

Doing Business in the European Union 2020: Greece, Ireland and Italy



*Comparing Business
Regulation for Domestic
Firms in 24 Cities in
Greece, Ireland and Italy
with 187 Other Economies*



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Cost of dealing with construction permits in Irish cities

Galway

Dublin



EUR 28,000
(1.1% of warehouse value)

← **€ 8 million in savings per 100 constructions**

EUR 107,000
(4.1% of warehouse value)



“Global” and “Subnational” *Doing Business*: what are the differences?

- Demand driven
- Go beyond the largest city
- Selected DB indicators relevant at subnational level
- Replicable local good practices
- Tailored reform recommendations
- City stories
- 500+ cities in 76 economies

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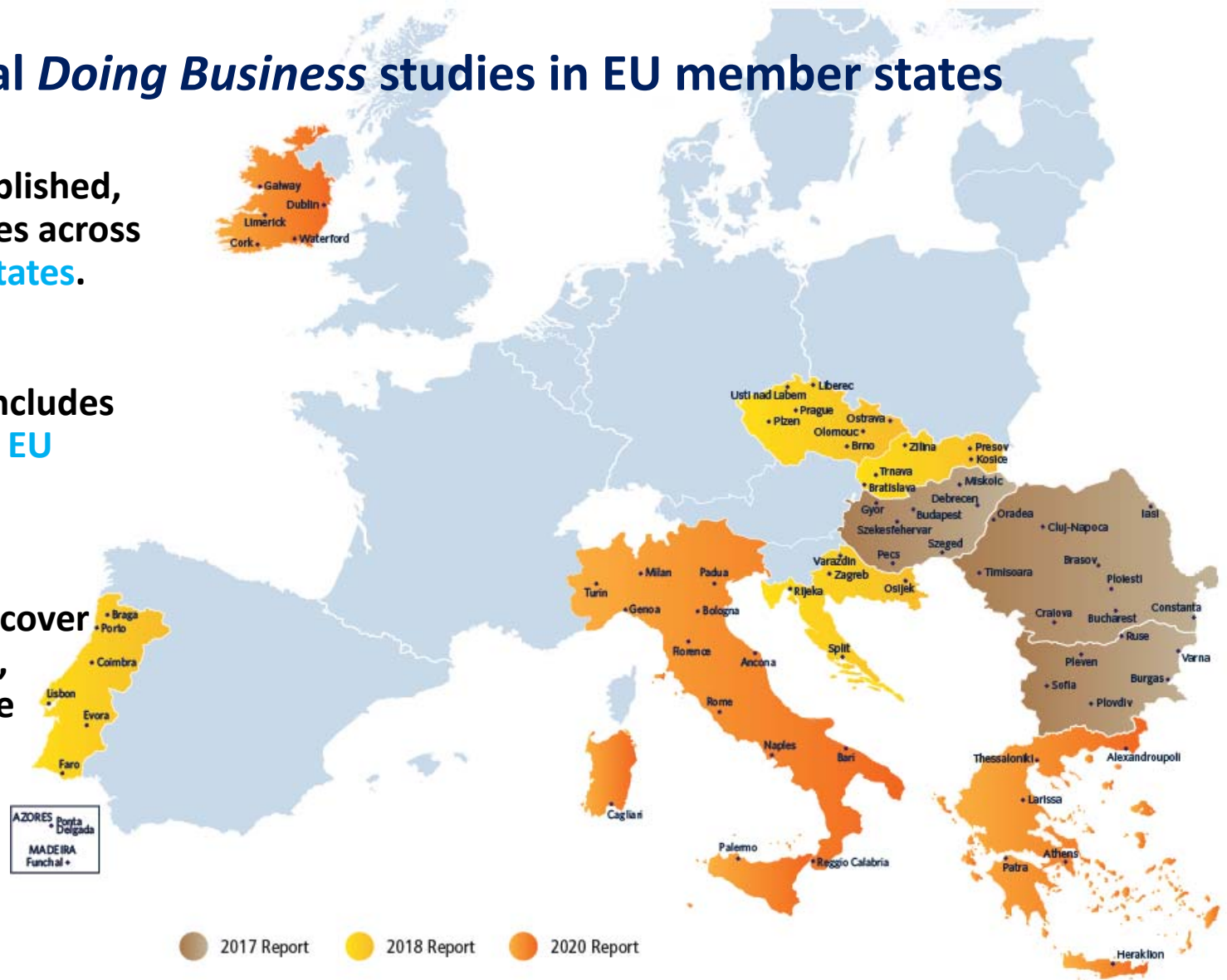


*Global
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- **WBG annual flagship**
- **Largest business city used as proxy**
- **11 indicators**
- **International good practices**
- **190 economies**
- **More than 3,000 recorded reforms**
- **Country stories**

Subnational *Doing Business* studies in EU member states

- Two studies published, covering 47 cities across 7 EU member states.
- Current study includes 24 cities from 3 EU member states.
- Next study will cover cities in Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands.



