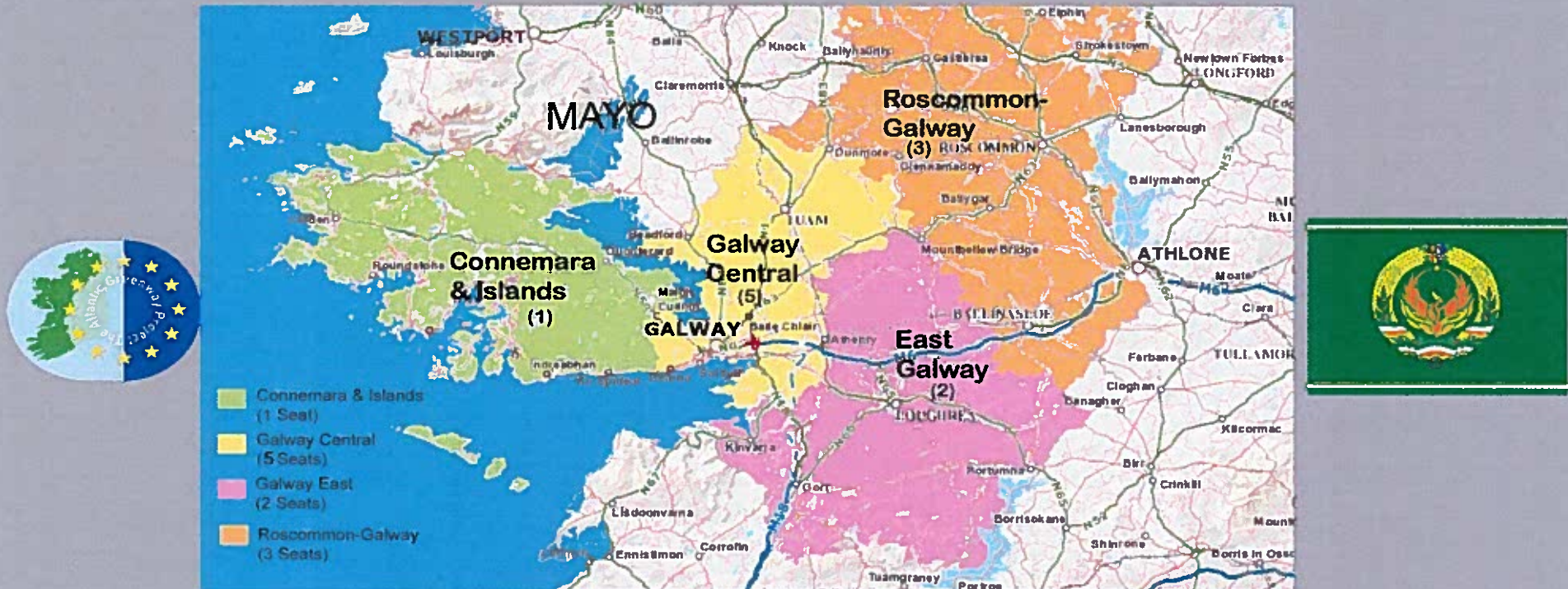


# Profiles and Recommendations proposing a Galway Central Constituency\*



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**Recommended  
Constituency**

Number of TD's

**Population 2017\*****Population per TD**

\*Based on CSO 2011

<b>Galway Central</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>139,862</b>	<b>27,972</b>
<b>Connemara &amp; Islands (Special Status)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32,063</b>	<b>32,063</b>
<b>East Galway</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56,796</b>	<b>28,398</b>
<b>Roscommon-Galway</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>84,586</b>	<b>28,195</b>
<b>Mayo (Inclusive of South Mayo Returned from Galway West )</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>130,638</b>	<b>32,659</b>

**With relation to the National Spatial Strategy , Service Delivery from Public Office and Primary Communication links I will present the transparent and sensible reasons for establishing a Galway Central Constituency outlined by Maps , Numerical Statistics and Explanation.**

**Initial Hypotheses :**

- 1. With the establishment of a Galway Central Constituency , can this improve Service Delivery from Public office to the majority of the Population under the Local Authority supported by National Government representation ?**
- 2. Would the establishment of a Galway Central Constituency compliment existing geographical and demographic attributes ?**



As the Majority of the population of County and City Galway reside in the Central Galway area (*Yellow on Map*), the suggestion of the constituency does compliment the National Spatial Strategy highlighting of the interconnectedness of Gateways, Hubs and Metropolitan Hinterlands thus including 3 electoral divisions\* on the fringes of Galway City West

The Interconnectedness of communication links would also present a rational approach to service delivery from Public Representatives, as both Personal and Digital communication capabilities are comprehensively enabled in the establishment of this Constituency. The population of the suggested constituency would be 139,862 persons (CSO,2011) with addition of District Electoral Divisions (listed on the overleaf) from Northern section of the East Galway Constituency ranging from Tuam and it's hinterland and other areas along the feeding links of N63, N17 and N84 Primary National thoroughfare.

