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Midlands Ireland Project

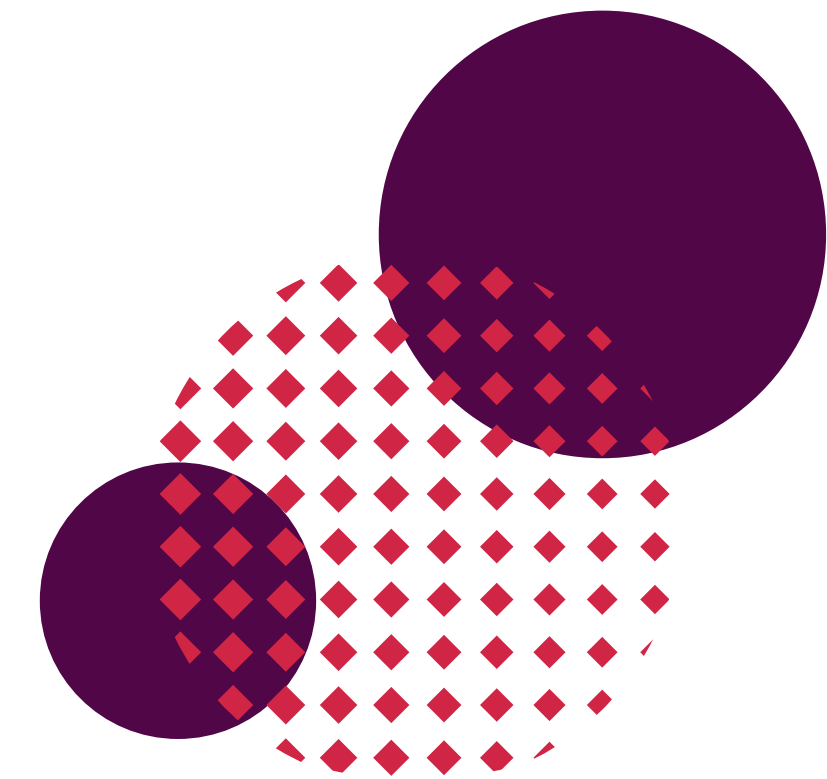
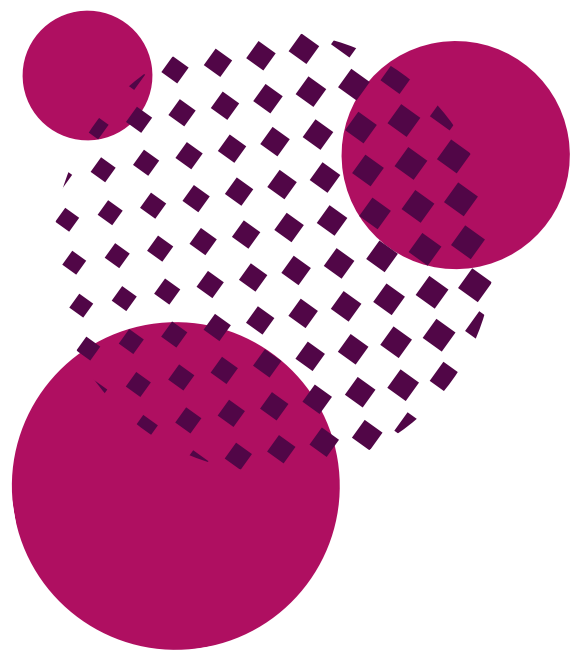
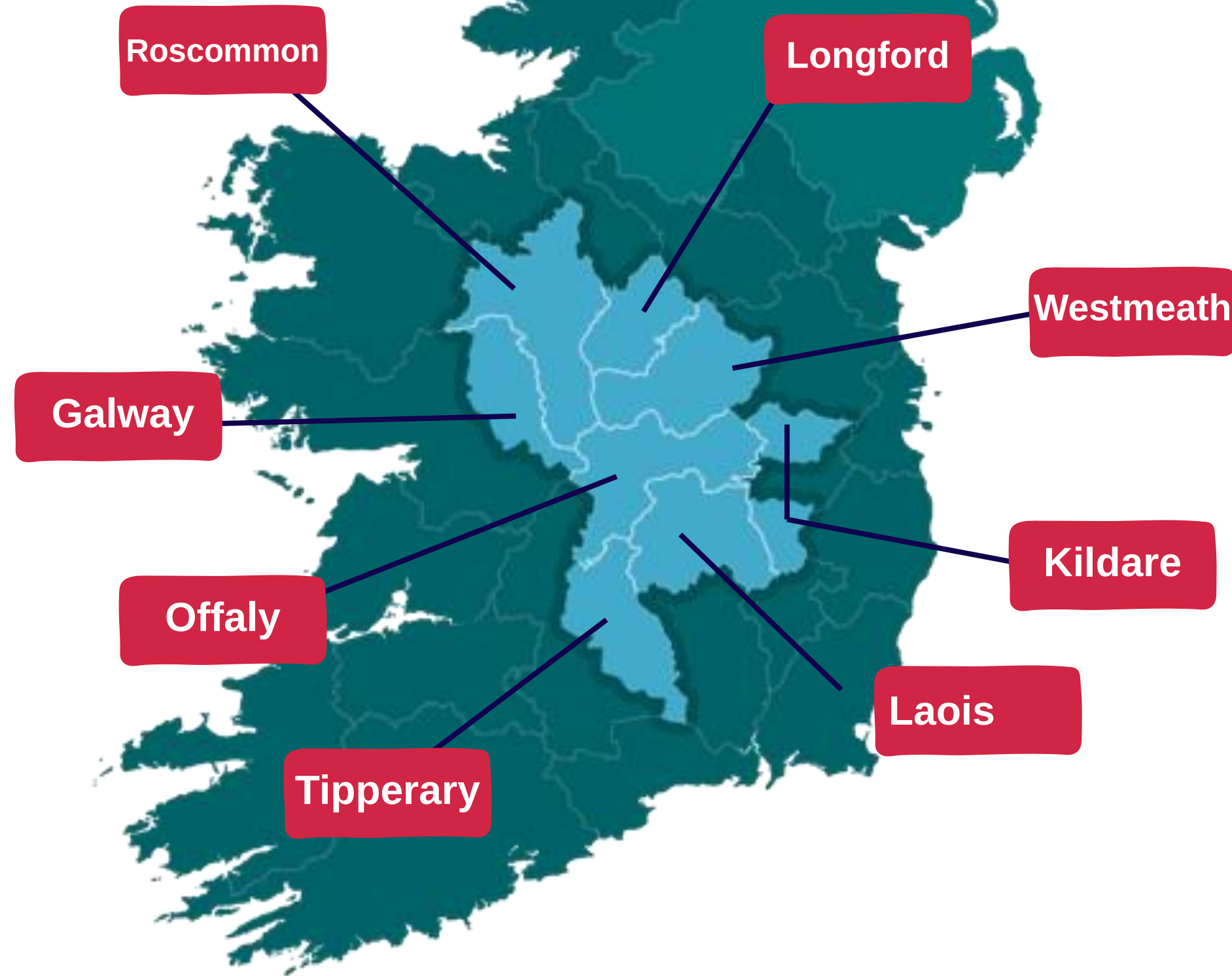
- Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan launched in 2022
- Midlands Ireland Project is an action of the plan
- Key Objectives, Climate Action, Digital Skills, Placemaking
- The project is the Government of Ireland and the EU through EU JTF



