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Water Infrastructure and management in Ireland

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Veolia Environnement in Ireland

A market leader in the Republic
~ €270 million in revenues with 1,200 employees



- No.1 in municipal partnerships
2008 revenue: €55 million

Staff: 200



- Leader in various categories of waste management.
2008 revenue: €75 million

Staff: 230



- No.1 in industrial market – fast growth in municipal
2008 revenue: €110 million

Staff: 550



- Leader in surface passenger transportation (Luas)
2008 revenue: €40 million

Staff: 220

Company objectives

To be the country reference for water services by effectively addressing our clients' challenges



- Become the **employer of choice** for the water-services sector for skilled and ambitious staff.
- Achieve **high recognition from clients** and communities thanks to the performance and relevance of our services.
- Provide a **more comprehensive scope of services** to our clients – based on success.

A few key facts and figures about the geography and demographics of Ireland

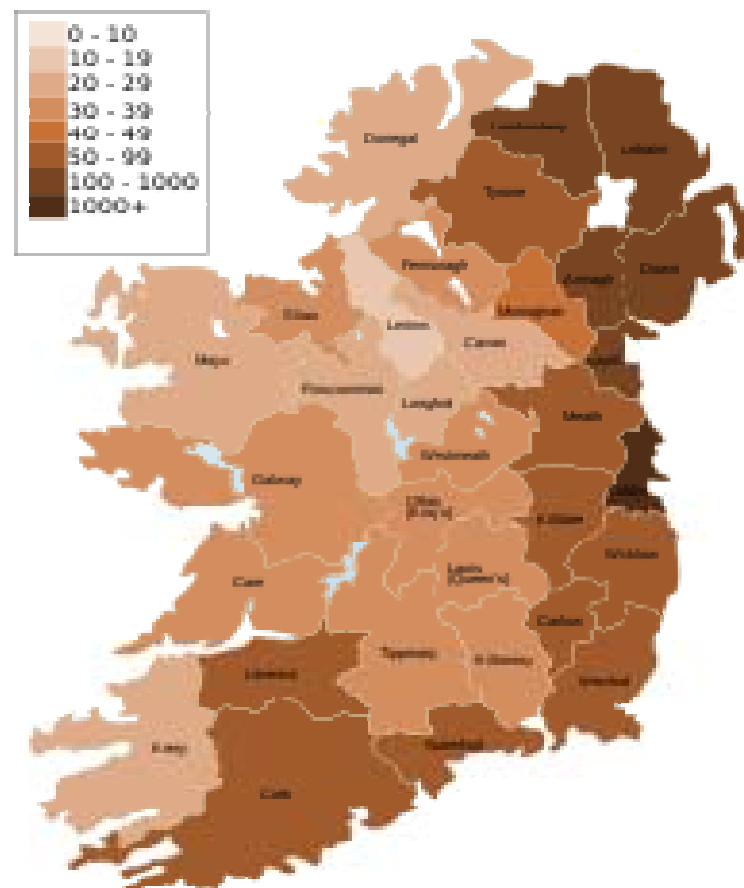


- 84,000 km² – 70,000 in the Rep. Of Ireland
- 6.2 million people – 4.4 million in RoI - (8 million before the great famine of 1850, only 4.2 M in 1970)
- One of the lowest density in Europe: 63 p/ km² in the RoI 128 in N.I. (France: 120)
- a population concentrated mostly in Ulster and on the eastern seaboard
- few urban centres, usually very spread out
- many small towns and villages are scattered around the country
- Ireland is both a high tech and an agricultural economy

Consequences for the water sector in the Rol

- The Irish drinking water sector, is characterised by a few large systems and many smaller, widely scattered ones
- Only 77% of households are connected to public supplies
- There are 3,258 water supplies, of which only 952 are public: 29%
- Group water sector accounts for a further 44%. These groups have been set up by the Government during the last years in order to provide quality water to rural areas
- There are still roughly 900 private water supplies (27%) which are not under the control of public authorities

