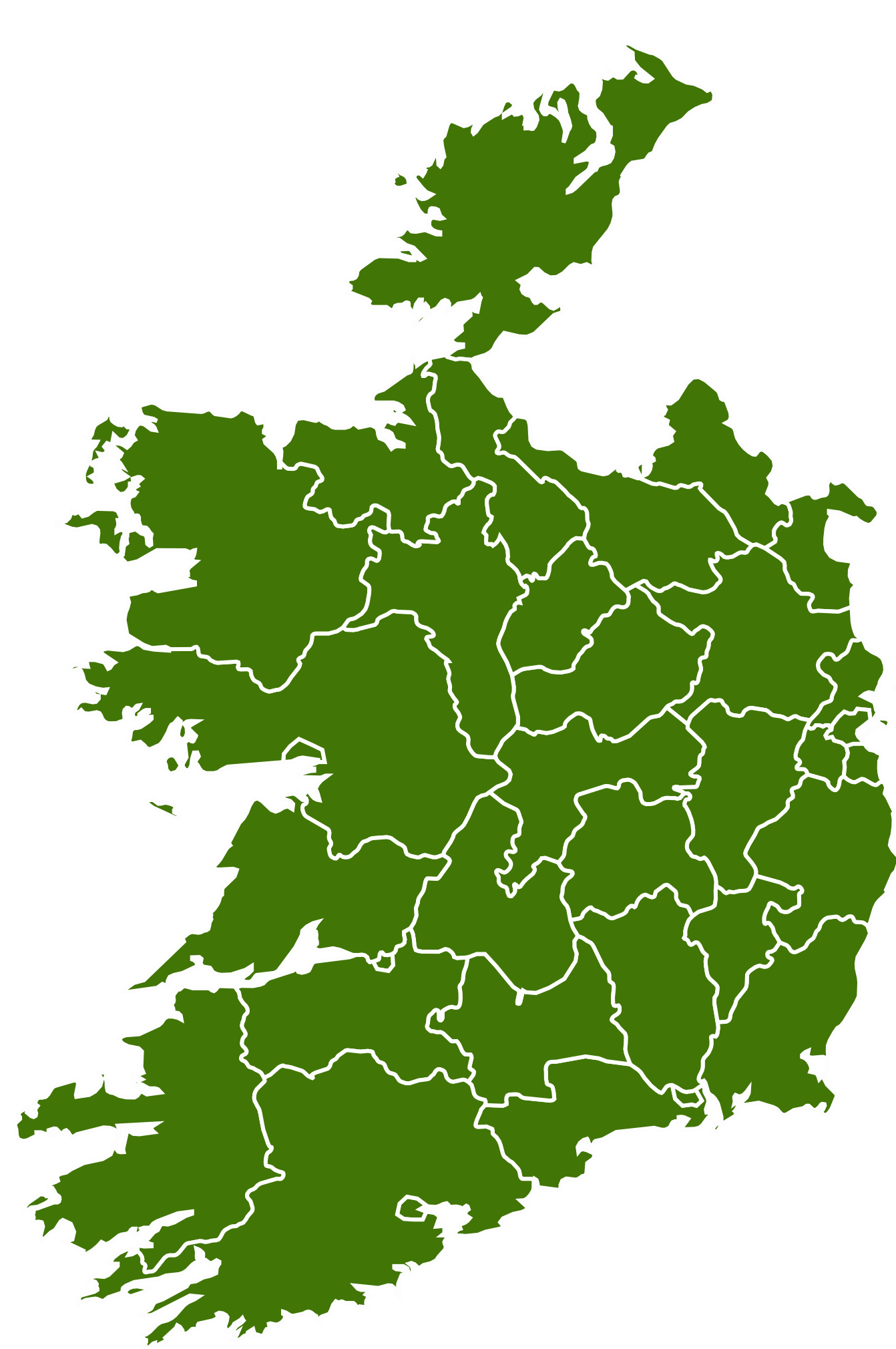


# PROFESSOR MICHELLE NORRIS IMPACT JOURNEY

FUNDING SOCIAL HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AFTER IRELAND'S ECONOMIC CRISIS



Professor Norris' research has enabled the Irish government to provide more social housing for low-income households



## 1 INPUTS

Funding from the Community Foundation for Ireland, the Housing Agency and the Irish Research Council