Five cities and five indicators measured across Ireland



Starting a business

Dealing with construction permits

Getting electricity

Registering property

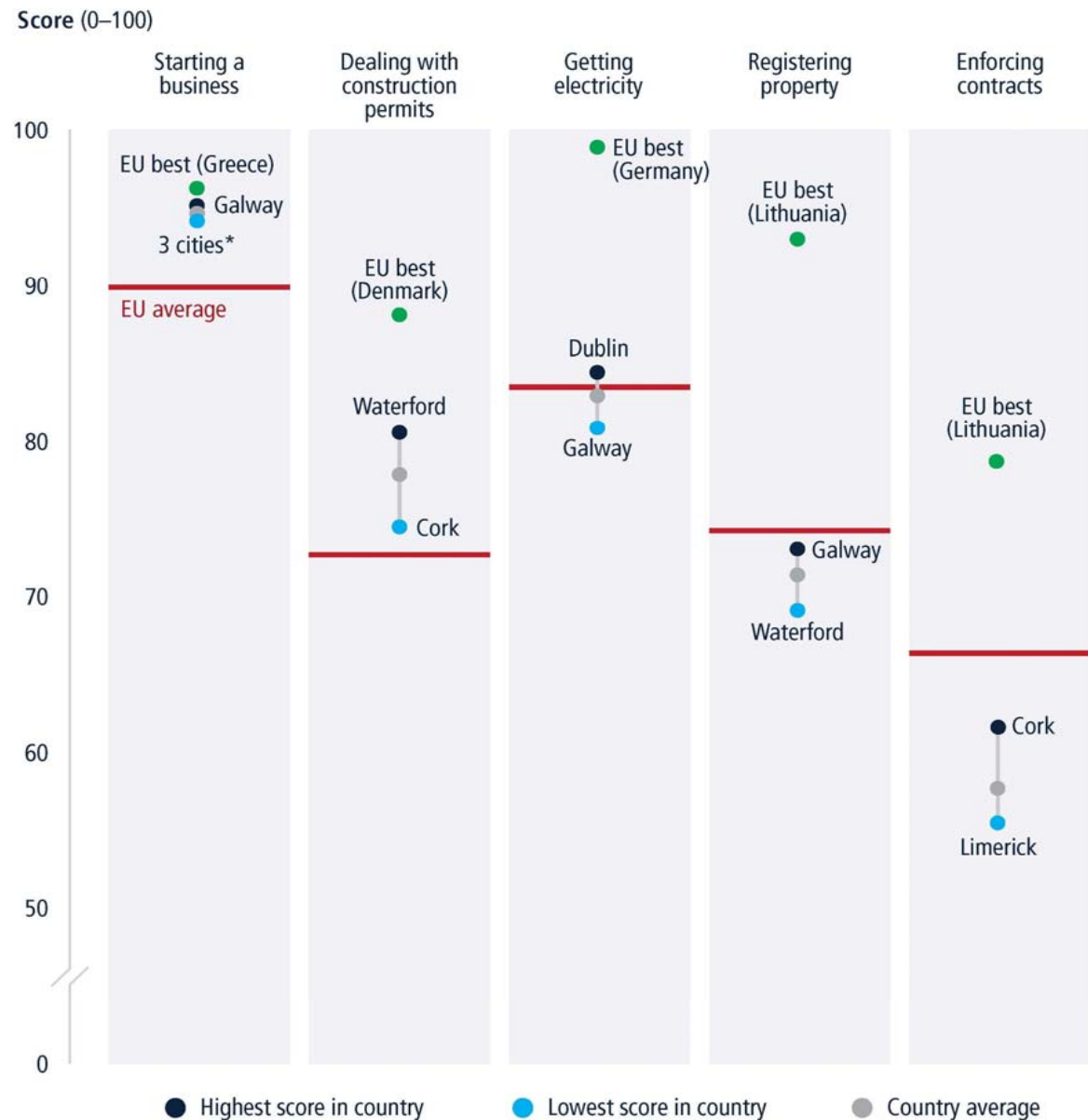
Enforcing contracts

AND 6 cities in Greece and 13 cities in Italy

No city dominates across the five areas measured

	Starting a business		Dealing with construction permits		Getting electricity		Registering property		Enforcing contracts	
City	Rank (1-5)	Score (0-100)	Rank (1-5)	Score (0-100)	Rank (1-5)	Score (0-100)	Rank (1-5)	Score (0-100)	Rank (1-5)	Score (0-100)
Cork	3	93.90	5	74.37	2	84.17	4	69.91	1	61.59
Dublin	2	94.40	4	76.58	1	84.21	3	71.71	2	57.88
Galway	1	94.91	3	78.59	5	80.83	1	73.02	4	56.41
Limerick	3	93.90	2	78.69	3	83.95	2	72.78	5	55.40
Waterford	3	93.90	1	80.57	4	81.37	5	69.32	3	57.57

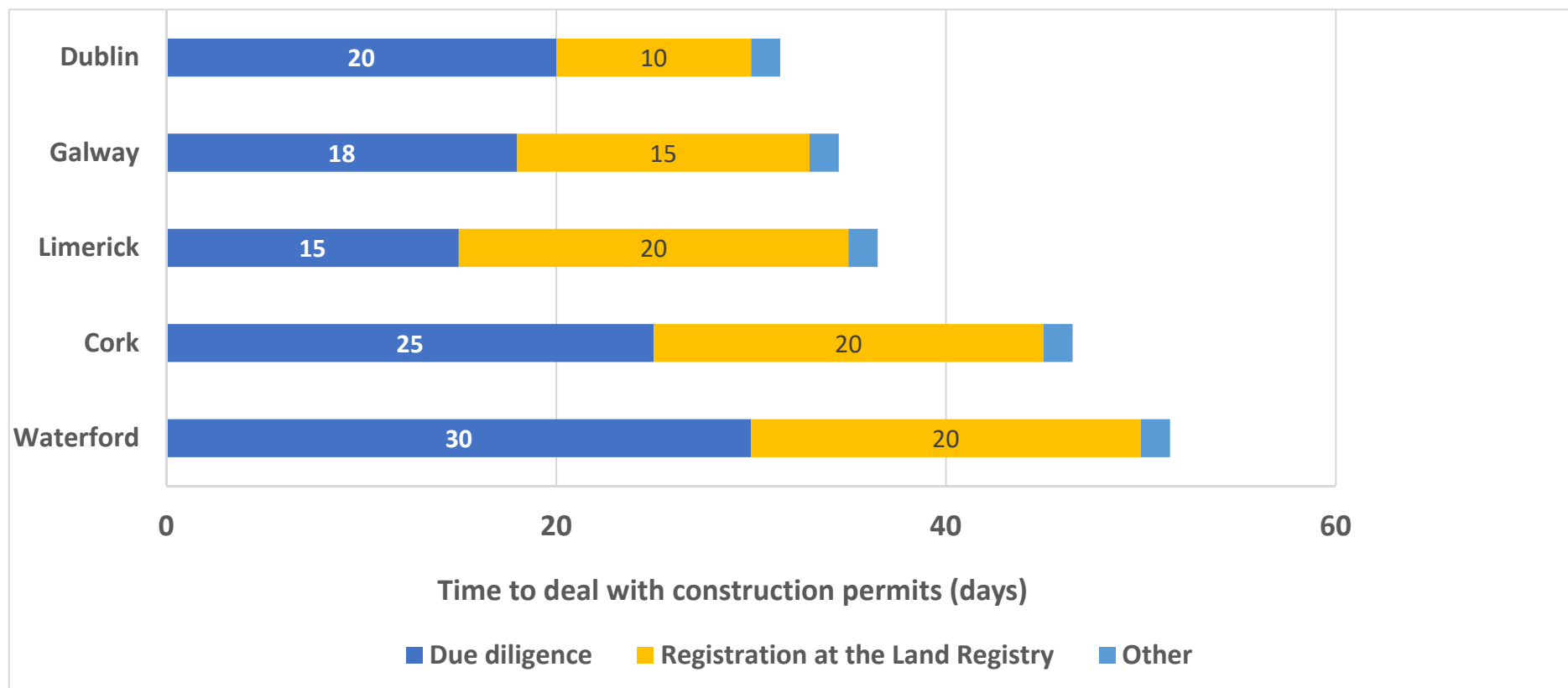
Variation in regulatory performance shows Irish cities have opportunities to learn from each other