Galway Central due it's core population hosting and the instigator of Critical Mass should maintain a 5 Seat constituency to facilitate representation in Regional Development.

\* {Barna(Barna Village), Maigh Cuillin and Galway Rural. (Total 5,764 transferred to Galway Central)}

## **Galway Central :**

The configuration of Galway Central could include the Metropolitan Hinterland of Galway City ,thus including the Electoral Divisions of Barna(Barna Village) , Maigh Cuillin and Galway Rural. (Total 5,764 transferred to Galway Central)

District Electoral Divisions (listed on Table 1) from Northern section of the East Galway Constituency ranging from Tuam and it's hinterland and other areas along the feeding links of N63 , N17 and N84 Primary National thoroughfares. All of these links are relatively dependent on Galway City as it's primary source of Urban/ Service Centre.

As both Gateway and Hub (inclusive of their relative hinterlands) are represented under the same Auspices from National Parliament , this compliments Interconnectedness as expressed in the National Spatial Strategy .

(Please view relative National Spatial Strategy on the overleaf)

The **District Electoral Division's of South Mayo**, should be returned to the Constituency of Mayo as the Auspices of the Local Authority is not weakened or representation divided to optimal and direct Public Service Delivery.

Table 1.

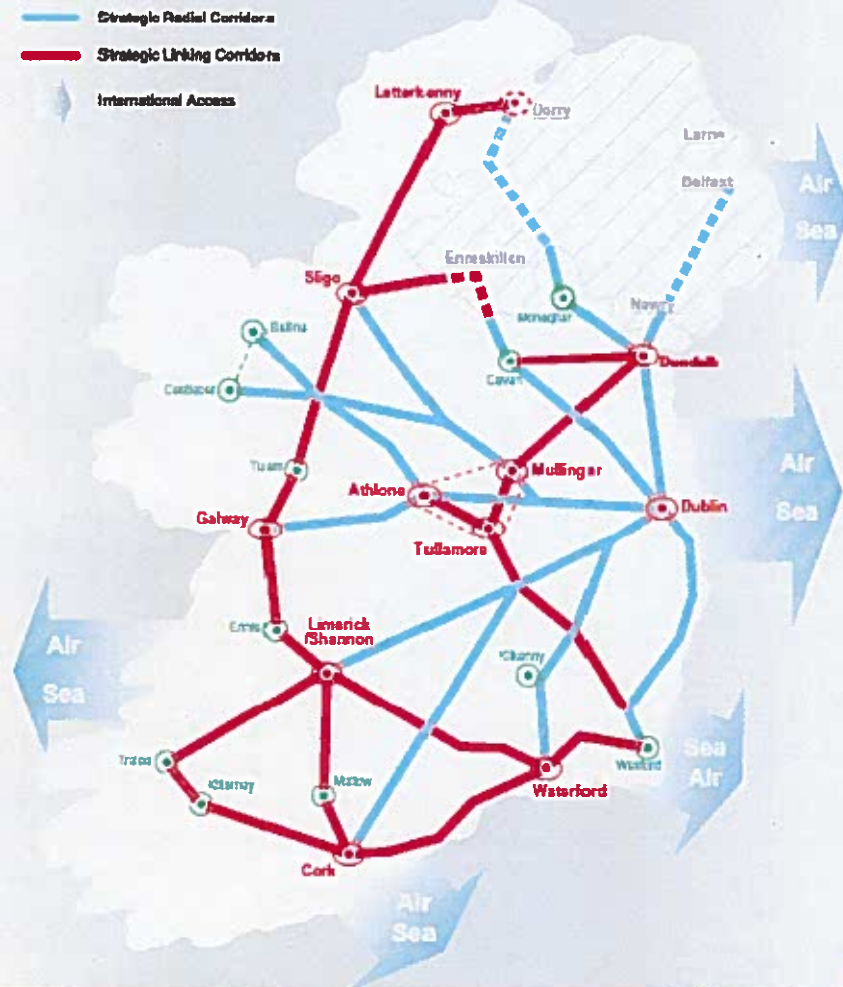
DED's Transferred from East Galway	Population
1 Killura	1076
2 Killeany	610
3 Ballinduff	705
4 Headford	1489
5 Donaghpatrick	563
6 Kilcoona	619
7 Beaghmore	331
8 Kilshanvey	394
9 Foxhall	591
10 Milltown	663
11 Addergoole	550
12 Dunmore South	812
13 Doonbally	580
14 Carrowrevagh	457
15 Killeen	658
16 Belclare	794
17 Ballinderry	468
18 Claretuam	1032
19 Cummer	1079
20 Ballynapark	990
21 Kilmoylan	1040
22 Kilmoylan	851
23 Annaghdown	1381
24 TUAM Rural	5520
25 TUAM Urban	3304
26 Carrownagur	445
26 Cloonkeen	460
27 Scregg	236
28 Cooloo	542
29 Moyne	678
30 Abbey West	710
31 Killererin	732
32 Levally	360
33 Clonbern	396
34 Hillsbrook	692