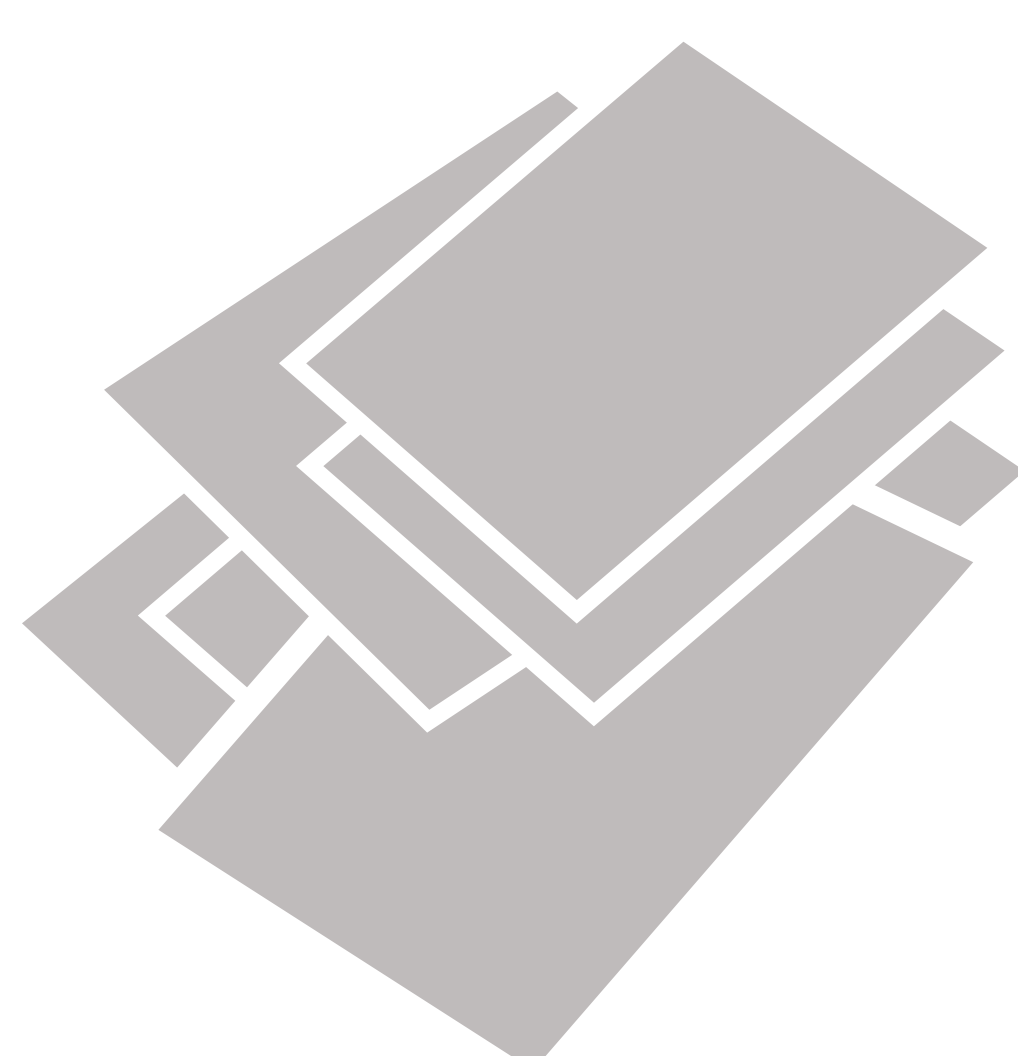
Existing knowledge

Challenge: Funding for social housing reduced by 88% after the 2007-2008 economic bust

## 2 ACTIVITIES

Research projects addressing four main questions:

- Why was social housing output higher in the past despite regular recessions?
- How do other European countries fund social housing?
- How does social housing influence the housing market?
- How can Irish social housing funding be reformed?



