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Work Programme 2005

ESRI research in 2005 covers a wide range of topics in the following areas:

- Demography
- Education
- Health
- Housing
- Industrial Development
- Labour Markets/Migration
- Macroeconomics and Forecasting
- Regional Studies
- Resource Economics
- Social Capital
- Social Disadvantage
- Social Insurance & Pensions
- Tax and Welfare

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Among recent major innovations are:

- ESRI membership of the **European Migration Network (EMN)** which is to make available a wide range of timely, objective and comparable information on international migration for EU member States. The aim is to deepen our understanding of the phenomenon of migration and facilitate analysis and research that will contribute to more informed planning, policies and actions in this area, and lead to more meaningful co-operation within the EU, and with the countries of origin. The EMN will involve the construction of a central EU database containing information on policy, legal, demographic, economic and social issues. Clearly a review of new initiatives and events will be a prominent feature of this work.
- The ESRI Macroeconomic Division has become the lead institute in a European Commission co-financed European Forecasting Network. The consortium of nine leading European institutes, which operate under the title **EUROFRAME**, will produce a twice yearly report for three years on the euro area covering both forecasting and policy assessment. The ESRI team will be led by Professor John Fitz Gerald who has also been elected President of the EUROFRAME group whose members include; CPB (The Netherlands), ETLA (Finland), DIW, (Germany), IfW (Germany), NIESR (UK), OFCE (France), Prometeia (Italy), WIFO (Austria) along with ESRI. A Polish partner CASE will also work with EUROFRAME on the forecasting network. Danny McCoy is the Manager of the consortium.
- It is planned to produce the next version of the ESRI's biennial **Medium Term Review** of the Irish economy in October 2005. It will examine the performance of the economy and produce detailed forecasts for up to ten years. It is based on the HERMES macro-economic model.