

Forfás welcomes the Irish Academy of Engineering Report on Effective Delivery of Essential Infrastructure

Commenting on the publication of the Irish Academy of Engineering Report, *The Cost Effective Delivery of Essential Infrastructure*, Martin Shanahan, Chief Executive, Forfás, welcomed the timely focus on achieving more efficient infrastructure deployment.

“Ireland has made significant progress in terms of improving our physical infrastructure in recent years. However, a number of deficits remain. Despite constraints on public expenditure, it is vital that projects likely to have a significant impact in terms of attracting overseas investment and supporting the competitiveness of firms in Ireland proceed quickly. This report highlights a number of practical policy actions which if implemented could significantly reduce the cost of delivering these critical projects” he said. He also noted that, “with likely future infrastructure spend at just 40% of that in the peak of the boom, it’s essential that we get more from it”.

The report from the Irish Academy of Engineers examines measures for the cost effective delivery of essential infrastructure on the island of Ireland. These include improving the planning process and legislation, reforming procurement procedures, strengthening institutional arrangements for infrastructure projects, development of appropriate skill sets, private participation in funding and financing and identifying synergies in infrastructure deployment between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Note to Editor

The Cost Effective Delivery of Essential Infrastructure is a report of the Irish Academy of Engineers, Forfás provided support towards its development.

The report can be found at <http://www.iae.ie/> and www.forfas.ie.

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