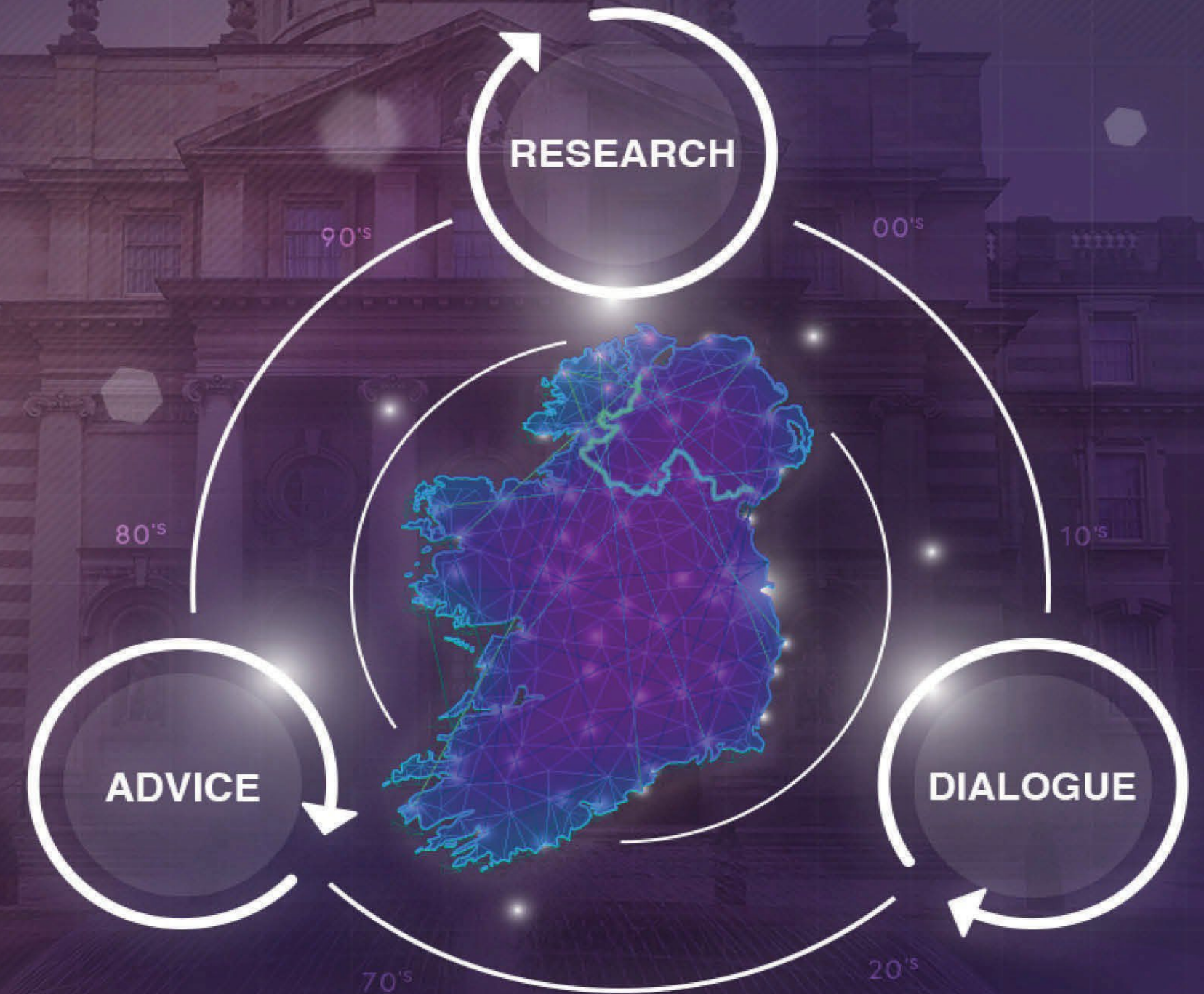




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NESC Strategy Statement 2025 - 2028



This NESC Strategy Statement is also the National Economic and Social Development Office (NESDO) Statement of Strategy. NESDO was established as part of the NESDO Act 2006 and is the corporate body for the NESC.



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Mission

We provide cohesive, forward-looking and trusted policy advice, underpinned by robust social dialogue and rigorous research, to Government on challenging medium and long-term issues.

Vision

We work to shape and support sustainable, resilient, inclusive and just economic, social and environmental development.



Strategic Outcome One

Re-frame, Re-fresh & Improve Current Policy Options

Objective 1 – Policy Integration:

Inform and actively shape Ireland’s progress towards more sustainable and integrated economic, social and environmental development.

This will include work in areas such as housing and land, climate change, energy transition, biodiversity and infrastructure.

Objective 2 – Policy Connectivity:

Examine how front-line concerns and ‘lived experiences’ of citizens, groups and places could be enhanced by policy design, implementation and institutional reform.

This will include work in areas such as disability, education, agricultural practices and supports, micro-enterprise and health care.

Objective 3 – Impact:

Increase the awareness and impact of NESC research work in the wider policy and political system and among civil society.

By 2028 we will have fulfilled each of these objectives and will have in place new areas of work linked to Government requests, priorities and the interests of Council members.

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Support longer-term planning and foresight orientated policy work

Objective 1 – Evidence:

Provide horizon scanning and analysis of strategic issues, including demography, AI and digitalisation, the national and international risks and impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss and changing geo-political relationships.

Objective 2 – Participation:

Engage with existing participatory fora, adopt innovative methodologies to help make sense of trends and generate possible future scenarios to help guide current decision-making.

Objective 3 – Life Cycle View:

Support the development of a stronger inter-generational perspective across the policy system through focused work with different age cohorts.

By 2028 we will have completed work in these areas and will have developed work programmes and resourcing plans.



Strategic Outcome Three

Facilitate and support policy making and societal engagement across the policy system

Objective 1 – Project Delivery:

Enable staff secondments and other time-bound working arrangements to support specific projects in government departments, agencies or government sponsored initiatives.

Objective 2 – Council Members As Resource:

Enhance awareness of the role and expertise of NESC members as a resource to support problem-solving and deliberation across the policy system.

Objective 3 – International Collaboration:

Facilitate and support collaboration with EU partners and the wider international community on current and emerging policy areas.

By 2028 we will have progressed work in these areas and will have developed more formal means of identifying opportunities to support work on engagement.

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Achieve Highest Standards of Organisational Performance & Corporate Governance

Objective 1 - Internal Processes:

Adhere to best practices for the governance and management of State Bodies, including in relation to accountability and value-for-money, well-being and development of staff, and the quality and security of our IT systems.

Objective 2 - External Communications:

Continue to improve the quality and accessibility of our reports, website and all supporting events, as set out in our Communications Strategy 2024-2028.

Objective 3 – Organisational Capacity:

Complete a review of organisational need and capacity including staffing requirements, workforce planning and succession, operational supports and resources.

By 2028 we will have ensured that NESCC has in place the necessary structures and resources to deliver upon its mission, vision and all four strategic outcomes

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