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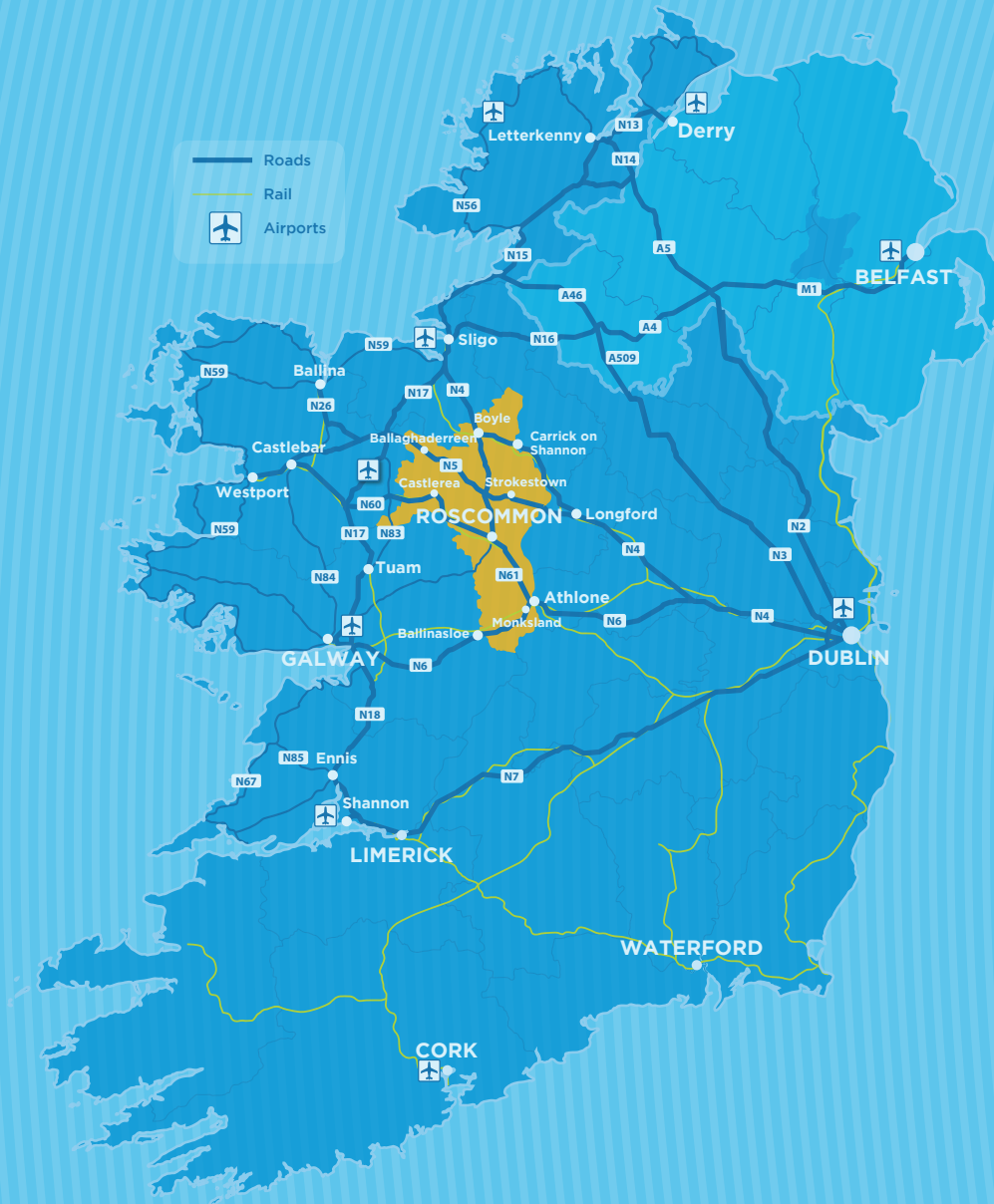
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Harmac selected Co. Roscommon as it is located close to many leading Fortune 500 companies in our sector and has an availability of well-educated and skilled people. Harmac receives excellent support from the Industrial Development Authority and Roscommon County Council. It currently employs over 300 people at its successful operation in Castlerea."



