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To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: LEADER Programme 2023-2027
Date: Wednesday 8 December 2021 20:06:37

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We at JS Wood energy wish to make a submission to you to please provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high-level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

JS Wood Energy Ltd

Derrew

Ballyheane

Castlebar

Co Mayo

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Proposed cut on Leader programme 2023-2027
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To Whom it Concerns

The Community of Kilcummin have benefited greatly from the leader Funding for the past 9 years.

Kilcummin looking Good took on various projects with the support of Leader funding this allowed us develop a children's friendly park and enhanced our village and its entrances aesthetically.

. Submission

Provide a sustainable minimum of €389 million (€77.8 million annual average - achievable by increasing Ireland's co-funding to the 80% allowable) for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and maintain enterprise in rural Ireland, to enhance the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities, as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan. Furthermore we call for government to ensure a sustainable Budget for each Local Development Company to ensure the efficient delivery of the LEADER Programme 2023-2027.

Thanking You

[REDACTED]

Kilcummin Looking Good.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: Re: Cuts to LEADER Funding proposed for the 2023 to 2027 Programme Period.
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To whom it concerns

Please Provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive

‘bottom-up, community-led’ investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, to enhance the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

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Comhlacht Forbartha an Gleanna

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
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To whom it may concern,
I write in relation to the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 and the cut to €180 million in the next CAP programme.

[REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and I am also a member of the LCDC / LAG committee which oversees the LEADER programme in the county.

I have seen the great benefits of the LEADER programme to the rural communities and businesses in my constituency of the Kells MD which is the most rural part of Meath and covers 36% of the geographical area of the county.

There are businesses and community facilities in rural areas which would not be in place today if it was not for the LEADER programme.

While it is pointed out there is still a €250m LEADER programme in place due to the government subsidy of €70m over two years until the new CAP programme commences however the issue is that this is over seven years rather than five years so on an annual basis it is a significant reduction in LEADER funding.

One of the concerns which I most have is regarding the application process and the large level of administration and time which community groups must put into the application. I am aware of several community groups and community activists who are now reluctant to go through the process again. However, one of the saving graces for these groups in recent years has been the support of the staff which oversee the programme in the county. They are invaluable support to groups and businesses when seeking LEADER funding. As part of this reduced budget for LEADER some of the staff which assist with the programme will no longer be able to remain in place as the funding will not be there to support their salaries.

This will further reduce the impact of the LEADER programme and its benefits.

In summary I am requesting that at the very least the LEADER programme be reinstated to its previous budget of €250m over five years. However, as we emerge from Covid and as rural businesses and communities innovate as agriculture and rural ways of life evolve in the changing economy, I believe we should at this point in time be increasing the budget further beyond the €250m.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this my submission and on behalf of my rural community I request LEADER funding be maintained and expanded further.

Regards,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Hi there,

I am a [REDACTED] of SKDP and I am making a submission and requesting that a sustainable budget of 369 million be provided for leader programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom up, community led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland. Providing funding in rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of leader 2023-2027 as outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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To Whom it may concern

A sustainable budget of €389 million would be provided for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern

Please provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the Leader programme 2023-2027 to drive ' bottom-up community led investment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of Leader 2022-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

South Tipperary Development Company

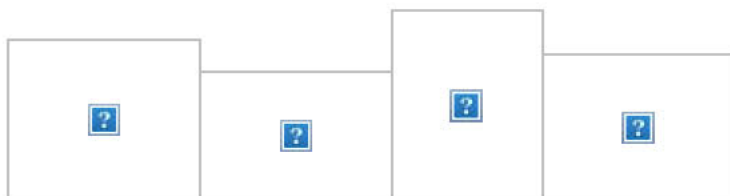
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Hi

as a previous business that accessed LEADER funding and now employing people and creating new opportunities in rural ireland I would like to ask that you provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, to enhance the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan."

