

Functions of North-South Ministerial Council and  
Implementing Bodies

I 'Executive' functions with New Implementing Bodies

1. Trade Promotion and Indigenous Company Development Board (covering, for South, functions of Forbairt, An Bord Tráchtála (Irish Trade Board), An Bord Bia (Food Marketing Board) and the Services to Business Function of FÁS.
2. Tourism Promotion, Marketing and Product Development, including single Island Tourism Promotion Mechanism.
3. EU Initiatives Board
  - Negotiation and management of next INTERREG Programme between North and South and, if in time, as preparatory step, administration and co-ordination of INTERREG II and of the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation, for their remaining duration.
4. Strategic Transport Commission, to include Strategic Roads, Rail Development Policy, Ports Provision and Policy.
5. Animal and Plant Health and Food Safety.
6. All-Ireland Environmental Body or Bodies covering Environmental Protection, Pollution Control and Waste and Water Management.
7. Board for Promotion of Irish language at Island level, including All-Island Support for Irish-medium Education.
8. All-Island Arts Council.
9. Science and Technology Policy and Support for R & D for Industry - single island Office of Science and Technology.
10. Agriculture Research Agency.



11. All-Island Independent Community Trust to support Voluntary/Community Activity.  
(a la NICVA)
12. Marine Research, including all-Island Marine Institute.
13. Forestry, including all-Island Agency.
14. Inland Fisheries Agency on Island Basis.
15. All-Island Waterways Agency.
16. Youth Affairs including all-Island Youth Council
17. Information Society Commission.

II 'Executive' Functions, with Existing or Already Agreed Implementation Bodies

1. Public Health, including Institute of Public Health.
2. Disposal of Clinical Waste, including Joint Board.
3. Cross-border Co-operation in Rationalisation of Health Services on a Regional Basis, including responsibility for Enniskillen-based CAWT

III 'Executive' Functions without Implementation Bodies i.e. for Decision by Council and Separate but Co-ordinated Implementation

1. Involvement in Agriculture and Food Policy/Negotiation of EU CAP Market Regimes on Island Basis.
2. All-Island Negotiation and Implementation of EU SOCRATES and LEONARDO (educational/training) programmes.
3. Human Rights Monitoring, Enforcement and Education - Joint Committee of

Representatives of Proposed Human Rights Commissions, North and South and Joint Initiatives by Specialised Agencies in Both Jurisdictions for Equality Legislation.

4. Support for Sport, in particular High Performance Sports, with all-Island Governing Bodies.
5. Education for Students with Special Needs.
6. Matters relating to persons who have been subject to both Jurisdictions (Social, Security, Health and Occupational Benefit Entitlements, Income Tax) including Fraud Control.
7. Development of Strategy in High Cost, High Technology Health Areas on Island of Ireland Basis, including all-Island Arrangement for Health Technology Assessment.
8. Heritage and National Monuments Conservation and Protection including possibility of a single Heritage Council on an Island Basis.