LEADER Update 2023 - 2027 Local Development Strategy July 2023



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The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Developmen

An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Formation of Local Objectives and Strategic Actions

Analysis and presentation of findings, Working group review

LCDC Review and Approval

How the Plan was Developed

Survey & Submissions

High demand for Economic theme, larger capital grants. Challenge re: access to matching funds, environmental animation and level of development support required.

Interviews

Semi Structured Interviews One to One with local agencies,. Groups, organisations and projects in economic, social inclusion and environmental sectors.

Public Workshops Additional information provided Additional surveys completed Local area SWOTs in each MD completed (later combined to overall SWOT)

Area Profile Spatial and Sectoral Analysis Population Growth Economic Divide Pressure on Services

Strategic Alignment

Review of policy at Local, Regional, National and European Level.

Review of LDS and LEADER programme guidance and themes

Information Campaign Targeting awareness towards Communities not previously involved in LEADER Past or potential promoters Local businesses, groups, individuals.

| Local Objective | Economic Development | Budget |
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| Farm Diversification | Support to diversify from primary agriculture into activities such as eco-tourism or small-scale food processing. | 300,000 |
| Tourism Enterprise Support | Tourism, outdoor recreation, culture/arts, festivals, and bespoke accommodation | 500,000 |
| Green & Innovative Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise | Green economy, artisan food, SMART innovations, creative media sector, innovative rural business/ancillary services to equine industry, forestry, or farming. | 400,000 |
| Social Enterprise Support | Funding support for new & existing social enterprises | 200,000 |

| Local Objective | Social Inclusion | Budget |
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| Community Facilities | Repairs, expansion, or development of inclusive sustainable community facilities. | 500,000 |
| Social Inclusion | Support for frontline community-based organisations to serve their community | 300,000 |
| Capacity Building | Training and development actions including a bespoke programme of training and support for communities who have not previously benefited from the LEADER programme. | 175,000 |
| Youth Facilities | Funding for the development or improvement of inclusive, sustainable meeting/hangout spaces or activities for young people. | 375,000 |

There will be limits to support available for mainstream sporting facilities (GAA, Soccer, Athletics and Rugby). We will have more clarity once the programme rules and eligibility criteria are in place. Programme guidance to date indicates that non-sports facilities which have fewer funding opportunities (e.g., sports capital) will need to be considered and have equitable access to LEADER.

| Local Objective | Environmental Protection | Budget |
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| Environmental Protection | Projects that have the protection of the environment as their primary goal, including protection of biodiversity, water resources, air quality etc. | 625,000 |
| Climate Change Adaptation and Awareness | Projects that help to build awareness of climate change impacts and improve local knowledge and awareness of mitigating measures, adaptation and measuring of climate change indicators. | 625,000 |

Next Steps







PLAN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM DCRD – ANTICIPATED FOR SEPTEMBER ONCE PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED, WE PLAN TO RUN APPLICATION WORKSHOPS UPDATED PROGRAMME GUIDANCE, EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND APPLICATION FORMS



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