Population density in Ireland



Consequences for the waste water sector in the Rol

- 68% of households are connected to a public waste water network
- Water Services Authorities (WSA) are responsible (directly or indirectly) for waste water treatment in over 480 agglomerations with a population equivalent of over 500 – subject to EPA licensing.
- EPA certificates applied for over 600 discharges for agglomerations below this size.
- Houses not connected to sewer (served by septic tanks) will shortly be subject to a new monitoring and inspection system

Structures and Organisation

Department of Environment

- Policy formulation, legislative framework
- Capital Investment Programme

Water Services Authorities

- 34 Water Services Authorities (WSA) – city and county councils
- Responsibility for delivery of “water services”
- EPA supervisory role – WSA have supervisory role for group water sector

Some specificities of the Irish water market

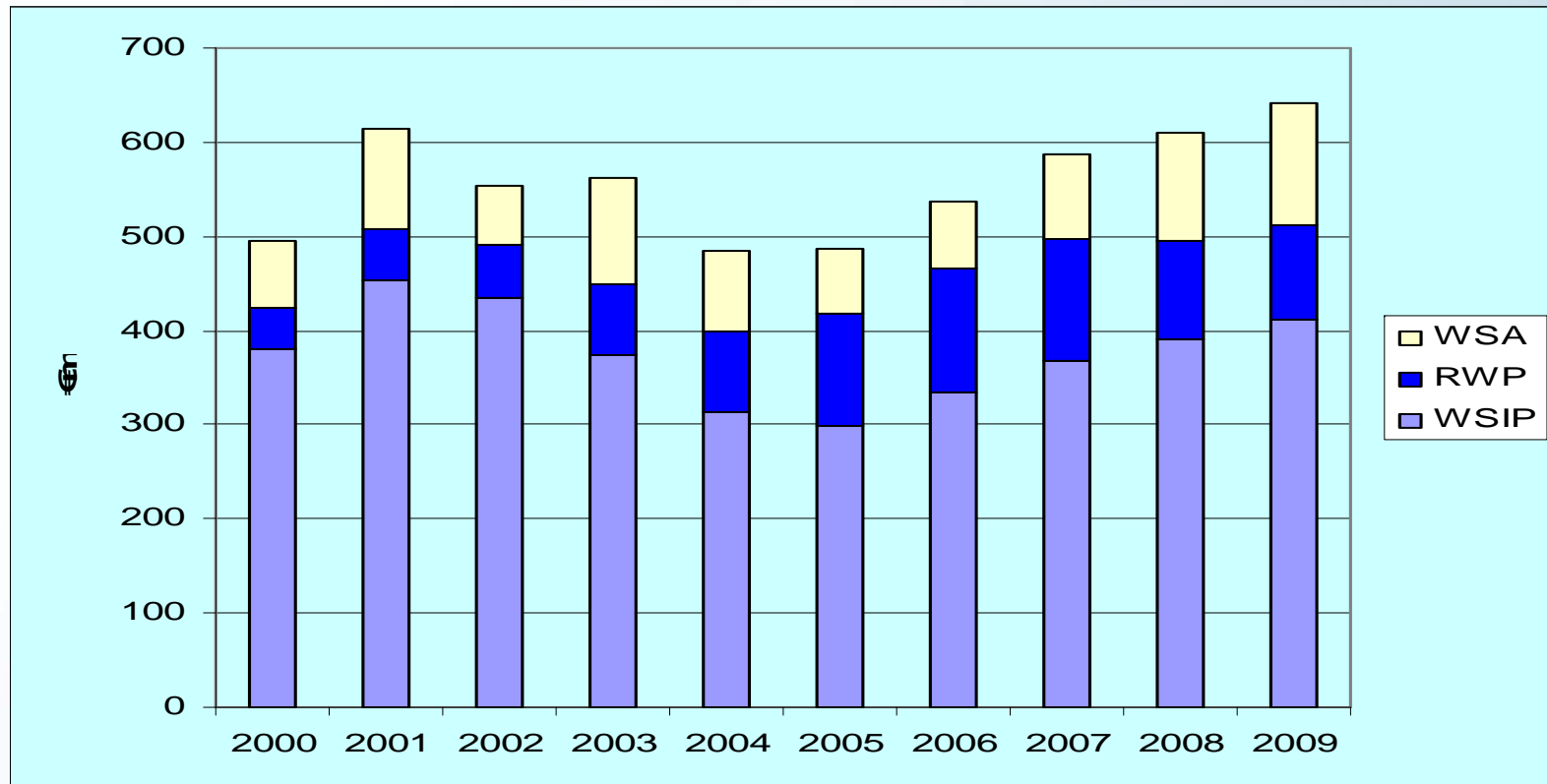
- Since 1994 households do not pay for their water consumption nor for the treatment of their waste water
- All other users are now metered and billed but payment of water charges is still low (<75%)
- Leaks in the distribution networks are very high: 43% nationwide (27% for the Dublin area, 50% for the rest of the country)
- The investment in new works is shared by the DOE – for the domestic portion – and by the WSAs for the non domestic part
- Similarly the costs of operations are borne in the same proportion
- Despite a generous precipitation regime, some Irish regions are close to serious water shortages, in particular the Dublin area
- Due to its geology, Ireland cannot rely on important aquifers and surface water constitutes the bulk of its water resources

