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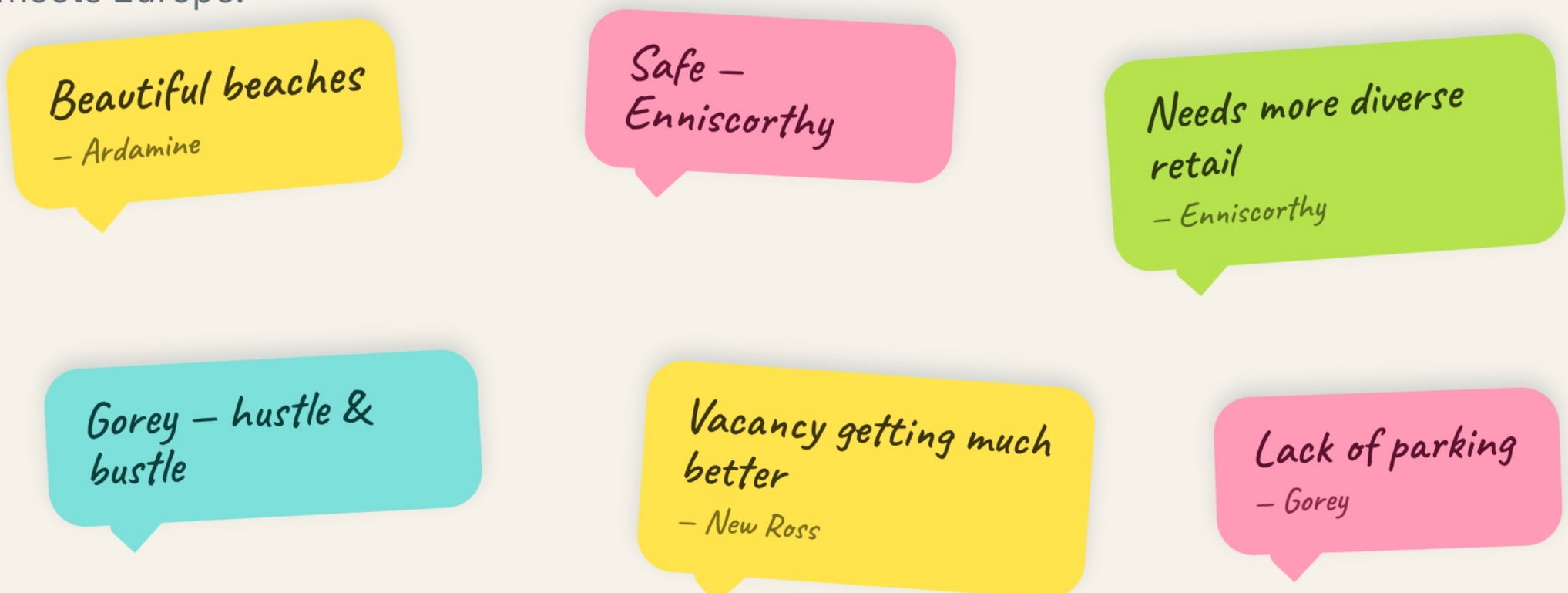
A community conversation about place — across every county of Ireland.

One shared conversation about place, one county each week throughout Ireland's EU Council Presidency. This week we're in the sunny south-east — Wexford, where Ireland meets Europe.



COUNTY FOUR

Wexford

County · Wexford County Council

GAA COUNTY COLOURS · PURPLE & GOLD

WEEK 04 OF 26

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The Market

Today's market — sale and rent, side by side.

MEDIAN HOUSE PRICE

€310,000

county median · 12 mths to Feb 2026

PRICE GROWTH

+6.8%

South-East region · 12 mths to Mar 2026

NEW-TENANCY RENT

€1,285

per month · +5.3% y/y · Q4 2025

TWO RENTAL SPEEDS

€1,452 / €1,196

Gorey (only area above benchmark) vs Enniscorthy · Q4 2025

PAIR

HOMES FOR SALE

639

min 1-bed · single day, 17 Jul 2026

PAIR

HOMES TO RENT

63 · 27× fewer

county-wide · same day, same source

HOLIDAY HOMES

5,958

~1 in 12 homes · down 10% since 2016 (national +8%)

MARKET TURNOVER

1,702

residential transactions · year to Q4 2025

Building & Stock

A record building quarter — and very little standing empty.

HEADLINE

COMPLETIONS Q1 2026

291 · +80%

up 80% y/y · highest Q1 on record (series began 2011)

AGAINST THE NATIONAL RATE

2× faster

+80% vs national +32.9%

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1,143

homes under construction · Dec 2025

NEW ADDRESSES

930

new residential address points · year to Q4 2025

RESIDENTIAL VACANCY

2.8%

below national 3.7% — itself a record low

DERELICTION

1.7%

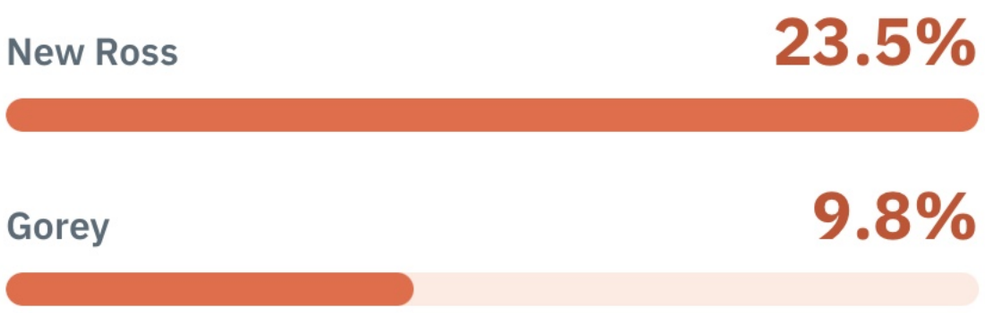
of State's derelict points · Donegal held 11.5% (Wk 3)

COMMERCIAL VACANCY

10.9%

2nd-lowest in State · national 14.6% (record high)

TWO WEXFORDS · COMMERCIAL VACANCY



Completions Q1 2026 as confirmed · re-issued only if CSO Q2 2026 changes the record-quarter story

People & Place

Who lives here — and how the county connects to Europe.

