

can multi-level governance enhance rural development

EXPERIENCES FROM SOUTH KERRY, IRELAND AND
NORTHERN PENINSULA, NEWFOUNDLAND

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road map

» the search for governance

» Newfoundland – Ireland
comparative

» can multi-level governance
enhance rural development?





GOVERNANCE

“new governance is the revolution
that no one noticed”

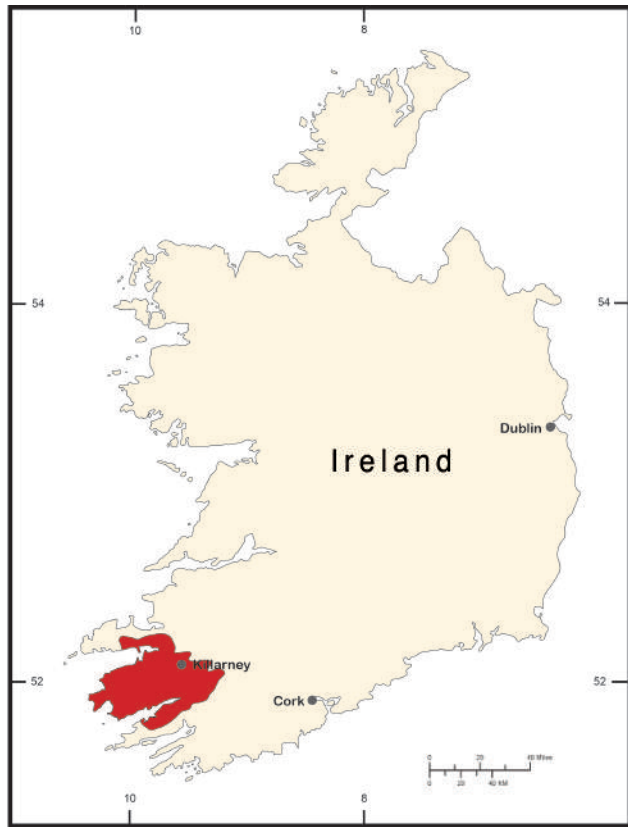
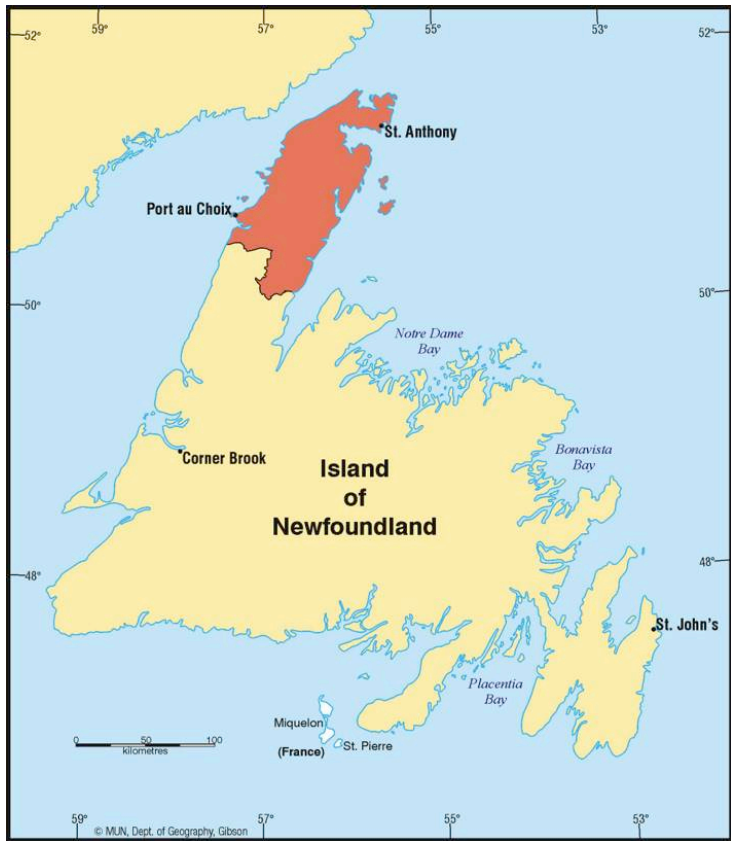
Reimer (2004)

new forms of governance

frustration with central governments

local empowerment

rise of multi-community collaboration



south kerry

- » MLG: South Kerry Development Partnership (Leader LAG)
- » Membership: community/ voluntary sector, social partners, statutory partners, environmental sector, local government
- » “problem area”



northern peninsula



» Northern Peninsula Regional Collaboration Initiative

» new governance arrangement

» Membership: local government, REDBs, Regional Council

context

	Northern Peninsula	South Kerry
Year Formed	2009	1981
Formation	Top Down	Bottom Up
'Ground Rules'	Informal	Legislated
Government Participation	Voluntary <i>Restricted</i>	Legislated
Multi-levels	Local, regional, sub-national	Local, regional, national, EU
Funding	GNL	ROI, EU, fee for service revenue

purpose of governance

	Northern Peninsula	South Kerry
Regional forum	Yes	Yes
Provide advice to government	Yes	Indirectly
Service delivery	Initially planned, not implemented	Yes
Areas of Key Activities	Transportation, Tourism, Business Development	Entrepreneurship, Social Inclusion
Role of the Environment	Restricted topic	Increasing role

three themes

- » government – governance relationships
- » local capacity
- » evaluation

government - governance

- » tension, confusion, fluctuation
- » sustaining the relationship
- » default is back to government

new relationships old partners?

- » assumption capacity is at local level
- » old 'baggage' doesn't disappear
- » challenge seeing old partners in a new light

evaluating multi-level governance

- » politics of austerity
- » how to measure
- » fiscal year dilemmas

MLG to the rescue of rural development?

**“The current system
does not work –
everyone knows it,
yet no one will
make a change”**

MLG to the rescue of rural development?

- » status quo no longer works; willing to try anything
- » benefits realized; substantial time requirements
- » narrowed scope at odds with rural realities

environment and MLG

- » fractured approach
- » interconnections largely ignored
- » trade offs

acknowledgements

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