



Citizens' Assembly on Drugs Use

Information Session
Tuesday 28th March 2023

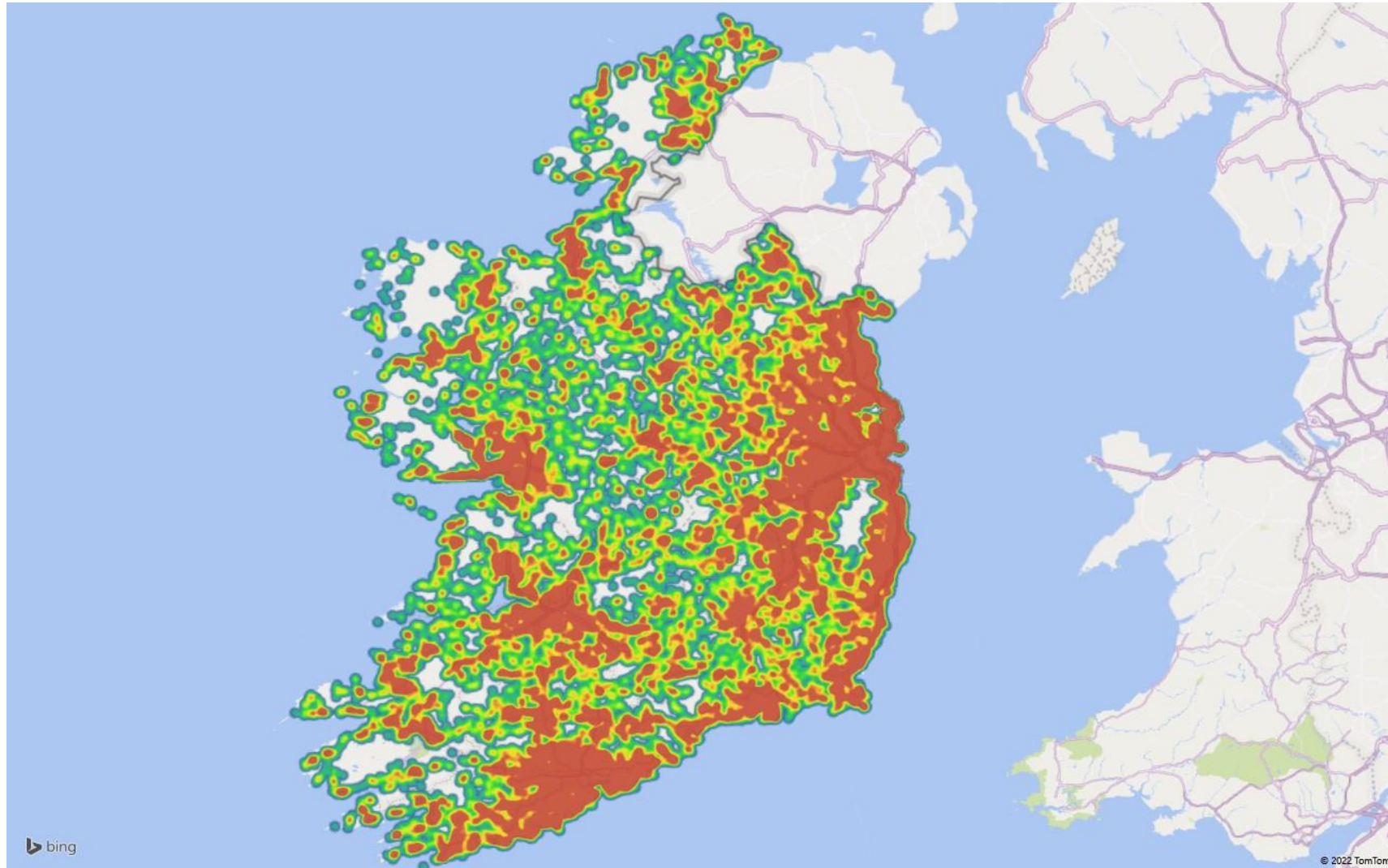
Establishment

- Proposed by Government
- Formally established by the Houses of the Oireachtas
- Terms of Reference set by the Oireachtas following debate and resolution
- Run independently of Government and the Oireachtas
- Reports back to the Houses of the Oireachtas with recommendations

