



TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE AND JUST RECOVERY

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Overview

- Current situation
- Key questions
- A framework for just and inclusive policy development

Core questions (1)

- Where does Ireland want to be in 2025?
- What should be its guiding vision?
- What infrastructure is required?
- What services are required?

Core questions (2)

- How are such infrastructure and service requirements to be delivered?
- How are they to be financed?
- How are decisions on these issues to be made?
- How and on what basis is progress on these issues to be measured?

A Guiding Vision

- A just society
 - Human rights; Human dignity; Human development; Environment
- Core values
 - Human dignity, equality, human rights, solidarity, sustainability and the pursuit of the common good

Policy Framework

- Macroeconomic stability
- Decent services and infrastructure
- Just taxation
- Good governance
- Sustainability

Macroeconomic Stability

- Financial and fiscal stability and sustainable economic growth
- Adequate investment programme
- Reduce Ireland's debt burden

To achieve macroeconomic stability...

- Economic growth as a means, not an end
- Fiscal Compact
- Fixation with austerity
- Resources for investment

Decent Services and infrastructure

- Secure services and social infrastructure
- Combat unemployment and under-employment
- Ensure seven Economic, Social and Cultural rights are achieved.
- Universal provision

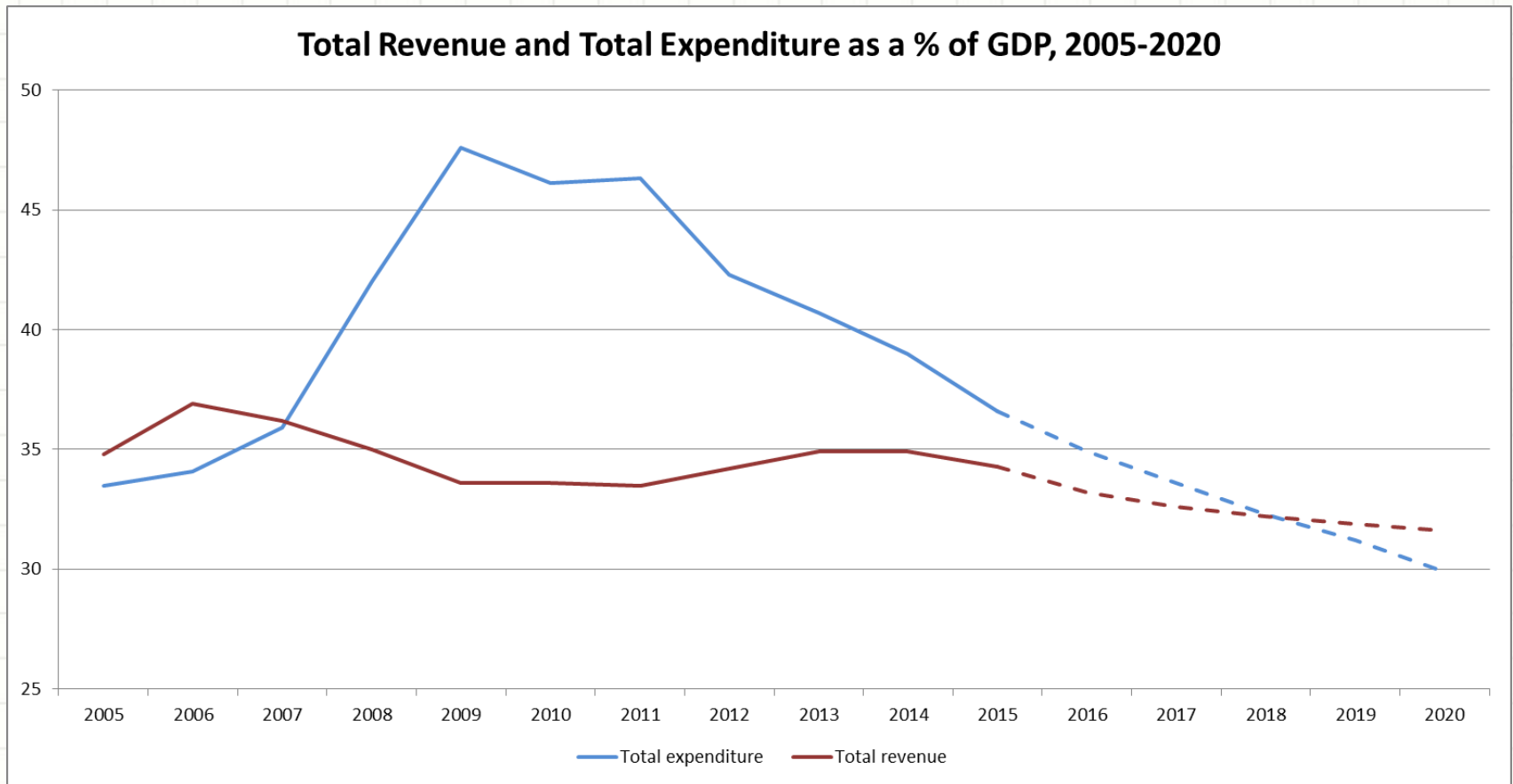
To ensure decent services and infrastructure

- Increased investment needed in wide range of areas
- Sourcing investment
 - Example: Housing

Just taxation

- Bring total tax-take to EU average
- Increase taxes equitably and reduce income inequality
- Secure fair share of corporate profits for the State

Total Revenue and Total Expenditure as a % of GDP, 2005-2020



To ensure just taxation

- Reforming income taxes
- Reforming tax breaks
- Behavioural taxes
- Environmental taxes
- Broaden tax-base
- Minimum effective corporate tax rate

Good Governance

- Deliberative democracy
- Reform policy evaluation
- Social dialogue - engage all sectors in deliberative process

To ensure good governance

- Communities and capacity
- Community and voluntary sector
- Policy evaluation
- Public Participation Networks (PPNs)
- National Economic Dialogue

Sustainability

- Promote climate justice and protect the environment
- Balanced regional development
- New indicators of progress and new Satellite National Accounts

To ensure sustainability

- Present and future
- Financial, environmental, economic and social sustainability.

A policy framework for a just and inclusive Ireland

Macro-economic stability	Decent services and infrastructure	Just taxation	Good governance	Sustainability
Financial and fiscal stability and sustainable economic growth	Secure services and social infrastructure	Bring total tax-take to EU average	Deliberative democracy and enhance PPNS	Promote climate justice and protect the environment
Adequate investment programme	Combat unemployment and under-employment	Increase taxes equitably and reduce income inequality	Reform policy evaluation	Balanced regional development
Reduce Ireland's debt burden	Ensure seven Economic, Social and Cultural rights are achieved.	Secure fair share of corporate profits for the State	Social dialogue - engage all sectors in deliberative process	New indicators of progress and new Satellite National Accounts

Over-arching issues

- Prioritise long-term policy outcomes
- Multi-annual budgeting
- Focus on medium to long-term policy goals
- Invest in our social and physical infrastructure
- Plan for demographic changes
- New policy framework

Concerns

- Dominant view: “economic growth will solve all problems” !!!!
- Rising political power of corporate and financial elite
- Migration, refugees, asylum-seekers.
- EU crisis may worsen rather than improve

How address these challenges?

- Political Parties
- Media
- Social science research funding
- Think Tanks and NESCC
- Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
- Oireachtas Committees



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