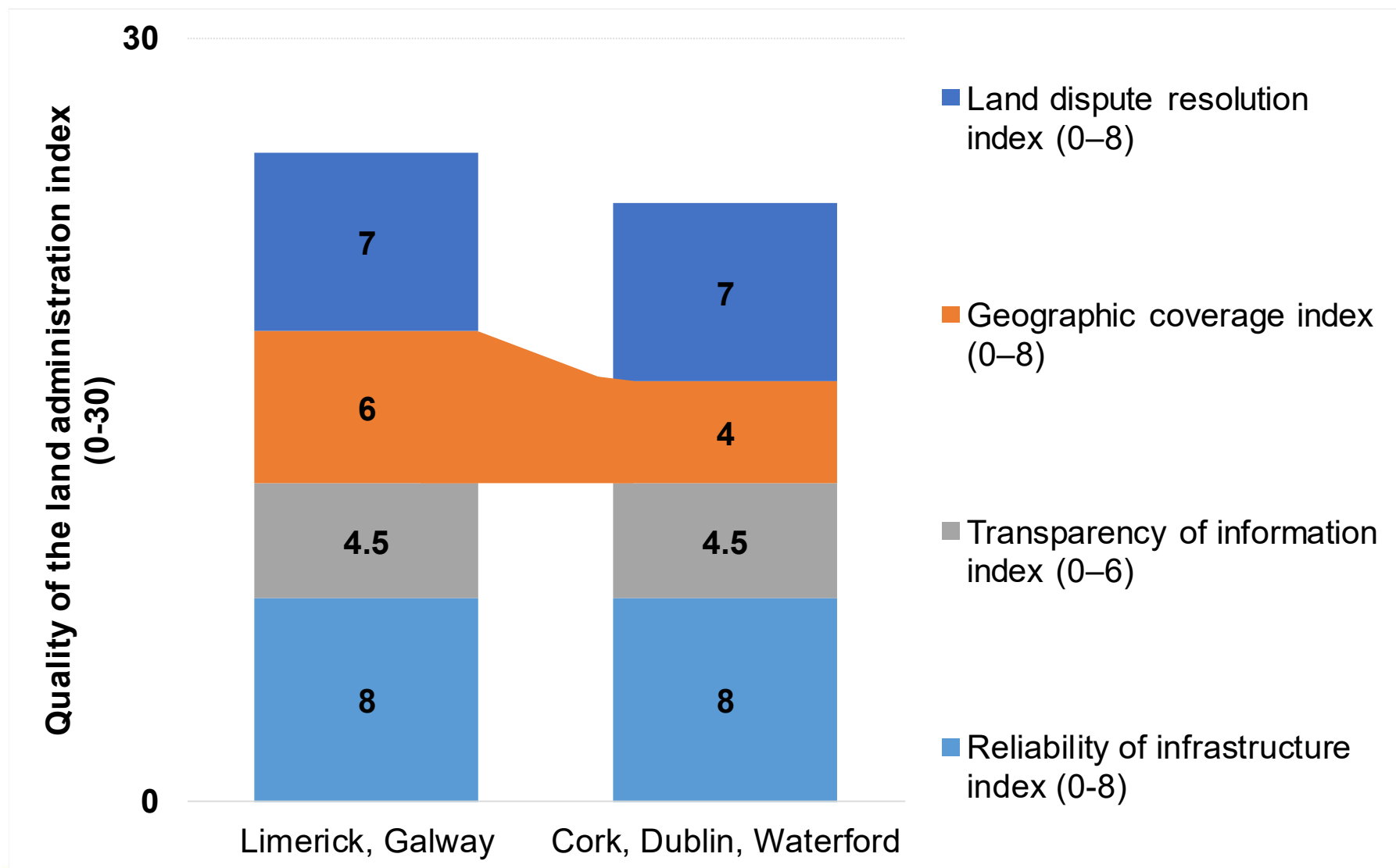
VAT registration remains a common bottleneck that drives variation in the time to start a business