Mick McEnroe, Managing Director, Harmac Medical Products



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For enterprises seeking to locate in a place that provides access to the latest **enabling infrastructure and technologies** for growth sectors, immersed in a **rich culture and heritage** and with a **fantastic quality of life**...
...Roscommon holds the **key**.

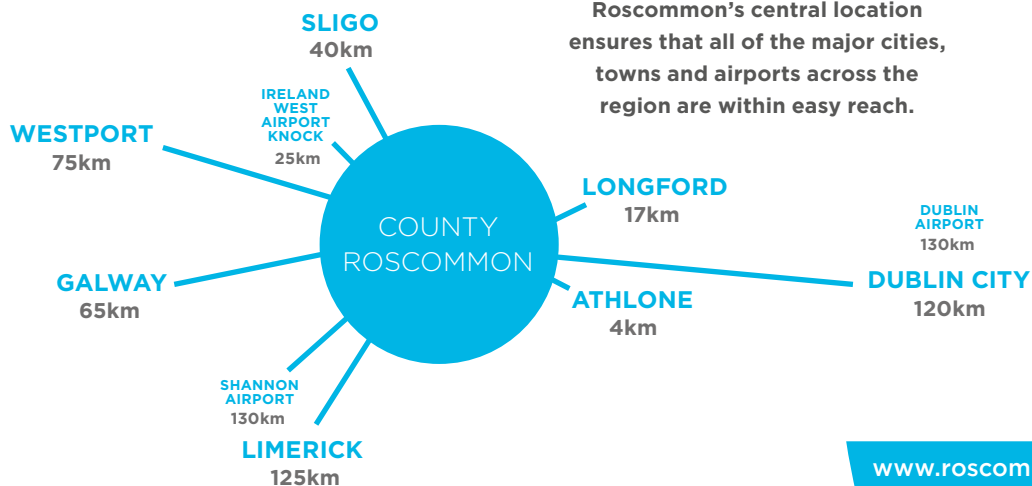


Place of Distinction for Business & Leisure

County Roscommon is uniquely positioned in the renowned Ireland West region, whilst also containing the geographic centre of Ireland. Situated at the heart of key clusters of international acclaim, opportunities are opened up through easily accessible business parks and lands, proximity to regional hubs, 5 Third Level Institutions, latest technologies, research & innovation, skills, talents and networks to foster growth. Enterprises located here are literally at the centre of growth sectors of the future.

Roscommon's unrivalled location is complemented by the superior quality of life, evident from its many prestigious accolades. Statistically, people from Roscommon live longer, with its residents benefiting from its clean green environment, featuring its extensive forest & amenity parks, walks, cycle routes and water-based activities, with Roscommon boasting the longest shoreline of the majestic river Shannon. All of this is underpinned by affordable living in a spacious and unspoilt region.

Distances from Co. Roscommon



COUNTY ROSCOMMON



Award Winning Communities

This first class location offers a wide range of quality housing and residential developments and a strong sense of community, demonstrated by its extensive voluntary groups, sports clubs and leisure facilities. It also boasts the lowest crime rates in Ireland and retains its position as one of Ireland's Tidiest Counties, with numerous National Awards.



County Roscommon in numbers



65,000 population of Roscommon, 300,000 reside within 60km radius



3 international airports within 90 mins



5 higher education institutions regionally



300Ha lands prioritised for industry & enterprise development



Rindoon, Co. Roscommon - The Geographic Centre of Ireland



Good Practice Communities - Safest place to live in Ireland

INNOVATION & ICT

Ireland's newest **network of innovation hubs** will connect **knowledge enterprises** with **leading research & innovation capability** through linked fibre-enabled centres across the region.



Networked Innovation Hubs

Ireland is a global technology hub for ICT and software - a centre of excellence and the world's 2nd largest exporter of software and IT services. Nine of the world's top 10 global ICT companies are amongst the 200+ ICT MNCs located in Ireland, complementing a vibrant indigenous ICT sector. 60,000 people are employed in over 1,000 companies, facilitated by the superb talent, research and innovation capability that anchor them and ensure they compete successfully at a global scale.