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

- Sea Synergy Marine Awareness & Activity Centre

Waterville
Co. Kerry

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[REDACTED] are requesting that you provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, to enhance the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
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To whom it concerns,

It is with great disappointment that I've understood the reduction in funding to the coming leader program.

It is critical to provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high-level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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A Chairde,

Listry Community Council clg has benefitted greatly from LEADER funding over many years for projects which have enhanced our rural community through the provision of facilities and infrastructure such as

Community Centre
Community Astro Turf pitch
Computers for courses for Rural Men and disadvantaged groups

Grants have also been received towards the maintenance and upkeep of our community facilities.

The LEADER budget for 2009-2013 was €425 million. This was reduced to €250 million for the period 2016-2020. This reduced budget was very noticeable and negatively impacted many rural communities and Community Councils such as Listry Community Council. Some development plans were scrapped or at best deferred.

Covid 19 has had a very serious impact on the fundraising capacity in most communities and many community, cultural and climate change projects will never materialise without the ongoing support of LEADER funding. Based on experiences of many LEADER funding applicants during the 2016-2020 we are very pessimistic about the success of applications during the 2023-2027 period given that the proposed budget for the period is €180 million. It is difficult enough to keep interest in Community Councils and for us active tangible projects attracts community involvement. Without projects many Community Councils will disappear to the detriment of rural and disadvantaged areas.

Listry Community Council clg has enjoyed a very supportive relationship with South Kerry Development Partnership clg. Every effort was made by SKDP clg support workers to work productively with Community Councils to ensure a positive and beneficial outcome to LEADER Grant applications. Most communities in South Kerry will testify to this. Long may this productive cooperation continue but unfortunately given the proposed drastic cut to the 2023-2027 budget many projects will not materialize during this period. The [REDACTED] and members of Listry Community Council clg call on Government to

'Provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, to enhance the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER.

We trust that common sense based on the success of previous LEADER funded projects will prevail and that the LEADER budget for 2023-2027 will be increase to €400 million approx to help communities to recover from the impact of Covid 19 and to drive climate change and other community enhancing initiatives for the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]-Listry Community Council clg

+ [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Blackwater Womens Group support a call to

“Provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive ‘bottom-up, community-led’ investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.”

[REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

***Blackwater,
Co.Kerry***

From: [Cahersiveen Tidy Town's Co. Kerry](#)
To: [CAP Strategic Plan](#)
Subject: LEADER Programme 2023-2027
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To whom it may concern,

The work of Cahersiveen Tidy Towns is made possible in large part through funding from the LEADER programme. We rely on this funding to carry out large scale projects, for the last two years we have been carrying out a project to help make local schools more sustainable. This year we are planning a planting project at the Cahersiveen town park involving the planting of 200 native trees and shrubs and putting in place a management plan for invasive species. All of this work is made possible by the funding we receive from LEADER.

Provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, to enhance the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

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 Cahersiveen Tidy Town's

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Leader fundin
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Dear sir/madam

It has come to my attention that there are significant cuts proposed to the new Leader funding for the Programme running from 2023- 2027. This loss of funding will result in serious financial implications for people trying to live, set up and develop businesses in rural communities. County Mayo , and other counties dependant on Leader funding, will face a serious loss in community and personal development projects which will most likely have many detrimental knock on effects such as adding to the serious decline in permanent population in the towns and villages of rural Ireland.

In order to prevent a serious decline in our rural communities, I urge you to provide a sustainable budget of €389 million for the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 to drive 'bottom-up, community-led' investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland, provide funding in the rural environment and support climate change mitigation initiatives in rural communities as well as the identified high-level ambitions of LEADER 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan.

As participants in developing and creating employment in our community over the last 30 years, with relation to this issue, we propose that the funds be increased rather than decreased to promote growth in small to medium businesses in order to enhance and keep a sustianable population in our communities. This in turn will relieve congestion and over crowding in major cities and urban areas.

