

Annex 9:

Glossary of Abbreviations

BMW	Border, Midlands and West NUTS II Region of Ireland
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
CEBs	County Enterprise Boards
CSET	Centres for Science, Engineering and Technology
CSO	Central Statistics Office
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
EARDF	European Agriculture and Rural Development Fund
EC	European Commission
EFF	European Fisheries Fund
EIB	European Investment Bank
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ERM	Environmental Resources Management Ireland Ltd
ESF	European Social Fund
ESIOP	Economic and Social Infrastructure Operational Programme
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
EU	European Union
EU 15	European Union 15 Member States prior to 1st May 2004 Accessions
EU 25	European Union 25 Member States including states post 1st May 2004 2004 and prior to 1st January 2007 Accessions
EU 27	European Union 27 Member States including states post 1st January 2007
GDP	Gross Domestic Product

GEM	Global Entrepreneurship Monitor
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GNP	Gross National Product
GVA	Gross Value Added
HEIs	Higher Education Institutions
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IoTs	Institutes of Technology
MANs	Metropolitan Area Networks
MIUs	Major Inter-Urban routes
NAPSIIncl	National Action Plan for Social Inclusion
NDP	National Development Plan
NDP/CSF	National Development Plan and the EU Community Support Framework
NESC	National Economic and Social Committee
NSRF	National Strategic Reference Framework
NSS	National Spatial Strategy
NUI	National University of Ireland
NUTS Regions	Nomenclature of Territorial Statistical Units – a system of classification of regions across the EU used by the European Commission
NUTS II	The BMW and S&E are the NUTS II Regions in Ireland for Structural Funds purposes
NUTS III	The NUTS III regions are Dublin, Mid-East, Mid-West, South-East, South-West, Border, Midland and West Region
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OP	Operational Programme
PI	Principal Investigator
PRTLl	Programme for Research in Third-Level Institutions

R&D	Research & Development
RPGs	Regional Planning Guidelines
RTDI	Research, Technological Development and Innovation
RTI	Rural Transport Initiative
S&E	Southern and Eastern NUTS II Region of Ireland
SDZs	Sustainable Development Zones
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SEI	Sustainable Energy Ireland
SEUPB	Special EU Programmes Body
SFI	Science Foundation Ireland
SMEs	Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
SRC	Strategic Research Centre (designated by Science Foundation Ireland)
STEDS	Septic Tank Effluent Drainage System
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
UN	United Nations
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
WRC	Western Rail Corridor