Fibre-enabled Innovation Hubs in an attractive, networked environment assist in unlocking the potential for knowledge enterprises. In Roscommon, investment priorities include modern incubation and innovation infrastructure for ICT and related companies, comprising connectivity and effective linkages. Through networking with other regional centres and research institutes nearby, thus ensuring growth and expansion opportunities are maximised.

Co. Roscommon – Who's here...

ProCloud

myITdepartment
Professional IT Services, Solutions and Support

TheCube
Innovation Solutions for Industry

trojanit
Innovation Hub

HQ



ROSCOMMON TOWN



Roscommon, the Principal Town and administrative centre positioned in the heart of the county, is a vibrant urban area with a strong retail and commercial base. New knowledge-focused incubation will range from fibre-enabled desk space to modern office units, providing an ideal 'soft-landing' hub for enterprises seeking to set up and scale to reach their potential.

“ Along with the infrastructure and support services, attractive cost base and better work-life balance, our decision to locate here was made very easy.”



Niall O'Donohoe, MD Procloud.ie (ex Director IBM)



10,000+Mbps
broadband
availability



75Ha lands
prioritised
for industry
& enterprise
development



Proximity to
5 ICT/Software
Research
Institutes



40,000
third level
students
regionally



People from
Roscommon
live longer - Fact!



Good Practice
Communities -
285 Community
& sports groups

LIFE SCIENCES

From renowned multinational corporations to **state of the art incubation units** and **prioritised space** for bio-pharma and medtech businesses, Monksland is a **leading Hub for Life Sciences** in Ireland.



Leading Life Science Cluster

Ireland's Life Science Sector is globally acclaimed, with 90% of the world's largest companies located here. Europe's premier cluster of these companies is based in Ireland's West region. 50,000 people work in 400 companies, of which 50% are indigenous to Ireland. Per capita, it has the highest number of people working in the industry across Europe and is prioritised in the Irish Government's Smart Specialisation Strategy for further investment and future growth.

The industrial district at Monksland is situated at the crossroads of Ireland's medtech and bio-pharma sectors, featuring internationally recognised enterprises, unlocking the unique clustering benefits of locating here. Its central position provides access to a substantial talent pool and opens a gateway to the latest technologies and research capability through leading centres for Medical Devices & Technologies, Bio-Medical Engineering & Bio-Science Research located in the region.

Co. Roscommon - Who's here...



MONKSLAND



Monksland is a fast-growing urban area situated along the banks of the river Shannon, adjacent to the commercial centre of Athlone with its own Institute of Technology. Investment in strategic infrastructure including site development, natural gas and a new state-of-the-art bio-pharma incubation hub will drive further expansion of these priority sectors.

“ Our location in Monksland places Jazz Pharma at the very heart of the bio-pharma sector in Ireland and globally. This centrality also ensures we have access to a superb talent pool to grow our business.”



Alan MacNeice, Executive Director, Jazz Pharmaceuticals

LIFE SCIENCES



Life Sciences –
Fastest growing
industrial sector
in the region



80,000 sq. ft.
Advanced Space
underway



7 New
Bio-Pharma
Incubation Units



Proximity to
20+BioPharma
& MedTech
Research
Centres



85Ha lands
prioritised
for industry
& enterprise
development



60 mins to Dublin
by motorway,
45 mins to Galway

TOURISM & ARTS

Roscommon boasts **unspoilt scenic landscapes**, the longest shoreline of the **majestic river Shannon**, **island studded lakes** and **internationally renowned tourist attractions** - key features of the region's largest indigenous industry.



Authentic Tourism & Leisure

Tourism is Ireland's largest indigenous industry employing over 200,000 people, catering for 10 million overseas visitors along with a vibrant domestic tourism market. Regional tourism is set to grow further, building on the international branding and promotion of the acclaimed Wild Atlantic Way along the West Coast. Located in Ireland West, Roscommon is home to many traditional and contemporary visitor attractions, activities and accommodation - key features of the tourism offering.

