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### Scoil na Tíreolaíochta UCD

#### Regional Policy Research



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GPEP research input in urban and regional policy research area has been significant in recent months. This includes three main strands under the direction of Dr Brendan Williams.

This first piece of research examined the role that the Dublin city region has in the national context and its value to Ireland as a global city of scale. The process through which this was achieved was firstly by examining available data and then by using this data to produce a spatial analytical assessment of Dublin's role. Reports available on

[www.dra.ie](http://www.dra.ie).

Next with our international research partners we examined the relationship between city development and human talent resources with the positioning of Ireland as the 'Innovation Island', a hub for new cutting edge industries and a country with a talented well-educated workforce. **The results and recommendations** are one of the first to bring together a wide range of both national and international evidence to explain the importance of Dublin to national economic health in a global context.

In addition Dr Brendan Williams was a member of the Dublin City Task force which recently reported recommendations on a Vacant lands development levy to address the issue of long term derelict sites.

*Photo: Dr Brendan Williams with Taoiseach Enda Kenny and materials on Urban Development Policy research.*

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