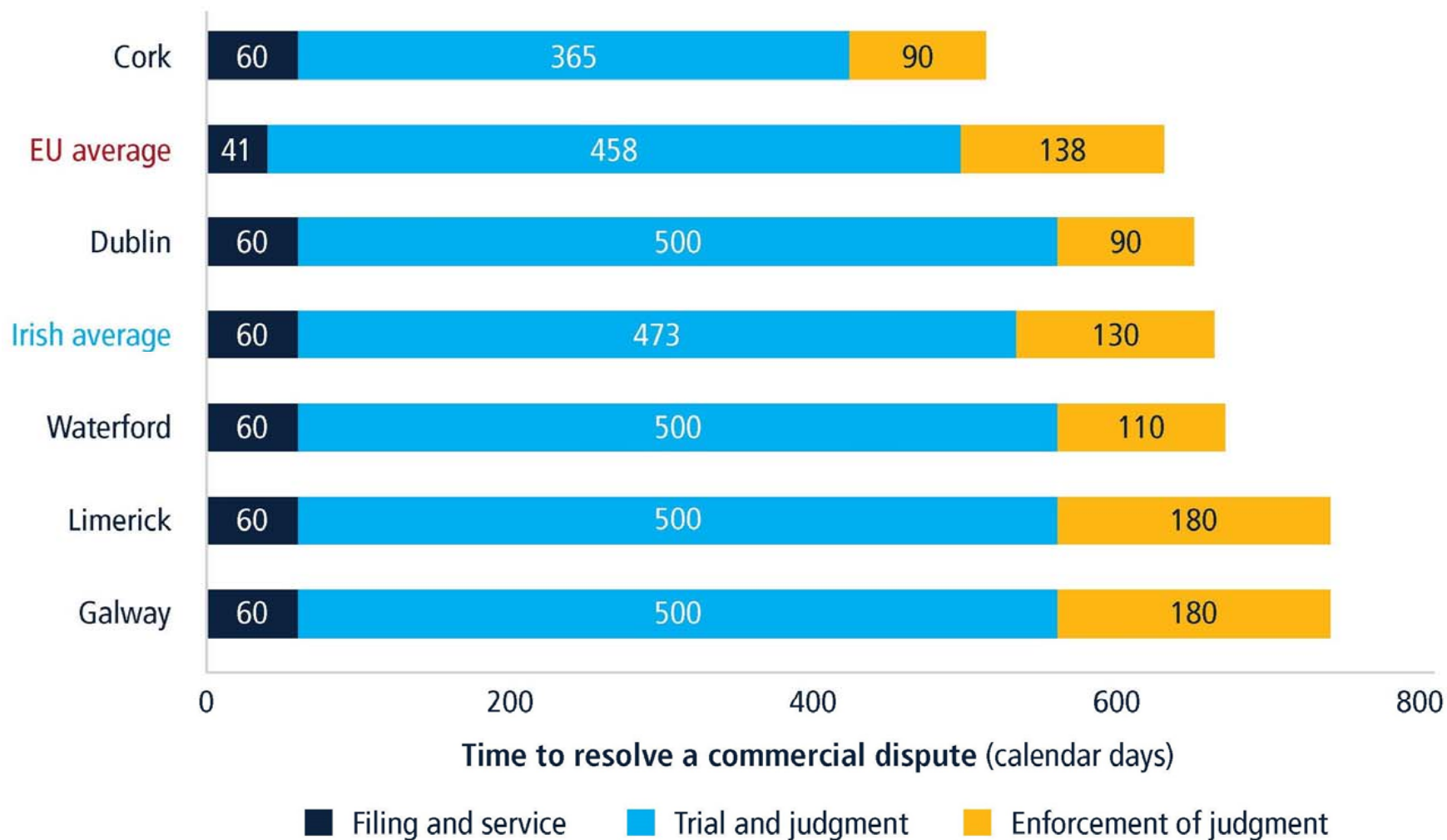
Differences in time to register property are driven by the efficiency of regional PRA offices and local planning departments



Limerick and Galway have the highest score on the quality of land administration index and lead the indicator overall

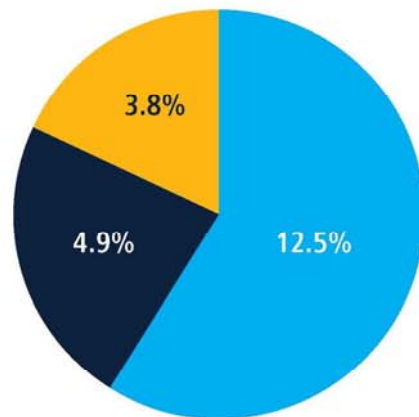


Time for trial and judgment is shorter for Cork

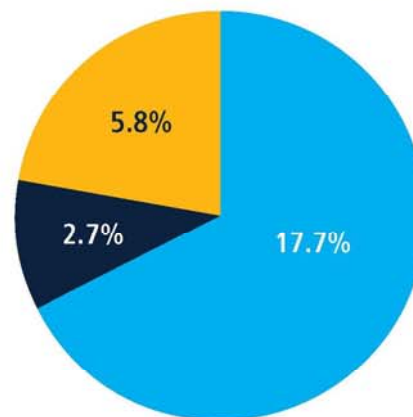


The average cost of litigating is higher in Ireland than in the European Union

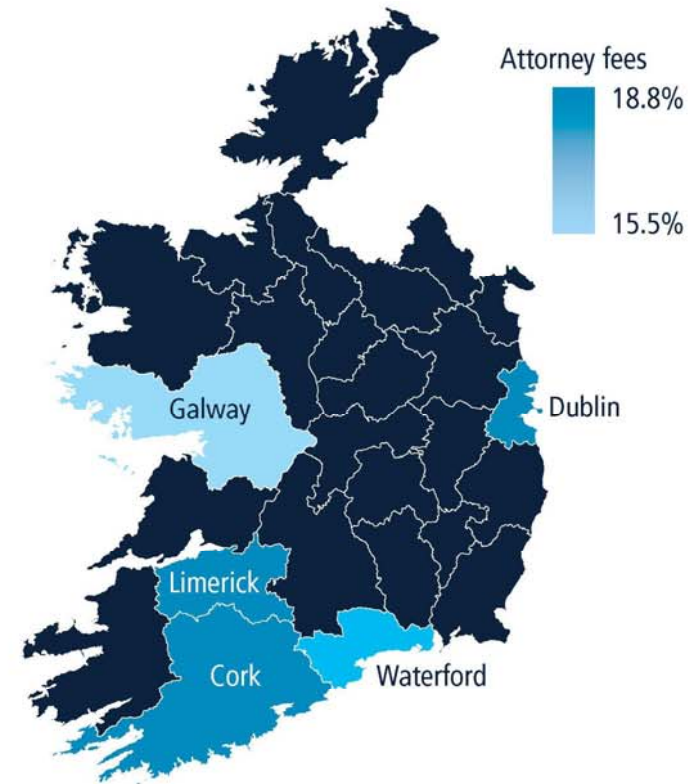
EU (average)
Total cost: 21.2% of claim value



