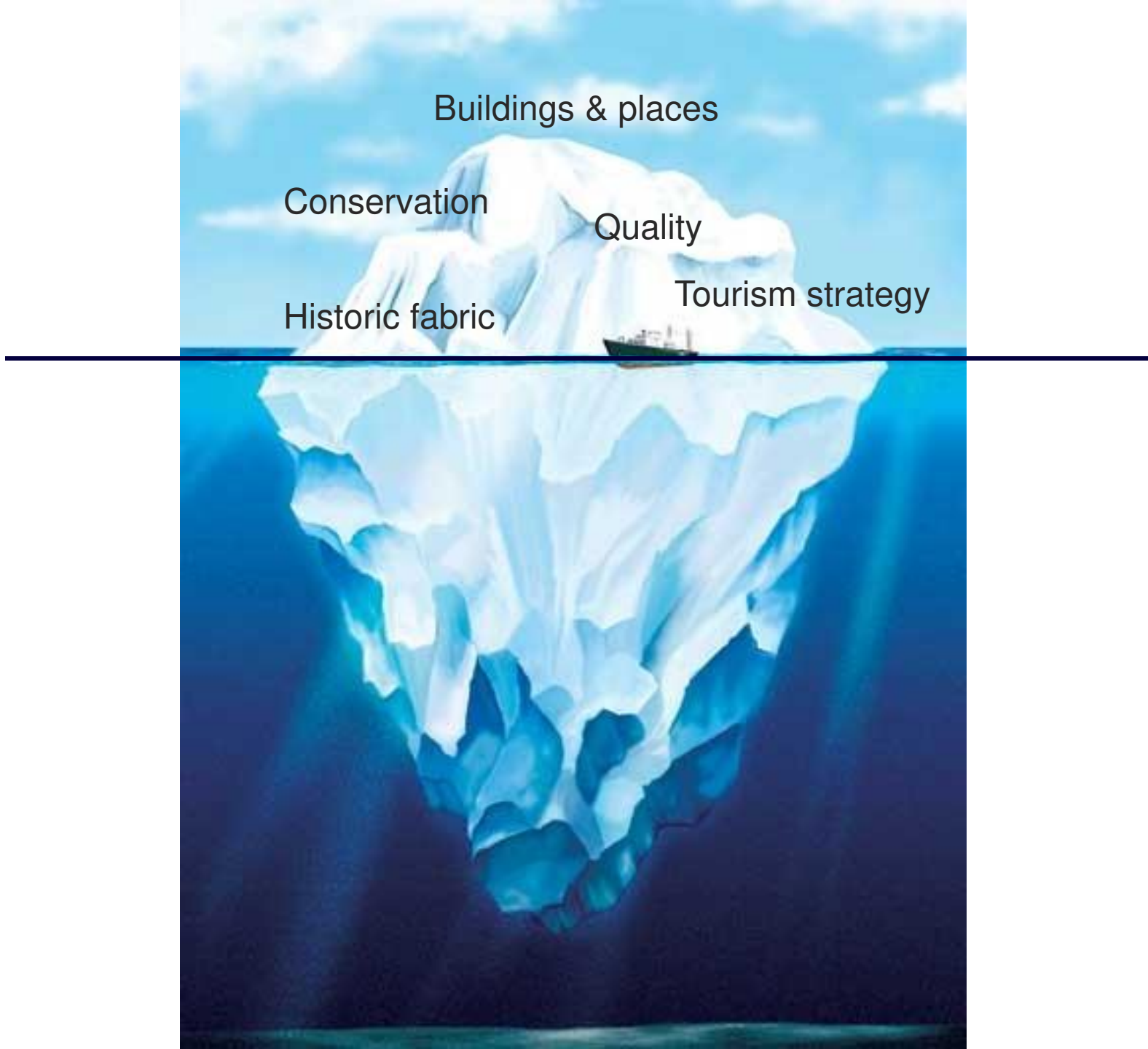
key areas of responsibility are to develop, promote and implement policies and legislation for the protection of architectural heritage and to promote best practice in modern architecture & urban design.

The key objectives in this regard will be to:

- (i) provide a policy and legislative framework to protect architectural heritage as a national resource;
- (ii) promote increased public awareness and appreciation of architecture and our national built heritage;
- (iii) ensure that our built heritage is conserved, managed and planned for effective, sustainable management of our heritage resources.