POPULATION

163,919

Census 2022 · +9% since 2016 (national +8%)

AT WORK

69,500

+20% since 2016 (national +16%)

THE LONG COMMUTE

7,633

commuters travel 60 mins or more each way

WORKING FROM HOME

17,900+

≥part of week · 4,200+ five days a week

TRAVELS TO WORK

41,118	948	136
CAR	BUS	TRAIN

INCOME

−7.7%

disposable income per person vs State · ~€27,800 (2024, derived)

ROSSLARE EUROPORT

6× sailings

to continental Europe since Brexit · Terminal 7 opened Nov 2025

PRESIDENCY

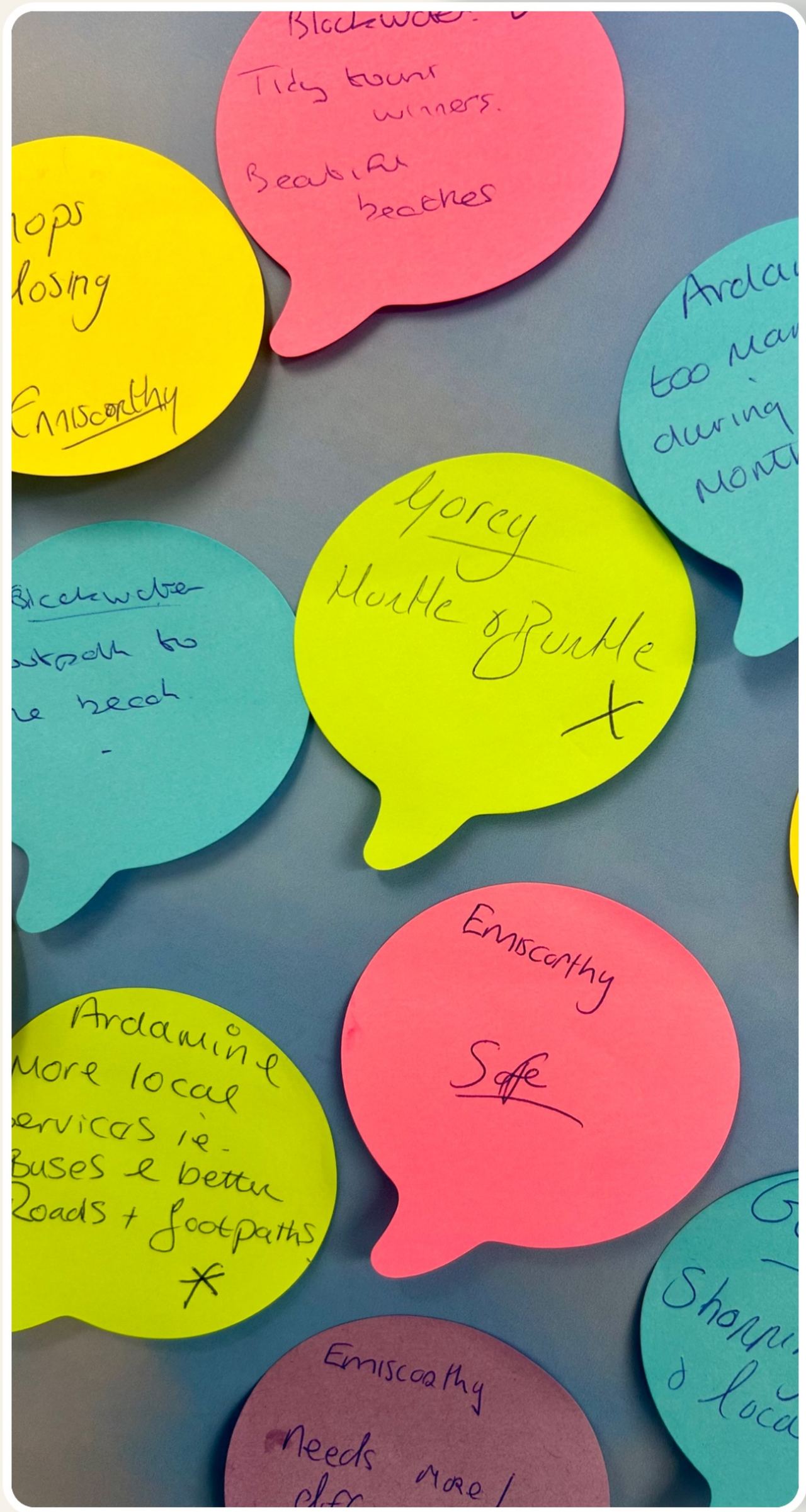
THE EU CONNECTION

Where Ireland meets Europe

direct sailings to France & Spain from the State's closest port to the Continent

Community Voices

Gathered on the day — what people across the county told us about their place, in their own words.



ENNISCORTHY

Shops closing

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Beautiful beaches · feels safe

ARDAMINE

Too many tourists during the summer months

BLACKWATER

Footpath to the beach · public transport

GOREY

Shopping, amenities & local community · more parking

Pride in place, paired with a clear ask: **local services, transport and thriving towns.**

WEEK 04 COMPLETE · 22 TO GO

That's Wexford.
Next week, we move on.

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