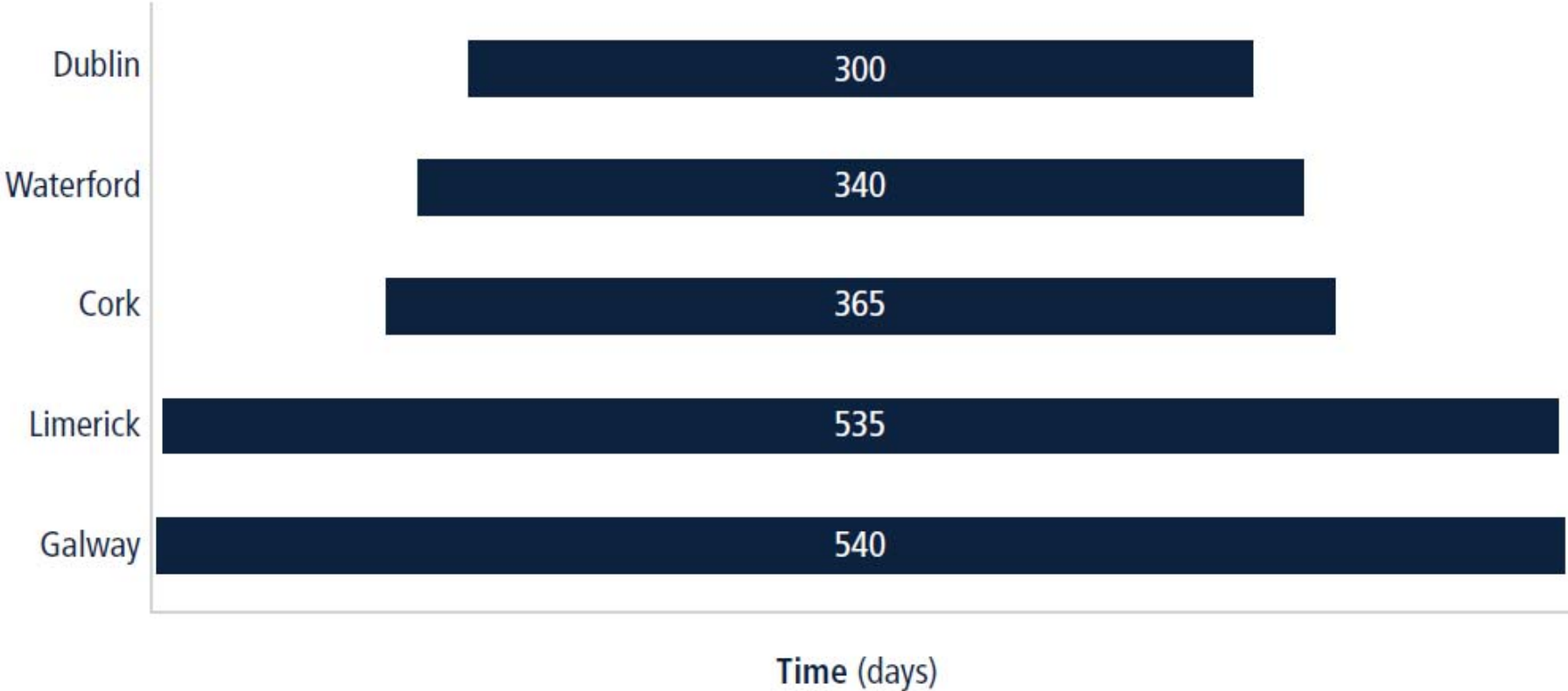
Ireland (average)
Total cost: 26.2% of claim value



■ Attorney ■ Court ■ Enforcement



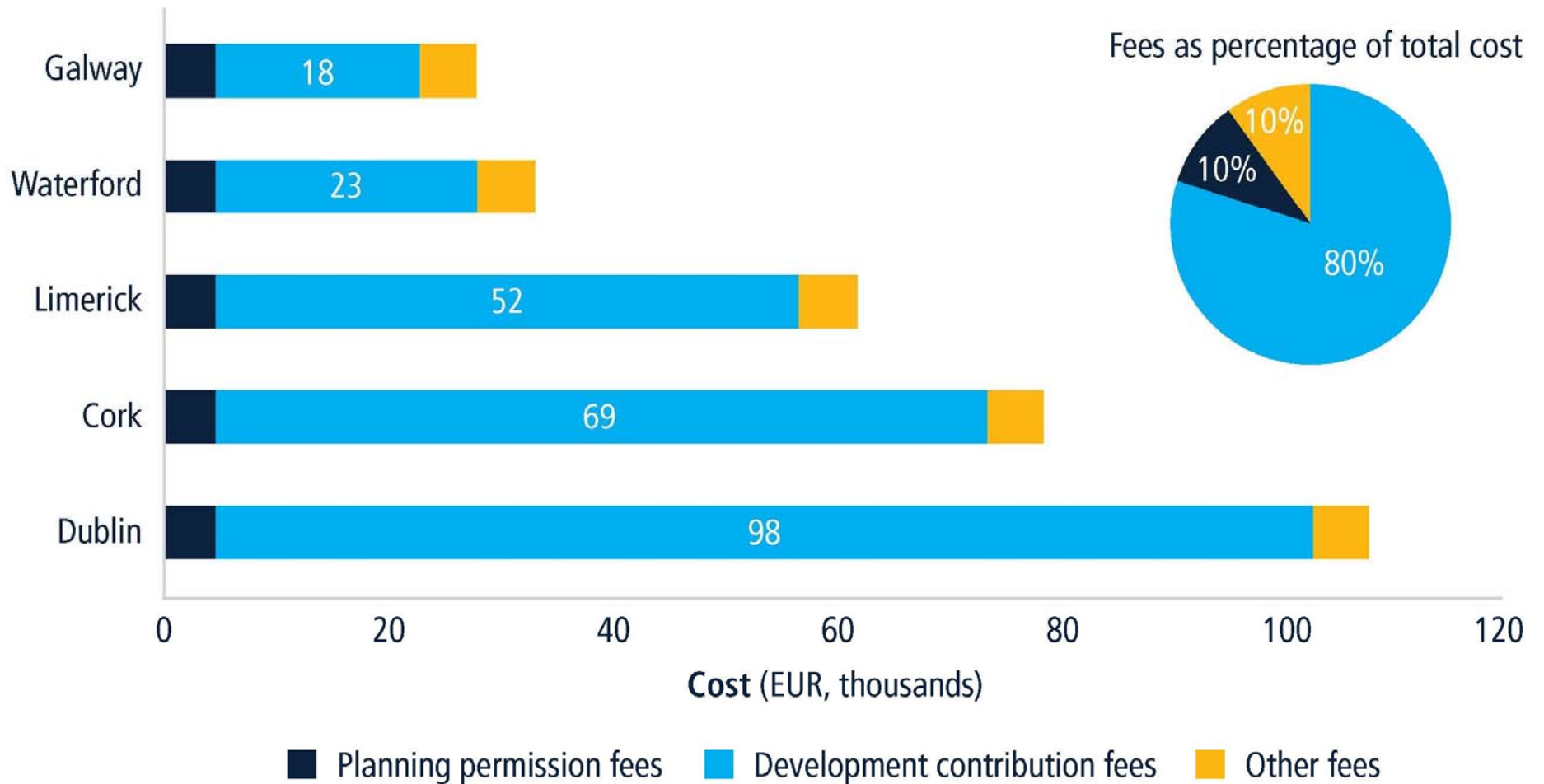
On average, Circuit Court cases take one and a half times longer in Galway and Limerick