Buildings & places

Conservation

Quality

Historic fabric

Tourism strategy





PRIORITIES

IMPLEMENTATION

Heritage Policy objectives in 2015 include:

- Develop and conclude fiscal strategies: Incentives for Built Heritage with Department of Finance/DPER (Capital Stimulus, continued tax incentives and heritage led regeneration or reuse) incl. ERDF Funding/Horizon 2020;
- Monitor and profile all expenditure relating to the Built Heritage Capital/Current Programme of the Department to invest in heritage renewal (Built Heritage Jobs Leverage Scheme, Historic Towns Initiative, Living City Initiative and Home Improvement Scheme 2013);
- Completion/Implementation of the Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015 priority actions and direct grant in aid for 2015;
- Use and co-ordinate funding available (LEADER (RDP)/FI/DPER) to invest in heritage conservation and tourism renewal;
- Continued engagement on Referrals/Strategic Infrastructure Projects;

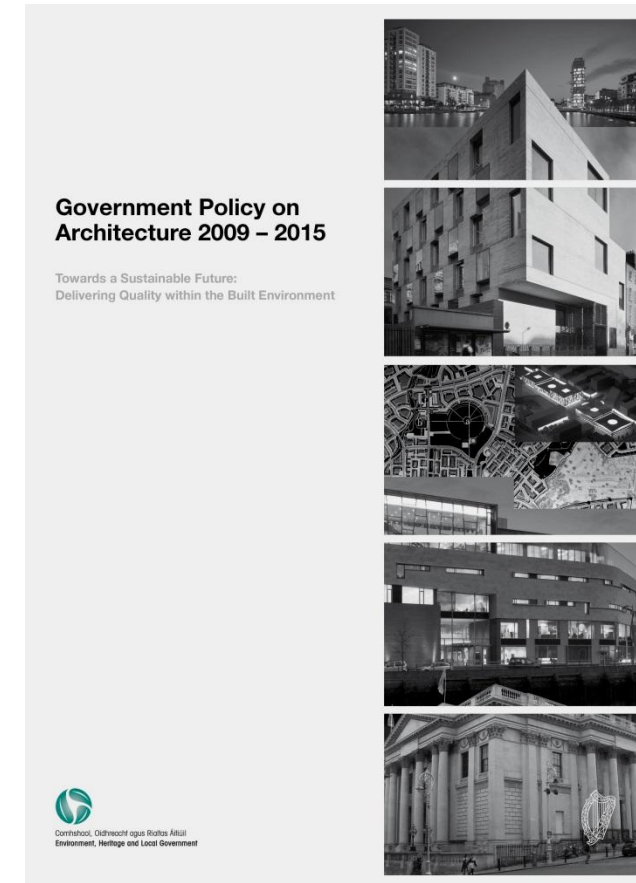
Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015

GPA objectives places more emphasis on:

- Sustainable development of the environment and urban design;
- Continuing to encourage and support high quality modern architecture;
- Incorporating architectural heritage in a holistic Integrated manner and developing actions which respond to and promote awareness in these areas.

15 Key objectives

45 Actions

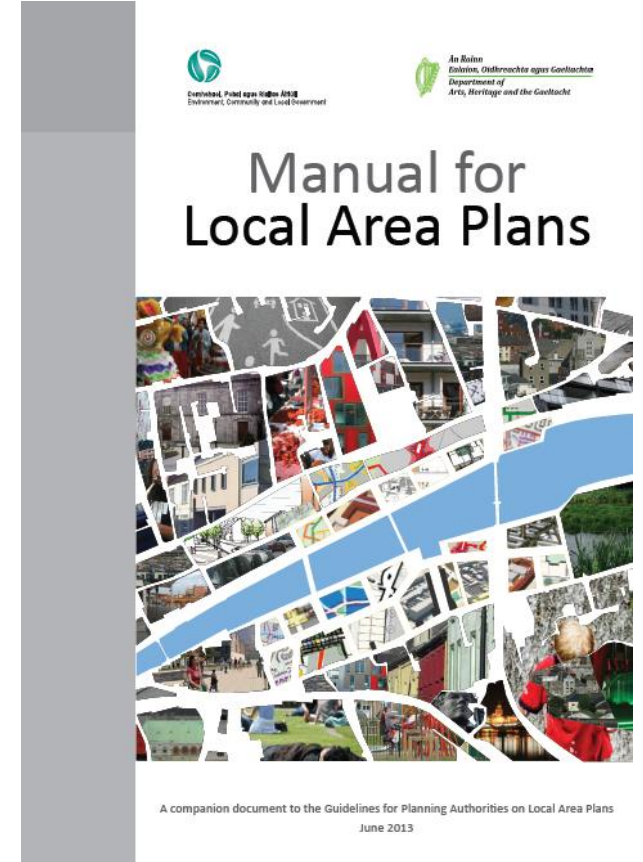
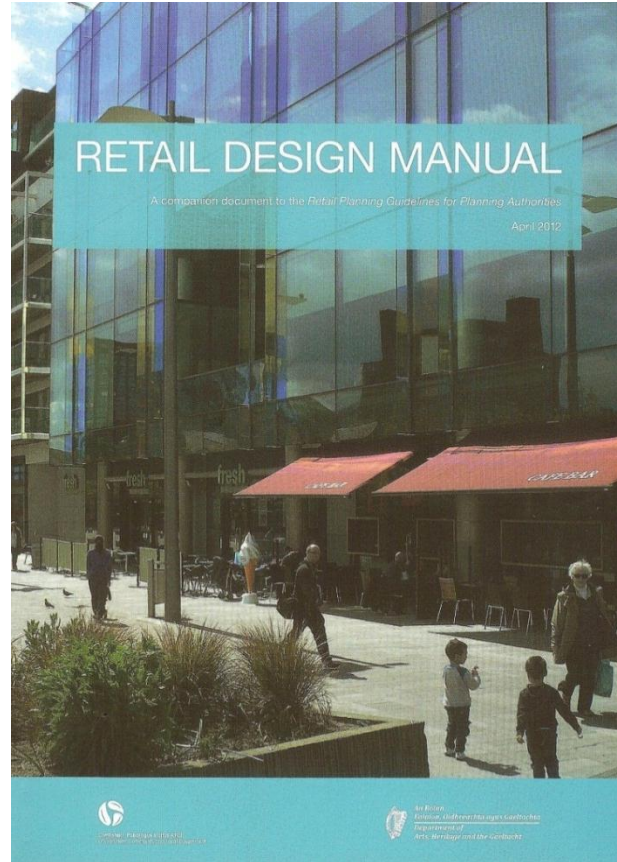
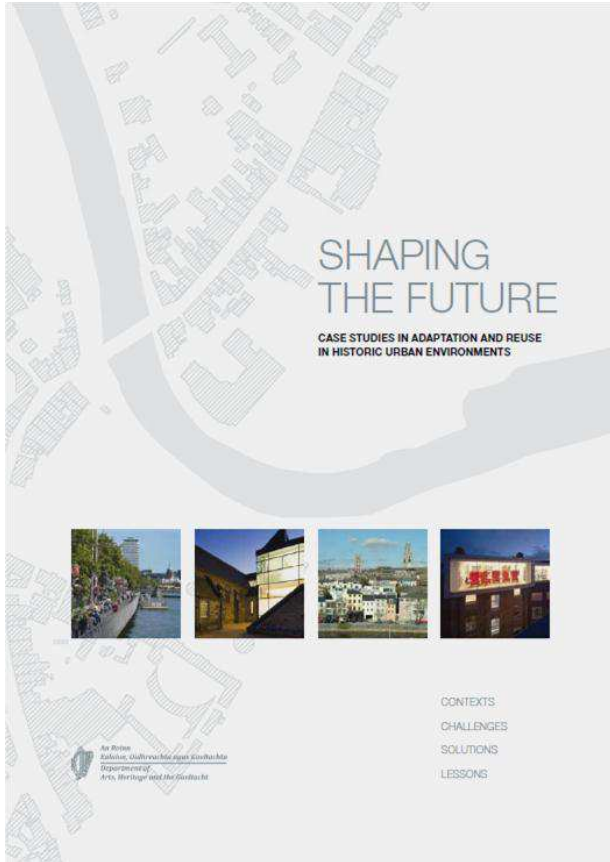


