

My own research interest is futures so I am interested in this process

Three quick things come to mind

1. The risk associated with increased social inequality and spatial inequality. As you know Ireland is becoming ever more polarised both in terms of income and geography. 70% of new FDI jobs are in Dublin
2. The risk associated with not achieving targets as set out in the just published National Reform Programme 2014 as prescribed under the Europe 2020 strategy.
3. The risks associated with conflicting land uses e.g. Food Harvest 2020, Grid Upgrade, Wind Farms, Infrastructure, New Housing, nature conservation i.e. the competing demands for space. The risk is that some of these policies will not be able to fulfill their potential.

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The work you are doing is vitally important.

You may be interested in this report just published from the World Bank

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTWDRS/EXTNWDR2013/0,,contentMDK:23330018~pagePK:8258258~piPK:8258412~theSitePK:8258025,00.html>

The UK Foresight Project

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/foresight-projects#policy-futures-reports>

And my own modest analysis

<http://irelandafternama.wordpress.com/2013/11/28/post-normal-planning-developing-scenarios-for-irelands-future/>

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