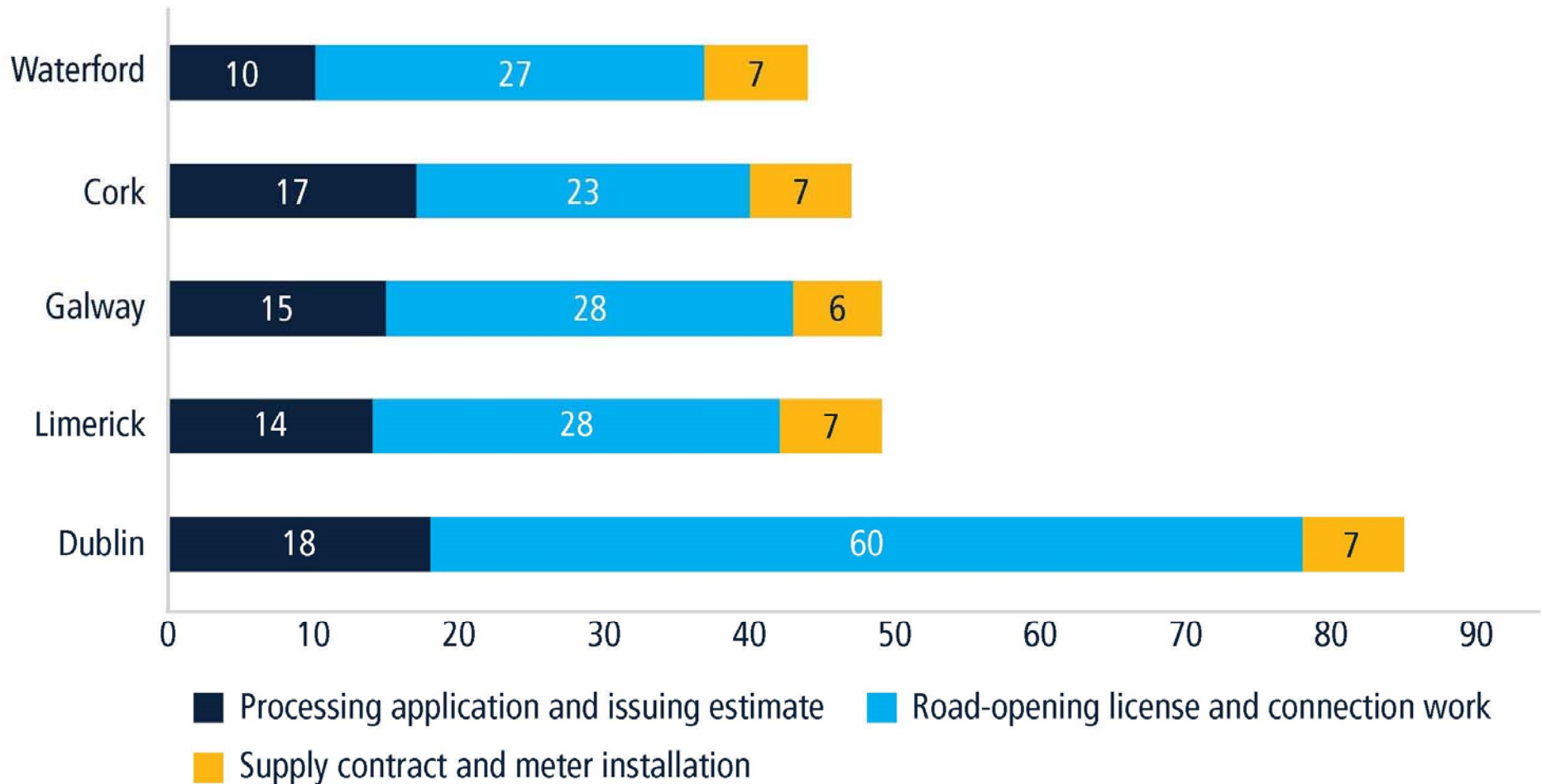
The construction permitting process can be completed over a month faster in Waterford than in Cork