## 3 OUTPUTS

Academic papers

Identified more efficient funding models for social housing

Additional publications forthcoming

## 4 OUTCOMES

Appointed by An Taoiseach to the National Economic and Social Council – and contributed to four reports on housing policy

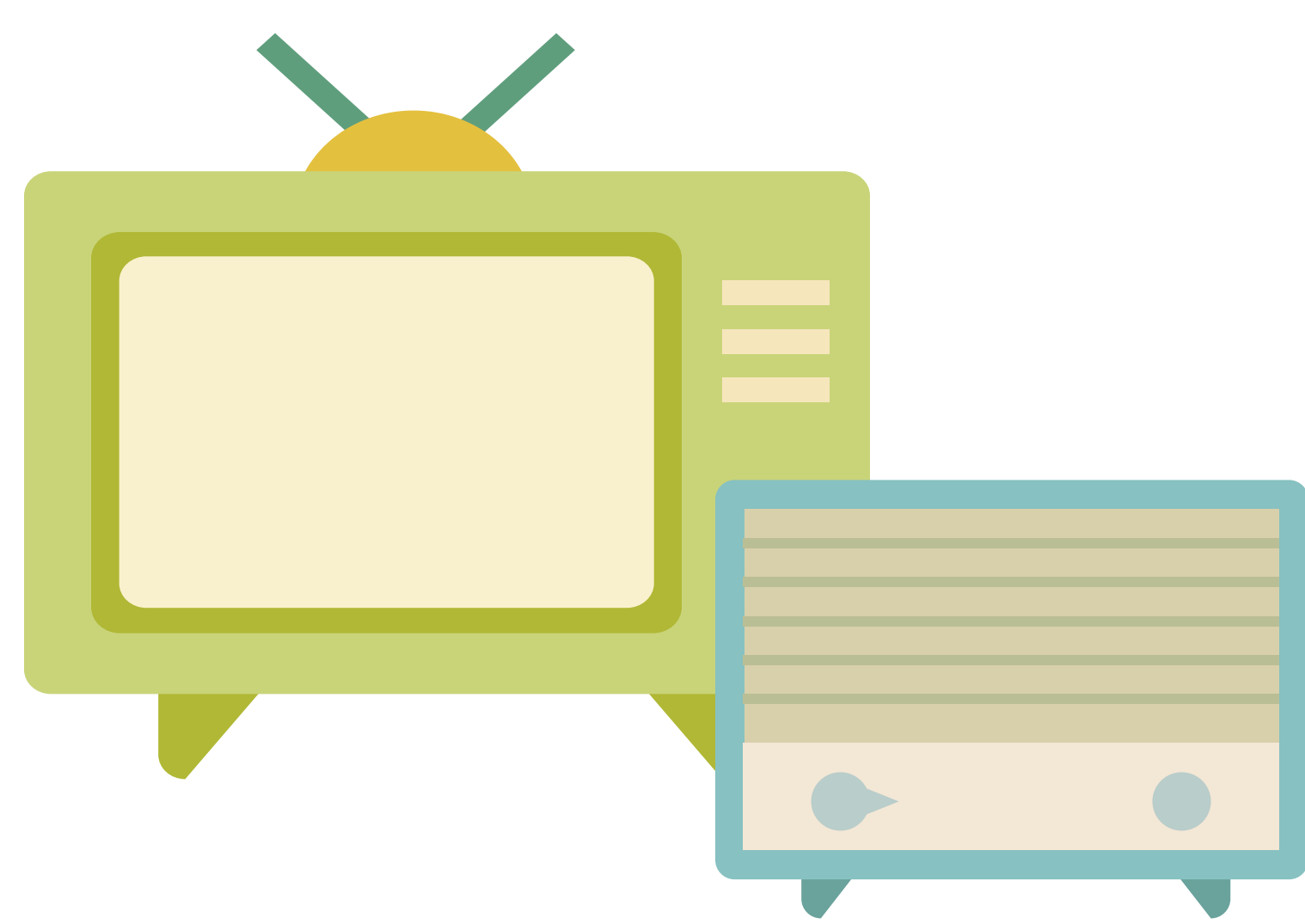
Appointed Chair of the Board of the Housing Finance Agency

Appointed to the Board of the Land Development Agency

Gave evidence to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht

Addressed local authorities and policy conferences

Regularly invited to appear on TV and radio



## 5 IMPACTS

### POLITICAL



Influenced policy that supports reform of social housing funding, and sets high targets for new social housing

### SOCIAL



Social housing lending by the Housing Finance Agency increased from €7.6 to €261.2 million

Social housing funding more sustainable and less vulnerable to economic crashes

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