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IRELAND'S EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

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Economic Development

- Universal access to second level education in late 1960s
- Accession to EEC in 1973
- Breaking link with Sterling in 1979 (in place for 200 years) to founding member of Euro (within just over 20 years)
- Telecoms backwater to home of the Europlex
- State mediated enterprise to entrepreneurial culture

... and some numbers

- 25% population growth in thirty years (net out-migration of 4% of labour force in 1980s has been completely reversed)
- Number of people at work has doubled in 15 years from 1990
- Overall participation rates have grown from 60% in 1990 to 70% today
- 80% of women aged 25-34 in labour force (only 40% for those over 55)

Education

- Expansion of state school system (1960s -
- Expansion of third level system (1970s –
- Nature of Irish demography
- Graduate output in 1980s
- Focus on research from 1999
 - PRTL
 - SFI
- Developing a fourth level system (2005 -

Productivity & the Standard of Living

- Performance...GDP versus GNP...1990s versus post 2000
- Drivers of Productivity
 - Management Practice
 - IT
 - Innovation

Supporting Environment for Productivity Growth

- Improve Management Practices
 - Production process
 - Talent
- Unification of Communication
- Innovations of the business model...the work environment