Slide 1:

THE SMART ATLANTIC WAY

1. Introduction to WDC & Insight: a partnership approach
2. What is our Smart future?
3. Smart Atlantic Way

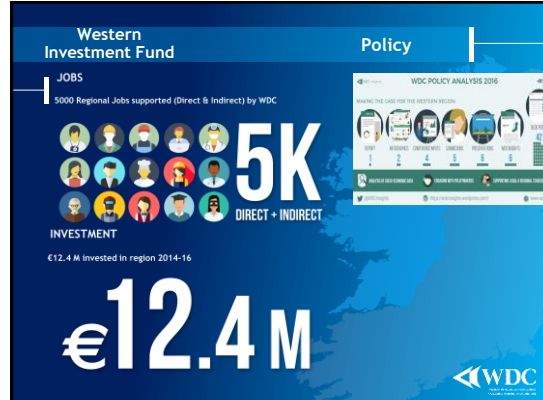Clodagh Barry, HIS Conference, October 2018

Slide 2:

- WDC Outline
- What we do
- Difference we make
- Next steps

The Western Development Commission

Serving a confident and ambitious Western Region where excellence, innovation and creativity are rewarded, and the rich quality of life, clean environment and unique heritage are valued and safeguarded.

Our Vision
To be the hub for the strategic economic and social development of the Western Region.

Counties in the Western Region
There are seven counties in the Western Region: Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon, Mayo, Galway and Clare.

Slide 3:

Western Investment Fund — Policy

JOBS
5000 Regional Jobs supported (Direct & Indirect) by WDC

5K DIRECT + INDIRECT

INVESTMENT
€12.4 M invested in region 2014-16

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WDC POLICY ANALYSIS 2016
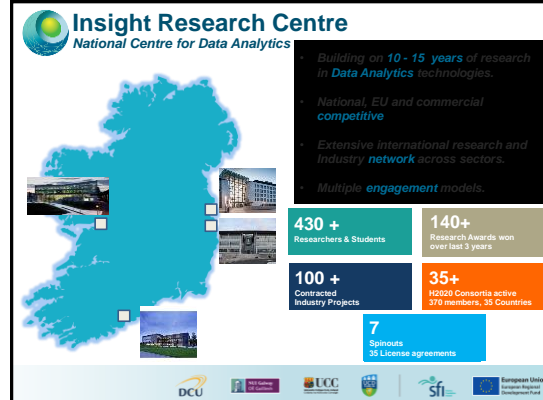
Slide 4:

Regional Development

BIO-ECONOMY   CREATIVE ECONOMY   NICHE TOURISM

Slide 5:

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Slide 6:

Insight Research Centre
National Centre for Data Analytics

- Building on **10 - 15 years** of research in **Data Analytics** technologies.
- National, EU and commercial **competitive**
- Extensive international research and industry **network** across sectors.
- Multiple **engagement** models.

430 + Researchers & Students

140+ Research Awards won over last 3 years

100 + Contracted Industry Projects

35+ H2020 Consortia active 370 members, 35 Countries

7 Spinouts 35 License agreements

The Western Region in Numbers
It all adds up to real potential

1/3 of our Population under 25 (youngest population in the EU)

2/5 3rd level educated (highest rate in western world)

Direct access to EU and US Markets 2 International Airports + 3 Ports

Internationally recognised business location

Low cost of Living High Quality of Life

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| Private | Public |
| Community | Academic |

The Challenge

Ambition
Common Purpose
Focus

Baseline → Gaps → Evaluation → Priorities

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Western Region Economic Problem Statement:

✓ A particular challenge is that 70% of the population is rural.
✓ Our population is in decline.
✓ Our GVA needs to progress towards & beyond the current State average.

OPEN & AGILE SMART CITIES

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Pillars

1. Smart Regional Observatory
2. Data Infrastructure & Services
3. Governance Framework
4. Smart Business Network
5. Smart Community

Pillar 1. Smart Regional Observatory

The leadership and ambition, to oversee, guide and steer the formulating of a strategic programme of work, which will drive forward the Smart Atlantic Way.

Pillar 2. Data Infrastructure & Services will open up access to technical expertise, knowledge and data resources for enabling the initiation, development and sustainability of a common regional infrastructure.

Co-led with Local Government.

Pillar 3. Smart Business Network will drive on, the existing and new regional network of businesses to provide a platform of support, pursue collective and emerging initiatives. share Smart activity, knowledge and expertise.
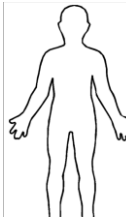
Co-led with Industry & WDC, Atlantic Economic Corridor

Pillar 4. Smart Community will actively engage communities to identify their specific needs as basis for developing initiatives in the areas of protection of vital local services (e.g. community policing), tourism and cultural facilities by exploiting digital and smart technologies

Co-led with the Community.

Pillar 5. e-Governance Framework to guide the appropriation of decision rights in SAW initiatives, to provide mechanisms for coordination and monitoring of ongoing initiatives at community, local authority and regional levels for effectiveness and attainment of associated regional goals.

Co-led: e-Gov Unit, Insight & EU Policy Advisor

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