A very substantial effort has been undertaken during the last 10 years

- Since 2000 significant capacity increases have been built to meet demographic/economic changes
- The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has tightened its environmental compliance requirements
 - Waste water licensing
 - Drinking water – remedial action list to address deficiencies
- The Water Services Act 2007 has updated legislative base.
- The role of PPPs has been generalised through a DBO model, in order to improve the efficiency of the delivery of new works (budget and schedule) and introduce new technologies as well as more efficient management

A significant investment effort

€5.5 Bn invested over the last 10 years

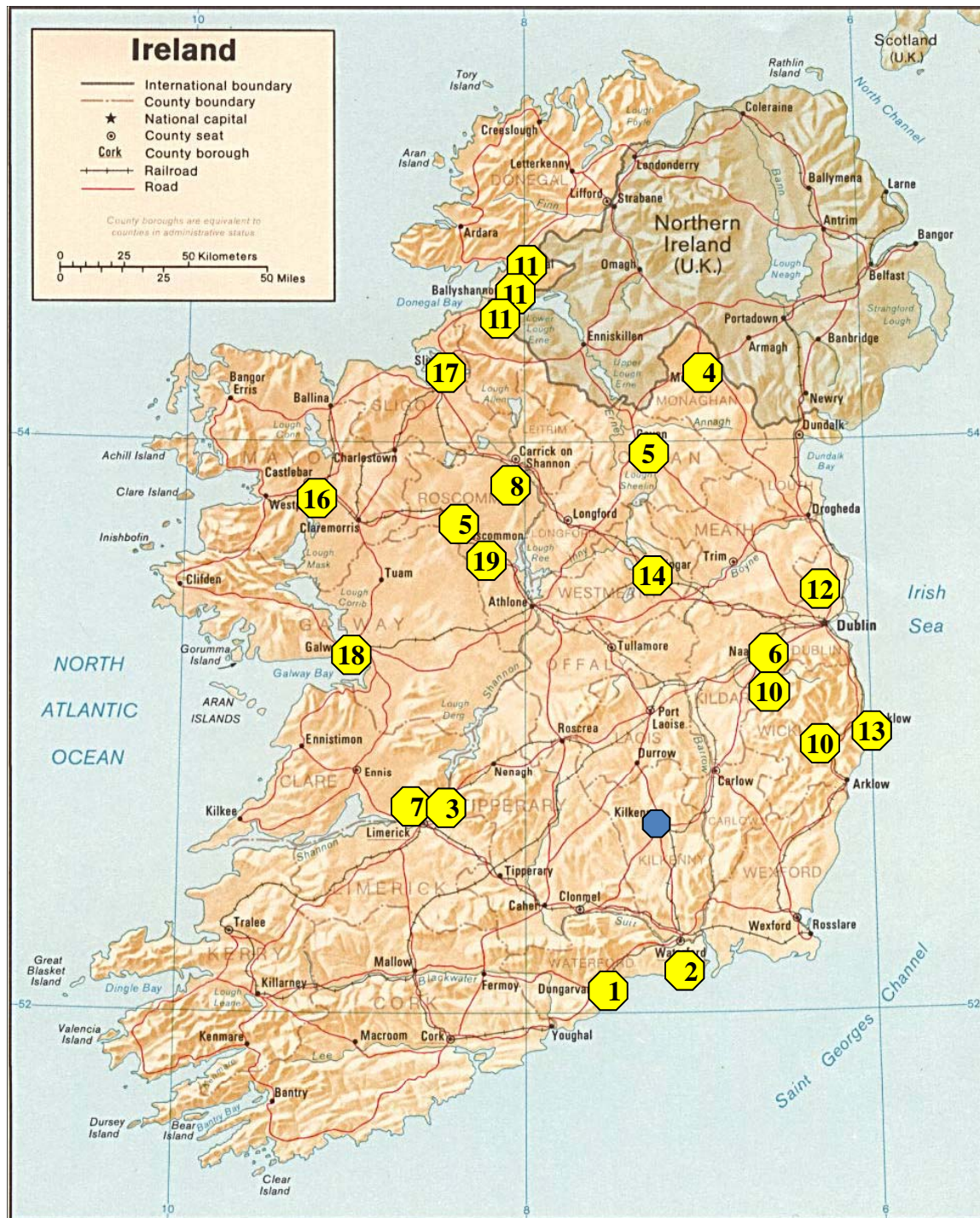


Perspectives: major changes are under way

- The implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive - aims to achieve “good status” in all natural waters by 2015 - has led to the crafting of River Basin Management Plans that will apply to the whole island of Ireland.
- Seven basins have been defined and will be managed in the future more in accordance with geographical logic – watershed - than administrative boundaries – WSA / counties or even countries.
- The country must adapt to changed economic climate decline in development levies/borrowing restrictions
 - Budget announcement on domestic water charges
 - Private financing of new works becomes necessary

Market Sectors

- **Municipal Design, Build & Operate**
 - **Municipal Service/Solutions**
- **Industrial Design & Build & Operate**
 - **Industrial Service/Solutions**



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Map of O&M sites

- 1 Dungarvan Wastewater and Sludge Treatment Plant
