



Tionól Réigiúnach an
Oirthir agus Lár Tíre
Eastern and Midland
Regional Assembly

**Planning and Development Act 2024 as amended
European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025 and the European
Union (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

**Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region
Pre-Draft Public Consultation**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 31(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2024 as amended (the Act) of the intention of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly to commence the process of reviewing the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2019-2031 for the whole of the Eastern and Midland Region. The purpose of the reviewed Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) is to support the implementation of the National Planning Framework and the economic policies and objectives of the Government, providing a long-term strategic planning and economic framework for the development of the region over a period of between 10 years and 20 years.

It is proposed to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) (incorporating a Regional Level Flood Risk Appraisal) and Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA), and subsequent stages of AA as required, as part of the review of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, and for this purpose, the Regional Assembly will prepare an environmental report on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the reviewed Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and documentation relating to the AA/Screening for AA process(es).

In order to stimulate debate and encourage participation in the process an Issues Paper has been prepared by the Assembly and it is available to view or download on its website www.emra.ie and may be viewed at the EMRA offices during opening hours. This Issues Paper details the matters to be considered in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (as specified at Section 29 of the Act, as amended) including issues such as:

- People and Places
- Quality of Life and Healthy Places
- Connectivity and Infrastructure
- Environment and Climate
- Marine Spatial Planning and Coastal Zone Management
- Regional Renewable Energy
- Economic Development and Employment
- Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan for Dublin

It is requested that submissions are made in writing in respect of the preparation of this review of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and that they consider strategic regional planning and economic issues for the region. Submissions to be made between 26th March 2026 and 5pm on 22nd May 2026 (both dates inclusive) through **one** of the following media:

Online: Online submissions portal at www.emra.ie

Mail: Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly, 3rd Floor North, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin, D09 C8P5

The Regional Assembly will consider all submissions made before preparing a Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. All submissions will be acknowledged. Please note that submissions may be published on our website and subject to Freedom of Information.

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