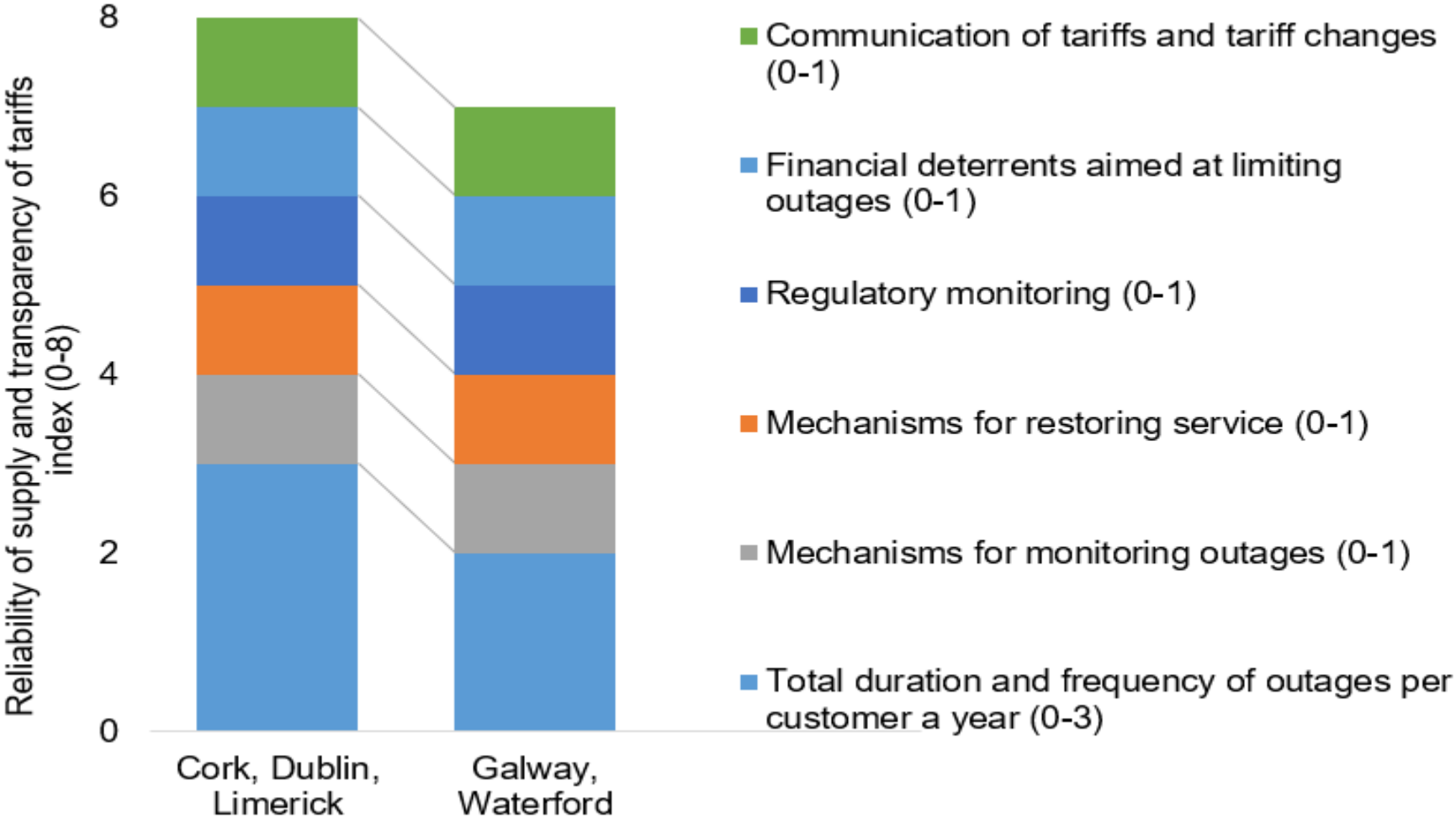
The development contribution fee in Dublin is more than three times higher than in Galway



Getting electricity in Dublin takes nearly twice as long as in the other Irish cities