- 2 Tramore Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 3 Clareville (Limerick) WTP
- 4 Monaghan Group Water Schemes
- 5 East Cavan Group Water Schemes
- 6 Osberstown Sludge Treatment Plant
- 7 Limerick Sludge Treatment Plant
- 8 Pollacat Springs Group Water Scheme
- 9 Glinsk and Creggs Group Water Scheme
- 10 Blessington & Rathdrum WWTPs
- 11 Donegal, Rosstown and Ballyshannon Wastewater and Sludge Treatment Plant
- 12 Killegland (Ashbourne) WWTP
- 13 Wicklow sewage treatment plant
- 14 Mullingar sewage treatment plant
- 16 Castlebar waste water treatment plants
- 17 Sligo County Non Domestic Water Metering
- 18 Galway City Non Domestic Water Metering
- 19 Roscommon County Non Domestic Water Metering

Municipal projects

+20 contracts serving 60 communities



LEINSTER

- Wicklow
- Ashford, Co. Wicklow
- Rathnew, Co. Wicklow
- Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow
- Blessington, Co. Kildare
- Osberstown, Co. Kildare
- Mullingar, Co. Westmeath
- Ashbourne, Co. Meath

CONNACHT

- Galway
- Roscommon
- Sligo
- Castlebar, Co. Mayo

MUNSTER

- Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
- Tramore, Co. Waterford
- Clareville, Co. Limerick
- Limerick Sludge

ULSTER

- Cavan
- Monaghan
- Donegal
- Northern Irish Omega project

Veolia provides most of the services in the water cycle in Ireland



Experts in design, build, technology, operations and customer services

Veolia Water Ireland

An aerial photograph of a coastal area. In the foreground, there's a large red circle with the text "Thank you for your interest" in white. The background shows a coastline with a bay, green fields, and a small industrial facility with several large circular tanks. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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