Overview of the Fund

- **EU JTF:** new European fund for 2021-2027
- **Single Specific Objective:** Enabling regions and people to address the social, employment, economic and environmental impacts of the transition towards the European Union's 2030 targets for climate, based on the Paris Agreement.
- **Ireland Allocation:** €84.5M from EU, matched by Exchequer totaling €169M

EU Just Transition Territory



Just Transition - 3 Priorities



The Just Transition Officer Role

- Capacity-building in impacted communities in the Midlands.
- Liaison between local authority, enterprise, communities and the EU JTF scheme.
- Promoting funding opportunities and providing support to communities and enterprise for opportunities presented by the green and digital transitions.

Former EU Just Transition Funding Open Calls

Bus Operator Aid Scheme

Tóchar Wetlands Restoration Expressions of Interest

Tourism Learning Network Programme

Community and Enterprise Grants Scheme

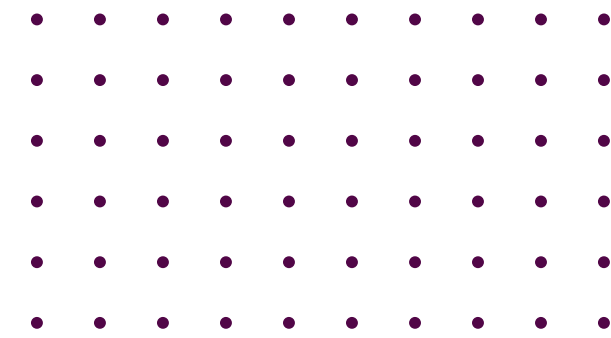
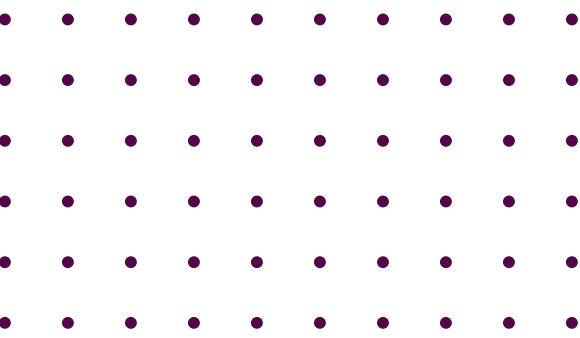
Private & Community SMEs Grants Scheme

Local and Regional Economic Strategies

Bioeconomy Scheme

Electrical Vehicle Charging Scheme

Westmeath-Specific Projects that have been funded by the EU Just Transition Fund



Kelly's Nursery Ltd

- Wholesale nursery Mullingar
- Received €300,000 Just Transition Funding for waste substrate recycling.
- Process onsite green waste
- Reduce reliance on raw peat for compost mixes



Athlone Riverside Boardwalk

- Detailed design and planning for a 450-metre-long quay side boardwalk and outdoor public swimming pool



Strategic Masterplan Belvedere House

- Create a master plan aimed at maximizing the site's tourism potential while ensuring the conservation of its built and natural heritage



Regional Projects that have been funded by the EU Just Transition Fund



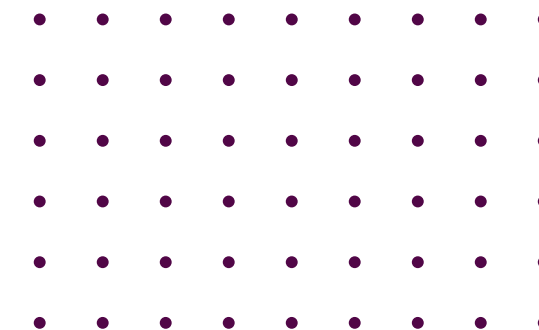
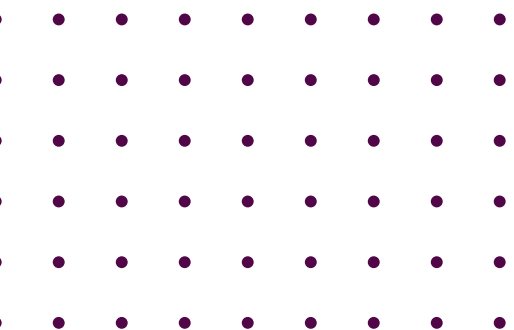
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Regional Skills Horizon And Pathways to Employment

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Westmeath Tourism Projects that have been funded by the EU Just Transition Fund



What is a Just Transition

- Ensuring climate action and clean technologies are accessible and fair
- Healthy communities are central to the success of Government climate policies
- While extreme weather and policy measures will affect everyone, directly or indirectly, some people and communities are much more vulnerable than others
- If clean technologies are expensive and grants are targeted at those with higher incomes, the people who need them the most cannot benefit from them.

Thank You

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