Regards

[REDACTED]

EU Online Survey: Environmental Analysis draft CSP 2023_2027

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Name	Aileen Eglington
How would you best describe yourself	Other (please specify in box below)
If other please specify	Marketing consultant specialising in travel and tourism in Ireland and beyond, particularly Rural Tourism
Please indicate if you are submitting your proposal on behalf of;	as an individual
Please choose from options below to indicate whether you wish to have your name published on the Departments website alongside your submission	My name can be published
Q1. Do you have any observations on the conclusions in the Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement?	<p>My key observations are in the area of Leader Funding and the fact that the figures do not clearly say that we will have a huge deficit in funding if we do not speak up.</p> <p>We were already on the back-foot when Leader did not effectively start until 2016.</p> <p>We cannot allow more decreases in funding. We need increased funding to deliver on what Rural Ireland needs with a growing population, to be sustainable.</p>
Q2. Having reviewed the Environmental Report, please provide comments on individual sections in more detail. Please ensure to state clearly the section of the Environmental Report and page number (if relevant) that your comment or submission relates to.	
Q3. Having reviewed the Natura Impact Statement, please provide comments on individual sections in more detail. Please ensure to state clearly the section of the Natura Impact Statement and page number (if relevant) that your comment or submission relates to.	My comments specifically relate to Leader.

<p>Q4. Is there any additional information which in your view should be considered in the Environmental Report and/or the Natura Impact Statement? Please specify.</p>	<p>Yes I am very concerned about the percentage of only just over 50% funding. This must be increased to up and close to permitted EU levels - particularly after the devastation to businesses and community groups due to Covid.</p> <p>We must help to build capacity as well as sustainability and resources are depleted yet the will is there.</p> <p>So we must look at up to 80% support.</p>
<p>Q5. Are there additional mitigation/monitoring measures that you would like to propose? Please specify.</p>	<p>My proposals are below.</p>
<p>Q6. If you wish to make comments on the draft CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 (CSP), please ensure to state clearly the section of the draft CSP and page number (if relevant) that your comment or submission relates to.</p>	<p>I write as someone who runs a business in the rural area of Dublin, and who also acts as a marketing consultant and business adviser to businesses around Ireland in the rural area. In fact many businesses with whom I work, who are either non for profits, small rural businesses diversifying, and community/social enterprises have benefited from Leader in a very positive way over the years.</p> <p>I believe that I am well placed to have a very key personal view on this as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am Chair of the Rural Task Force in DLR. • I am outgoing President and director/board member of DLR Chamber which is the biggest representative body in DLR • My company has assisted many local businesses in getting Leader Funding which was and is invaluable from a capital and support perspective in driving their initiatives forward • I am a travel and tourism expert and have that expertise outside of Ireland as well – I know what has been, and can be achieved by good use of Leader. <p>So the fact that Leader Funding appears to be effectively reduced is simply not good enough. At a time where business has been decimated by Covid, rural businesses must diversify, and when our population is growing, and where we</p>

can encourage support of rural businesses as we improve quality of life, sustain employment, and encourage diversification.

This is simply not good enough. And we must do more as Ireland, to ensure that Leader Funding is not reduced for the period of 2023 onwards.

My points are as follows:

- The budget for Leader for 2023-2027 has already been cut due to late implementation of previous Leader.
- A further cut of this budget to €180 million now proposed is simply not on. Effectively this is a 40% reduction, with a growing population. And at a key time. This is a huge proposed cut. And is not acceptable.
- I believe that we should be looking at around €400 million for The Leader Programme for the coming years, to work in rural Ireland, Rural Tourism, Rural Sustainability and Rural Employment in order to drive and sustain enterprise within our businesses and communities.
- We must have a sustainable budget for Ireland, driven by each local Development Company from this.
- The co-funding element must also be looked at. Under EU regulations up to 80% is permissible. Yet we are now looking at a proposed 56.72%. This shows no concept of what has gone on, last 2 years, and what is needed to grow our rural economy and kick-start it again.

Ireland must protect its share of Leader Funding. And we must have adequate funding, certainly up around the €400 million mark, to deliver a real difference over this crucial 2023-2027 period.

Kind regards