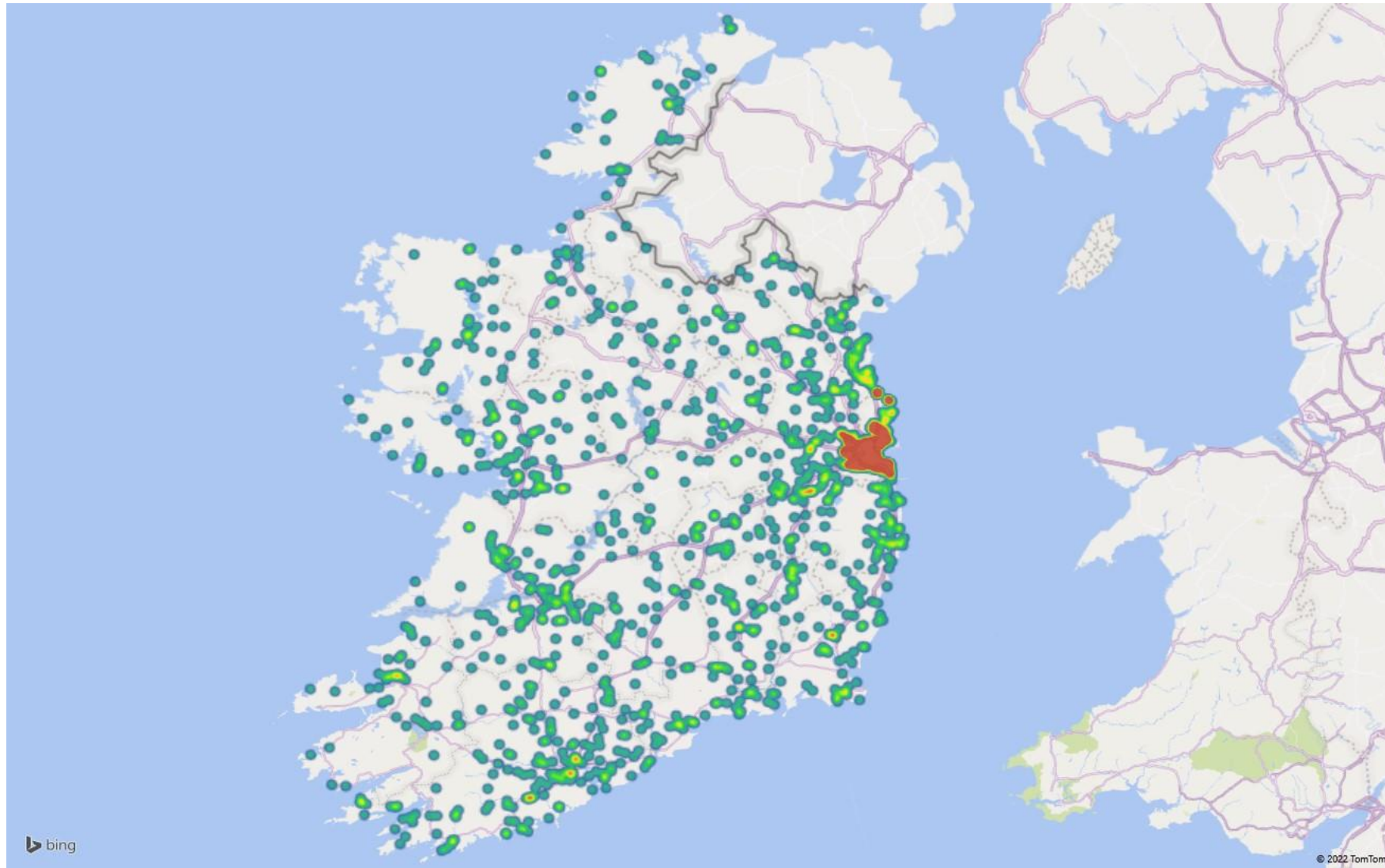
Membership

- 100 members, including 99 members of the public and an independent Chairperson.
- All adults normally resident in the State eligible to be selected, except:
 - Politicians
 - Lobbyists
- Includes people who are not citizens but are resident in the State
- 20,000 randomly-selected households across Ireland invited to apply
- Demographic information provided
- Allows for stratified random selection of 99 members.