# National Spatial Strategy : Strategic and Linking Corridors

Map 10 West Region



Map 3 National Transport Framework



With Natural Boundary of Lough Corrib , this had been a division of continuity of Land Mass and connectivity for a number of Epoch, thus the majority of the population has resided on the Central Plain of Galway. Connemara in the West has for a time has been sparsely Populated and largely using a different primary functioning Language , a slight cultural difference has become an existing present issue. With this , with greater connectivity in the Central Galway Constituency and with the application of intelligent language programs for Adult learners , The Irish Language could flourish in the Central Plain, although the possibility of this language being used for commercial use is highly unlikely.





### **Connemara and Islands (Special Status) :**

The Connemara and Islands Constituency could be the only constituency to operate its elections solely through the Irish language setting an example to other Constituencies in the vicinity as its population would be reduced to 32,063 persons therefore it would be feasible to become a 1 Seat constituency .

As this constituency avails of an extra Authority (Údarás na Gaeltachta) supporting the Local Authority , the singular dealings under the Auspices of representation would increase the potential to secure greater funding from Central Government and the Department of Arts , Culture and An Gaeltacht .

To support an Elected Representative in this Constituency, the establishment of satellite of the Department should be based here and functional in the National Language, in addition to this satellite, the Department of The Gaeltacht should also be established in Gweedore and Dingle .

The satellites of the Department, operating solely in the Irish Language, should also hold responsibility from funding from the European Union thus maintaining the function of the National Language at a European Level.

### **East Galway**

East Galway would enable the Market Towns of Athenry, Loughrea, Gort , Portumna, Kinvara and Mount Bellew and their hinterlands to become interconnected by Public Representation , with a 2 seat constituency enabling a greater representation ratio for optimal Public Service Delivery. With its population being reduced from 89,564 to 56,796 , this in turn would increase the Service Delivery as the Population per TD would decrease from 29,855\* to 28,398 therefore enhancing more direct access to Public Service Delivery from each elected representative. The loss of 20,521\* to Roscommon-Galway also validates this reconfiguration.

(\* Constituency Commission Report 2012)

## **Roscommon- Galway**

The retention of this constituency is as stands , as 9 of the transferred constituencies had previously been part of a Roscommon Constituency reinforcing the fact these areas are mainly of the hinterland of Market towns based here including Castlerea , Roscommon Town, Athlone and Ballinasloe .

## **Mayo**

The return of nine(9) electoral areas in the Ballinrobe area are concurrent with the Auspices of representation and Local Authority working in tandem . This would reinforce the optimal service delivery for this area at a local level. Mayo should still remain a 4 seat constituency which would produce the best candidates for this area with increased competition .

## **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

- 1. The establishment of the 5 seat Galway Central Constituency including Tuam and its hinterland connected with Galway City and its Metropolitan hinterland.**
- 2. The Nine South Mayo Electoral Divisions should be returned to Mayo**
- 3. Roscommon-Galway Constituency to be retained**
- 4. Connemara and Islands 1 seat Constituency to be established with Special Status and hosting a decentralized Departmental satellite office in the area to maintain the professional working competency of the National Language inclusive of European Parliament**
- 5. The establishment of the new constituencies in the West Region should adhere to the acquired 15 Seats for this region as stated in the Constituency Commission Report 2012**
- 6. Regional attributes should be taken into account in regard of chief service centres which can instigate regional growth and balanced development from the strongest economic area working which can initiate a virtuous cycle of economic prosperity and out from that point to strengthen weaker areas.**

