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I suggest that the commission take advantage of the additional seat allocation by restoring the Euro constituencies to those that existed before the last redraw.

I am not sure that either of the constituencies outside Dublin form a cohesive unit at present.

In particular the commuter belt and eastern counties of Louth , Meath, Kildare, Wicklow, Wexford and Carlow have a similar demographic and set of challenges and would be better served by including *en masse* into a single constituency be that "Leinster", "East" or "Rest of Leinster", variants of which have previously formed single units rather than being split across two or more constituencies.

This leaves room for the North West and Munster both to form reasonably cohesive units and of course Dublin as the capital city and population centre to have its own as before.

Is mise,

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