Highlights include Lough Key Forest & Activity Park - one of the region's most visited attractions, Ireland's largest inflatable waterpark, the National Famine Museum, historic castles, houses and heritage museums. Scenic landscapes and a rich heritage of arts and crafts are centred in the North of the county, including visual arts, music, song, dance, literature and theatre. The International Boyle Arts Festival and O'Carolan Harp Festival are key amongst the substantial annual events calendar.

Co. Roscommon - Who's here...



BOYLE



The picturesque town of Boyle and its environs is a noted centre for Tourism in Ireland's West region, featuring the island studded Lough Key, its extensive forest park, unique range of activities and scenic landscapes. Boyle is also a hub for Arts festivals and events and the unmistakable setting for the internationally renowned "Moone Boy" TV Series.

“ On St Stephens Day, when hot toddies are served up during the treasure hunt at Lough Key, this remains my favourite time of the year.”



Chris O'Dowd, International Award Winning Actor

TOURISM & ARTS



Tourism - Largest indigenous industry



200,000 Visitors to Lough Key Forest & Activity Park annually



30ft high - Unique Tree Canopy Walk



140km - Longest Shoreline of River Shannon



Only Boda Borg Quest facility in Ireland



Oldest & Largest Ancient Celtic Royal Site in Europe



Ireland's Largest Inflatable Water Park

AGRI-FOOD

With its **clean green environment**, strong historical **traditions in agri-food** and its new **Food Hub in Castlerea**, Roscommon offers smooth entry for food enterprises to establish and grow their businesses.



Renowned Agri-Food Region

Food and Drink is the largest manufacturing industry in the EU, in which Ireland is one of the leading performers. Ireland's *Food Harvest 2020 Strategy* highlights the strength of the Irish agri-food sector, with an annual output of €24 billion, employing 150,000 people, including significant activity in rural regions. Ireland has globally renowned food output, from primary produce, to international brands of distinction and artisan products across food and drink ranges.

In Ireland's West region, Roscommon has the largest employment in agri-food, distributed across primary production and value added enterprises. Major companies include Kepak for meat exports and Aurivo for internationally recognised dairy brands including Connaught Gold. Artisan producers feature specialist bakeries including leading gluten free brands, distinctive meat & deli products, chocolates, craft breweries and distilleries.

Co. Roscommon - Who's here...



CASTLEREA



Right in the heart of the Ireland West region lies the market town of Castlerea on the banks of the river Suck. With its brand new Food Development Centre underway, comprising Food Kitchens, Incubation Units and Support Programmes to accelerate and grow food enterprises, Castlerea is set to become a prime food development centre in the region.

“Where better for our farmhouse style brewery than rural Roscommon’s unspoilt countryside? Nowhere, that’s where. Roscommon is not only where we work, it’s where we live too, and we’re here to stay.”



Richard and Michaela Siberry, Black Donkey Brewery

AGRI-FOOD



Food - Largest Manufacturing sector in Roscommon



12 New Advanced Food Units planned at Castlerea Food Hub



22Ha lands prioritised for industry & enterprise development



Proximity to Food Technology & Research Centres



Highest proportion of Agri/Vet-Graduates in Ireland



14,000 regional graduates annually

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

If you want to establish a business in a region that is a **gateway to the Creative West**, that provides **dedicated creative space** and **specialist supports** to foster the growth of Creative Industries, then Roscommon is the ideal place.



Gateway to the Creative West

Creative Industries have a long association with the West of Ireland, from traditional crafts to more modern sectors with creative content including design, fashion, media & film, gaming software and related activities. Traditionally, Ireland West has boasted the highest proportion of activity in the creative sectors, building on the regional skill and talents associated with this historically inspirational region.

Of note, Roscommon has been the location for a range of TV and film productions as well as producing artists and actors of international renown. Building on its strong tradition in creative industries, based in Ballaghaderreen, a dedicated support programme - IGNITE CREATIVE, aims to further accelerate entrepreneurial activity in new sectors. This includes access to incubation and studio space and business mentoring to establish and scale new creative industries in the region.

Co. Roscommon - Who's here...