GPA Related Initiatives 2010-2015

- Reviewing the legislation for part (iv) Planning & Development Acts 2000-2011, as amended;
- New “Re-use” Best Practice Manual - Historic Places and Structures;
- DAHG/DECLG Retail planning Best practice Manual;
- Engagement with DECLG on LEADER funding – Heritage Initiatives;
- DAHG Engagement on Tourism related objectives/Places to visit etc;
- University of limerick pilot **urban governance** programme;
- RIAI / Kilkenny CAS peer review Pilot;
- Laois CoCo Pilot LAP on **Urban Design/Heritage** Issues;



GPA Related Initiatives 2010-2015



Historic Towns Initiative (HTI): Pilot Framework/Toolkit

- 1. Spatial planning:**
 - Strategic objectives in Development Plan/LAP's;
 - Urban Design Framework approach;
 - Quality in Design/application to Public Realm;

- 2. Fiscal incentives:**
 - Specific incentives to be examined;
 - Create the right environment for growth;

- 3. Urban Governance:**
 - Implementation and control mechanisms;
 - Quality assurance;
 - Local external bodies/community groups;

- 4. Funding:**
 - Alternative mechanisms for financial leverage;

- 5. Construction employment:** - Heritage led-regeneration approach to “re-use”;

- 6. Post review on Pilot:** - Evidence based approach or “Learning by doing”.

Historic Towns Initiative (HTI): Pilot Framework/Toolkit

- EU-funded Interreg project INHERIT '*A Guide to Successful Urban Regeneration*' (2007);

- Heritage-led regeneration projects across Europe, including Belfast. The INHERIT report listed some of the risks of focusing on cultural tourism development as including:
 - (i) *The creation of a mono-functional space where the character and heritage of a place becomes compromised and every business and space is given over to tourism activities;*

 - (ii) *Construction of new and unsympathetic visitor infrastructure;*

 - (iii) *Loss of culture and unique identity.*

A photograph of a modern urban plaza. In the foreground, several people are sitting on a series of concrete blocks that form a seating area. The plaza is paved with light-colored tiles. In the background, a large, modern building with a glass facade and a blue roof is visible. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Creation of sustainable communities and the maintenance of existing communities involves integrating urban and landscape design, urban and building conservation and architectural quality criteria at every level in the planning process and effective co-ordination of hard and soft infrastructure provision in developing areas. High quality “place-making” must also recognise the importance of locational criteria in the promotion of a sustainable built environment.

Statement Objective 8 – Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015



Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015
Towards a Sustainable Future: Delivering Quality within the Built Environment

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