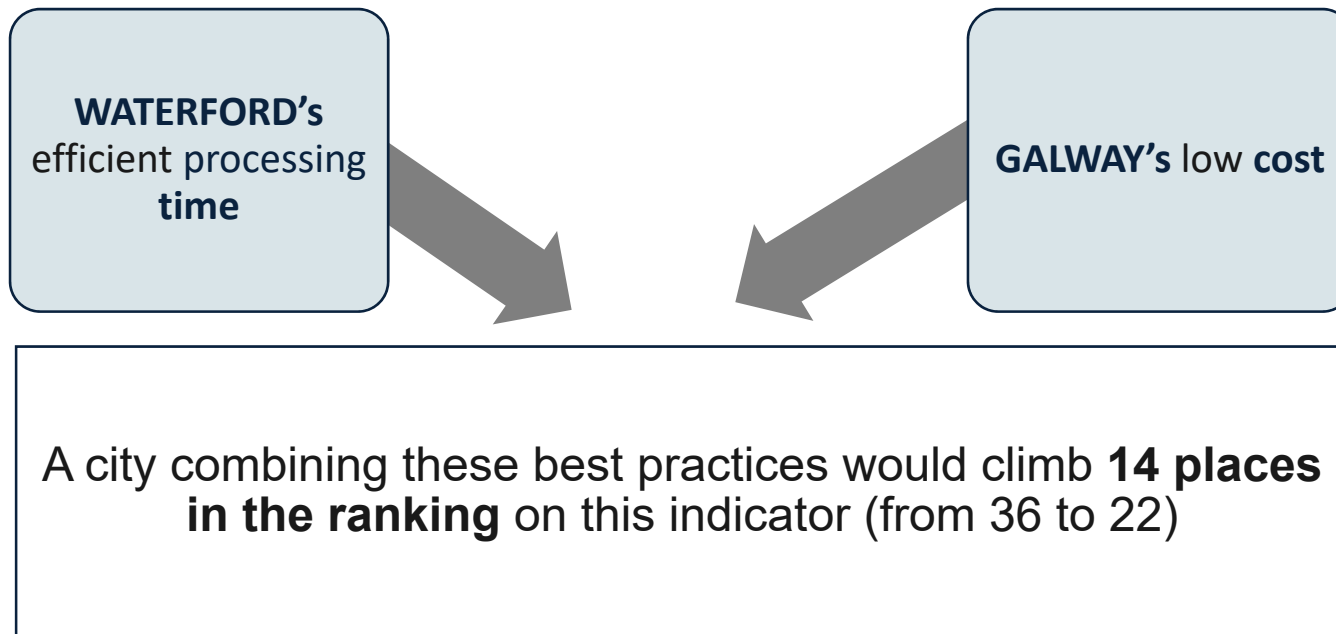


Reliability of supply and transparency of tariffs index

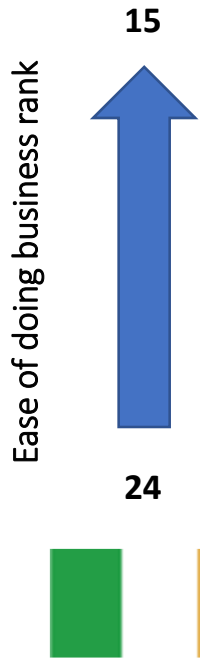


How to improve? Emulation of local good practices

Dealing with Construction Permits

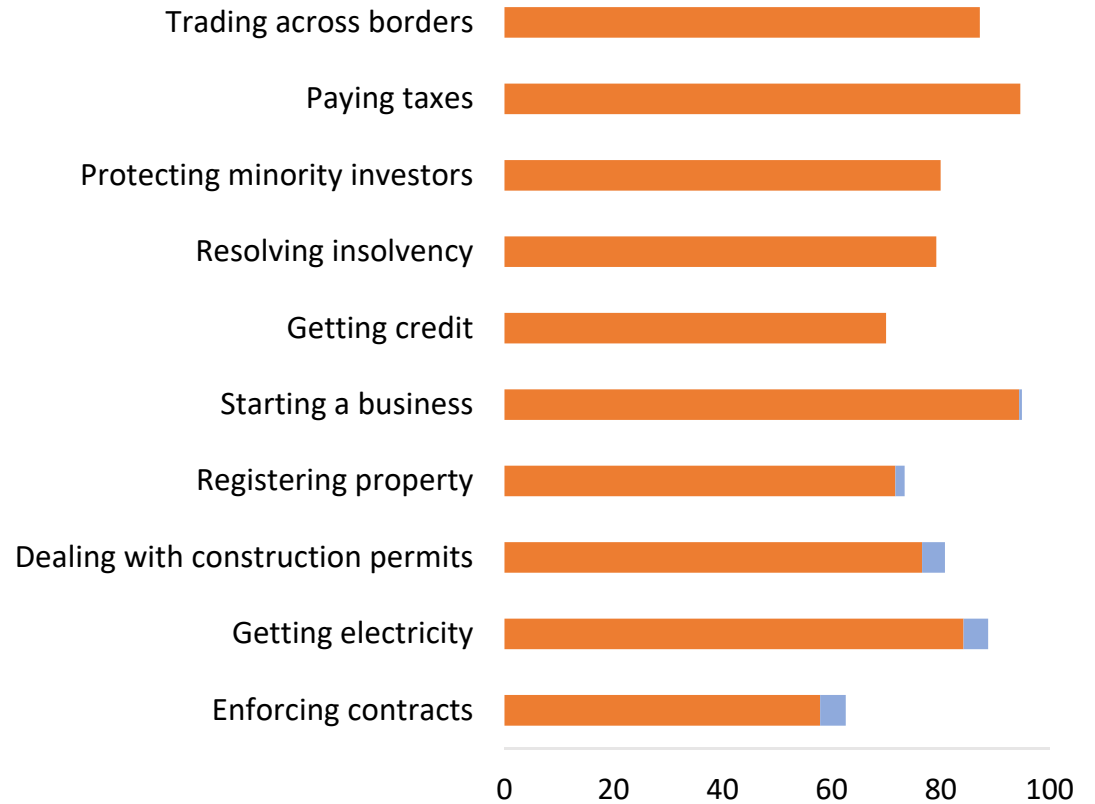


Potential for improvement through the emulation of local good practices

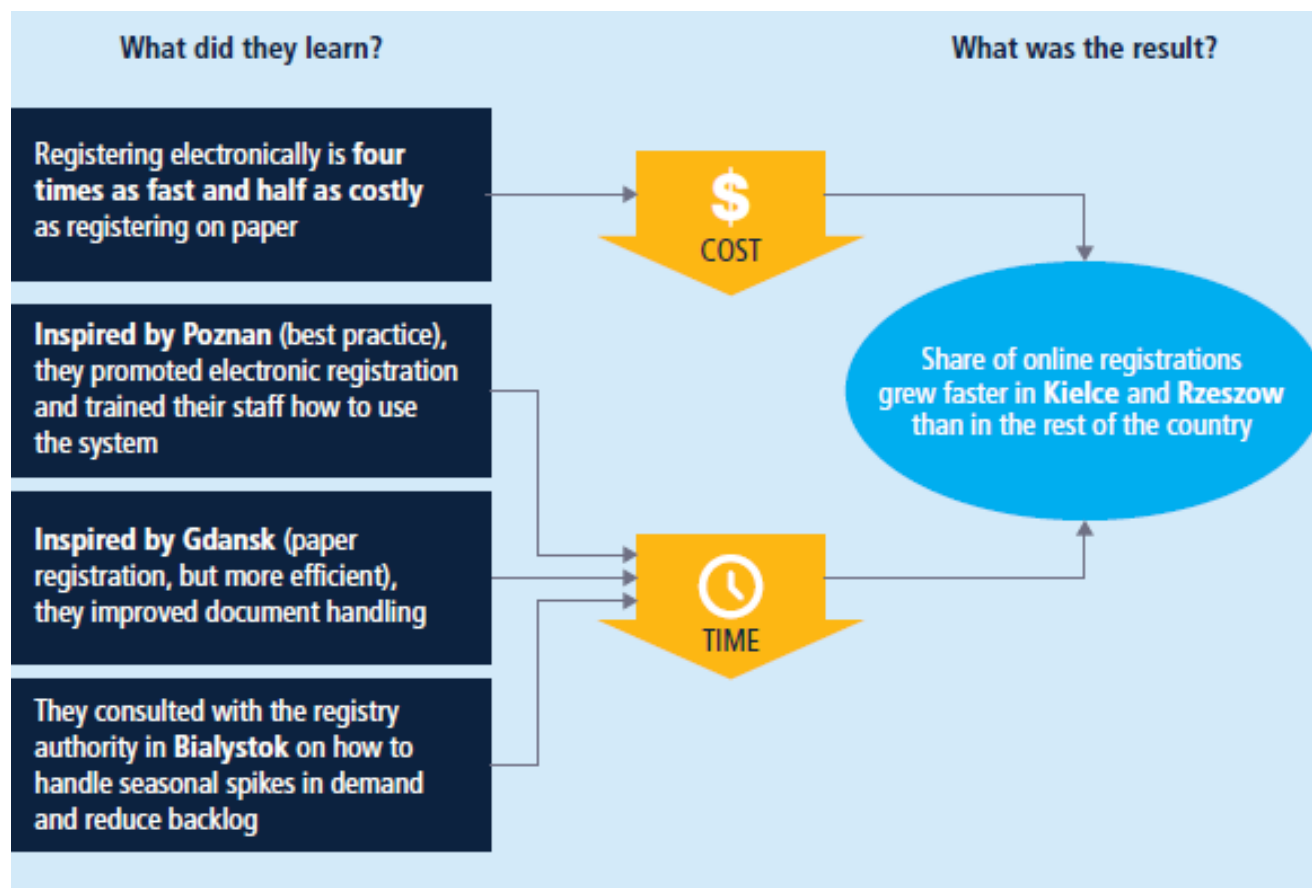


If Dublin adopted each city's best practices, Ireland would climb 9 places on the overall ease of doing business, from 24 to 15.

Ease of doing business score (0 – 100)



How has peer-to-peer learning worked in other member states?



What did the Polish cities with the least efficient business registration learn from their peers with better practices

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