

Shannon IRBD Local Authorities* Invites you..... **water matters**

"Have your say!"

A new approach is being taken to managing and protecting our waters (all our inland and coastal waters). New legislation now requires that the local authorities* in the Shannon IRBD have a River Basin Management Plan in place for the whole of the Shannon river basin by 2009, but before that is done there will be two public consultation periods.

The first consultation period is until **22 December 2007** and relates to the key management issues which affect the waters in the Shannon district. A new booklet called Water Matters sets out these issues in a very easy-to-read manner and explains how they affect water quality, what controls are in place to deal with these issues and if they are adequate to meet the required standards.

The second consultation period will take place on the draft River Basin Management Plan after it is published in 2008.

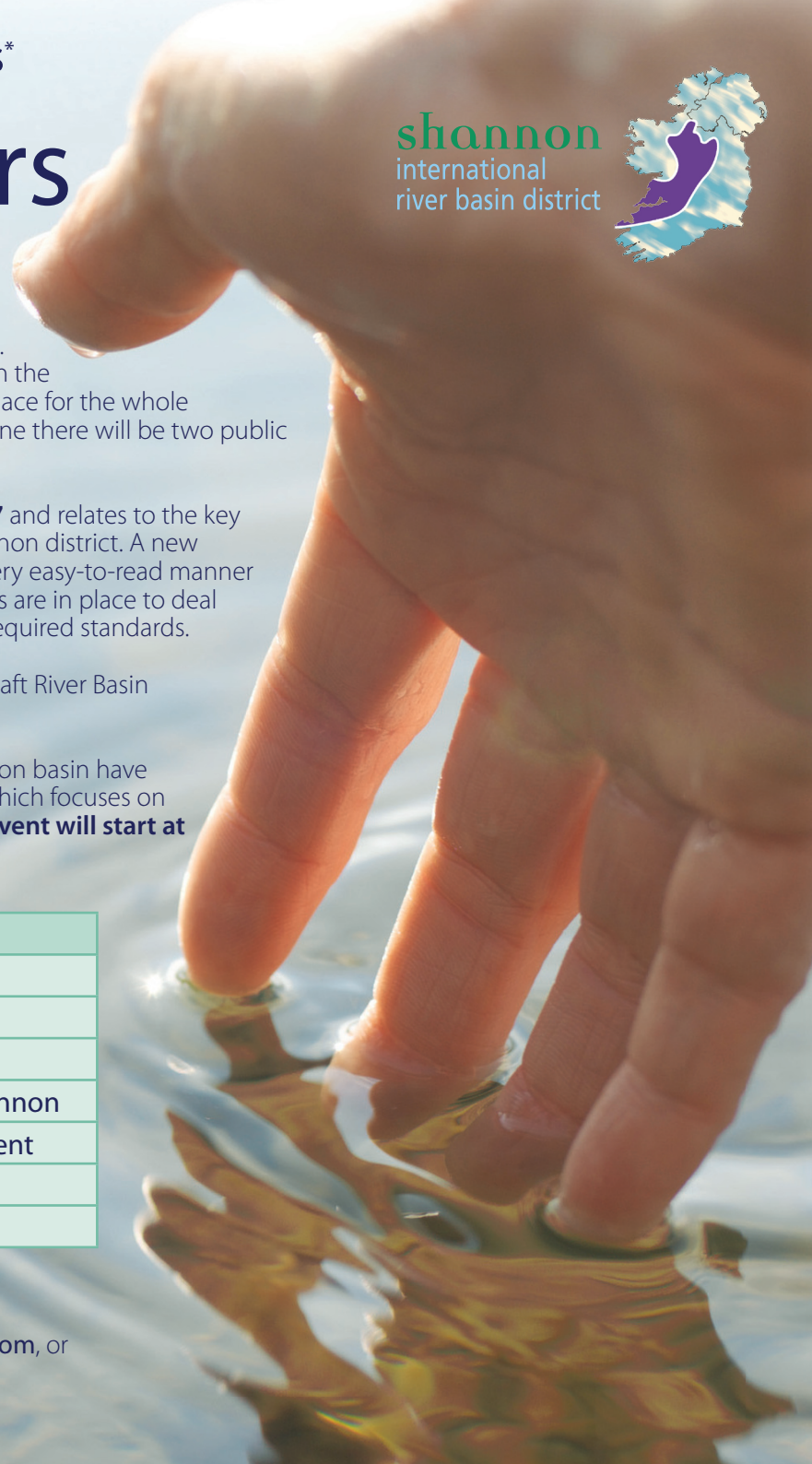
A series of informal public events throughout the Shannon basin have been planned as part of the first consultation process, which focuses on the key water management issues in the District. **Each event will start at 8.00pm and refreshments will be provided.**

Date	Venue
9th Oct	West County Hotel, Ennis
10th Oct	Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, Limerick
11th Oct	Brandon Hotel, Tralee
22nd Oct	Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon
23rd Oct	Crover House Hotel, Mountnugent
24th Oct	Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone
25th Oct	Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh

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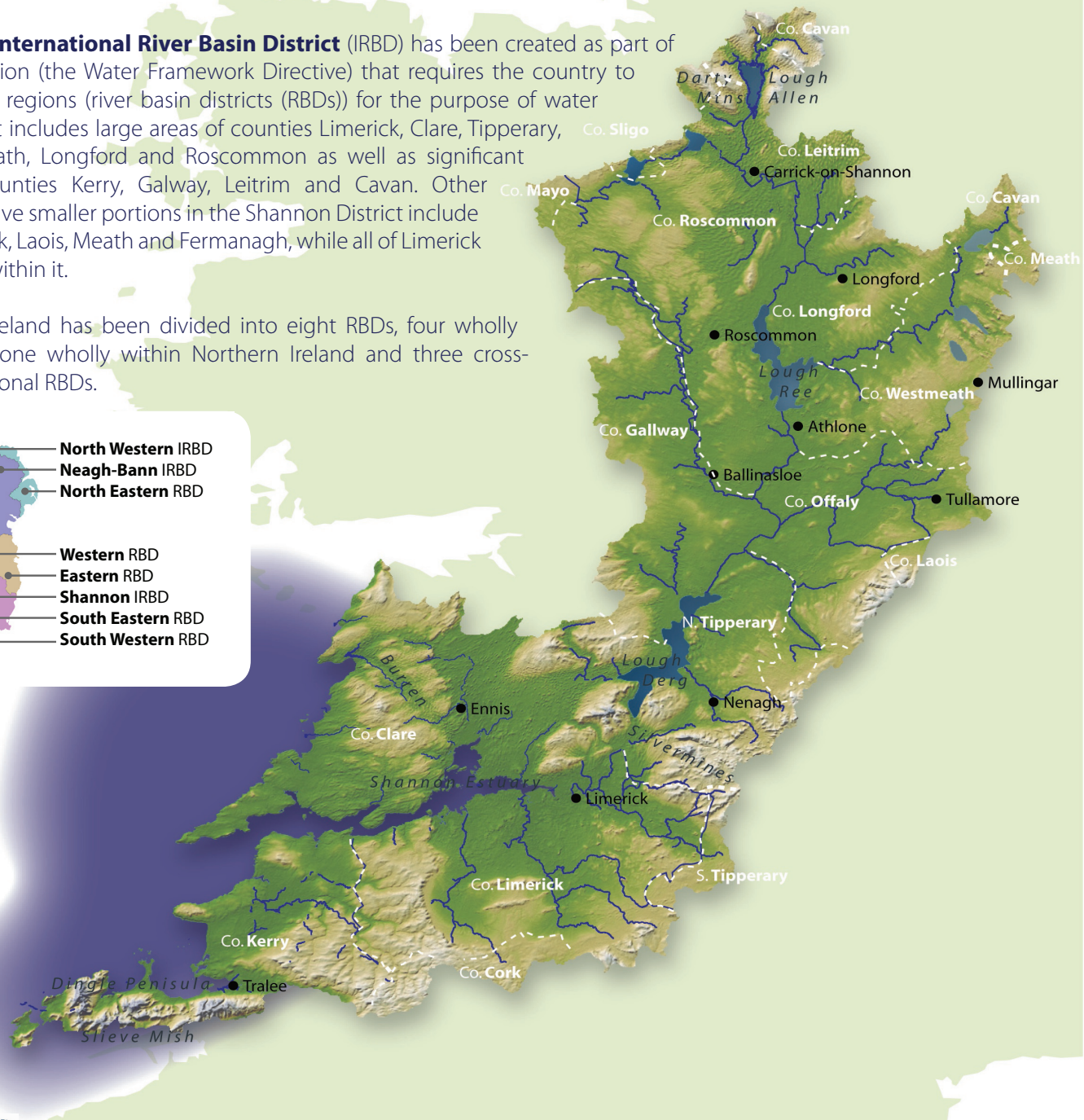
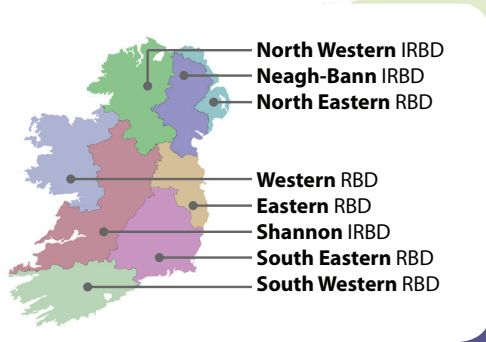
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The **Shannon International River Basin District** (IRBD) has been created as part of new EU legislation (the Water Framework Directive) that requires the country to be divided into regions (river basin districts (RBDs)) for the purpose of water management. It includes large areas of counties Limerick, Clare, Tipperary, Offaly, Westmeath, Longford and Roscommon as well as significant portions of counties Kerry, Galway, Leitrim and Cavan. Other counties that have smaller portions in the Shannon District include Sligo, Mayo, Cork, Laois, Meath and Fermanagh, while all of Limerick City is located within it.

The island of Ireland has been divided into eight RBDs, four wholly within Ireland, one wholly within Northern Ireland and three cross-border international RBDs.



* The local authorities in the Shannon IRBD are: Cavan, Clare, Cork, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Mayo, Meath, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, North Tipperary, South Tipperary, and Westmeath County Councils, and Limerick City Council