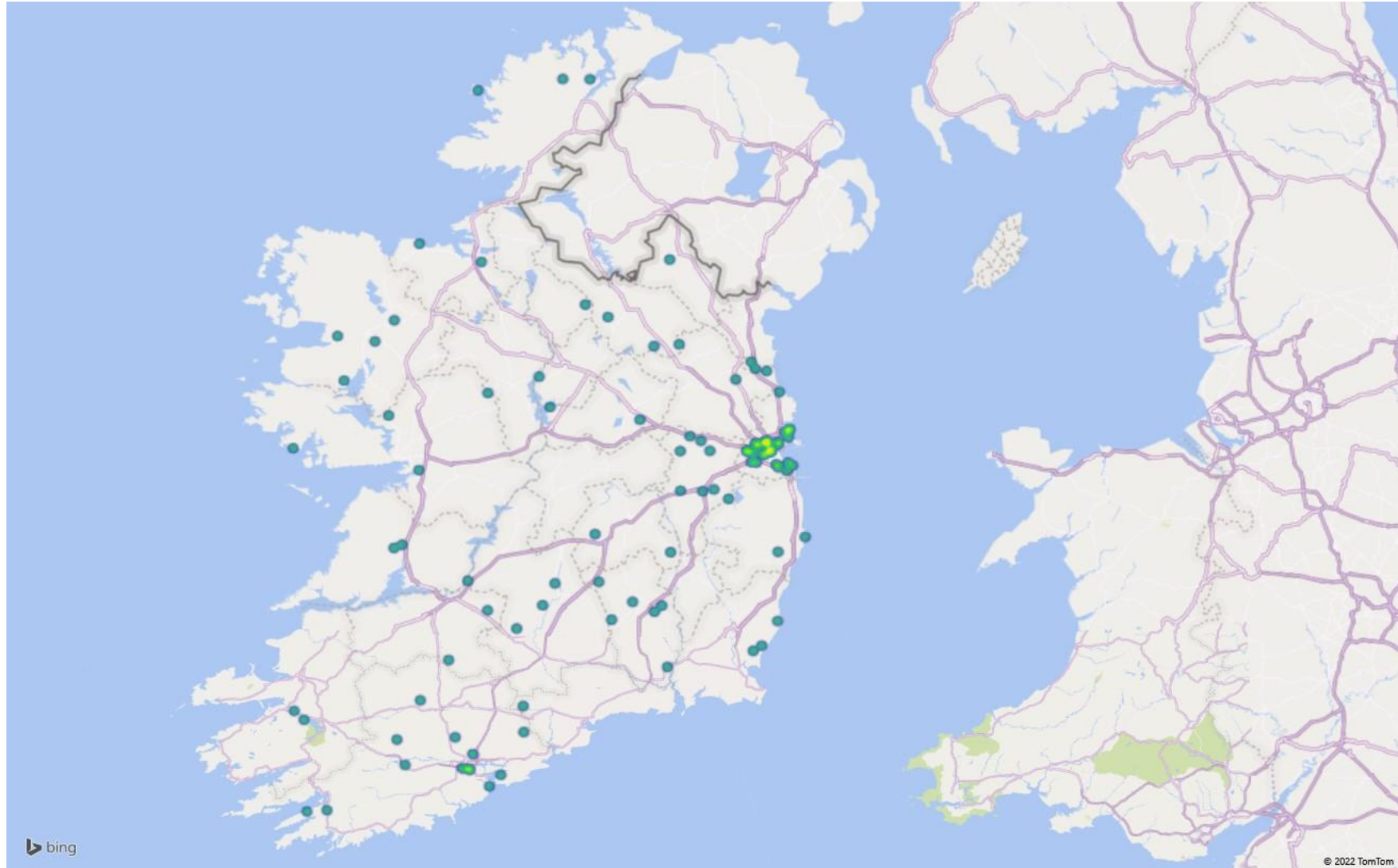
Nationwide eligibility



Nationwide Interest



Regional representation



Terms of Reference for the Assembly

Terms of Reference call on the Assembly to consider the legislative, policy and operational changes the State could make to significantly reduce the harmful impacts of illicit drugs on individuals, families, communities and wider society.

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Taking into consideration:

- the drivers, prevalence, attitudes and trends in relation to drugs use in Irish society;
- the harmful impacts of drugs use on individuals, families, communities and wider society;
- best practice in promoting and supporting rehabilitation and recovery from drug addiction;
- the lived experience of young people and adults affected by drugs use, as well as their families and communities;
- international, European Union, national and local perspectives on drugs use;
- the efficacy of current strategic, policy and operational responses to drugs use;
- international best practice and practical case studies in relation to reducing supply, demand and harm, and increasing resilience, health and well-being; and
- the opportunities and challenges, in an Irish context, of reforming legislation, strategy, policy and operational responses to drugs use, taking into consideration the implications for the health, criminal justice and education systems;

Schedule of meetings

#1: April 15-16

#2: May 13-14

#3: June 24-26

#4: September 2-3

#5: September 30th - October 1st

#6: October 21-22

Engaging with the Citizens' Assembly

- Public Consultation
 - Details to be announced by end April
 - 10 week period for submissions from the general public and stakeholders
 - Will be considered by members in one of the later meetings

Further Information

- www.citizensassembly.ie