ROSCOMMON
ARTS CENTRE



BALLAGHADERREEN



Adjacent to Knock International Airport, Ballaghaderreen is located in the creative hotspot of Ireland West. The town itself provides substantial space for promoting and developing the creative sector and related industries along with specific supports anchored in the town aimed at unlocking opportunities for new and existing enterprises to scale and grow.

“ My family left Ballaghaderreen when I was only six years old but everything in my imagination comes from that place and those people. It’s my emotional hinterland and the place I go to in my dreams.”



Garry Hynes, Artistic Director, Druid Theatre

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES



Creative Sector
– Greatest
Proportion in
Ireland’s West
Region



20,000sq.m
– Advanced
Business Units
available in
Ballaghaderreen



65Ha lands
prioritised
for industry
& enterprise
development



Proximity to
3 Creative/
Design
Research
Centres



59% - Third level
participation,
amongst highest
nationally



Good Practice
Communities -
Award winning
Tidy County

CULTURE & HERITAGE

Imagine discovering a place steeped in Irish folklore and heritage, from the infamous **Queen Medb** and the **oldest and largest Celtic Royal Site in Europe** to the **first President of Ireland** – Roscommon has it all, and more.



Unique Irish Culture And Heritage

Ireland's heritage is world renowned, featuring its many customs and traditions stemming from its largely Gaelic background. These include its distinctive history, archaeology, mythology, folklore and culture celebrated through its preserved buildings, museums/interpretative centres, literature, festivals and events. Internationally, it is particularly noted for its St Patricks Day Festival, Táin Bó Cuailnge mythology and the birthplace of Halloween Festivities, all of which have direct links to Roscommon.

In Roscommon, you are immersed in Ireland's rich and diverse culture and heritage, ranging from natural heritage including its raised bogs to archaeological sites of international importance, such as the Rathcroghan Ancient Royal Complex - one of the 6 Royal sites in Ireland, the traditional capital of the prehistoric Connachta region and home of the renowned Queen Medb and connected with the feast of Samhain (Halloween). A range of annual festivals and events celebrate the culture and heritage of the region.

Co. Roscommon – Who's here...



STROKESTOWN



Strokestown, in the East of Roscommon, has its own unique cultural identity, once boasting the widest main street in Europe. Situated close to the Rathcroghan Royal Complex, it is home to Strokestown Park House, featuring the National Famine Museum. It is also home to Roscommon Genealogy Centre, a gateway to historical ancestry for many who wish to trace their Irish roots.

“ The location of Strokestown Park House & Gardens and the National Famine Museum in this established heritage district with its variety of attractions greatly adds to our success.”



John O Driscoll CEO, Strokestown Park House



CULTURE & HERITAGE



Irish National Famine Museum



UNESCO World Heritage Shortlist - Rathcroghan Ancient Royal Complex



300+ Archaeological Sites of Interest



Home to Queen Medb and the Connachta Dynasties



Genealogy - Irish National Registry Office for Births, Deaths and Marriages



Good Practice Communities - 51 Youth Groups

UNLOCK YOUR BUSINESS POTENTIAL...

...contact Roscommon Enterprise Unit

Through its dedicated Enterprise Unit, Roscommon County Council provides a hands-on support service for new and existing enterprises locating in the area.

This ensures direct and seamless access to the necessary support services, knowledge, infrastructure and contacts to fast-track the (re)location and integration process, through collaborative links with:

IDA Ireland - supporting FDI from multinational corporations

Enterprise Ireland - fostering high-growth indigenous enterprises with export potential

Local Enterprise Office - promoting new entrepreneurship and micro-enterprises

Business & Technology Parks - access to suitable commercial sites and advance buildings

Universities & Research Institutes - research, innovation and graduate recruitment

Incubation Centres - provided by Roscommon County Council and its partners

Innovation & Investor Readiness Support - provided by WestBIC, the EU-BIC in the region

Local Authority supports for planning and regulatory compliance and linkage with the Local Community Development Committee

Business Networks - networking with established businesses in growth sectors

Recruitment - access to a skilled and talented workforce

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