



Circular 21 of 2023

25th September 2023

**Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES)
Additional Training for ACRES Advisors**

To ACRES Advisor

With reference to the Agri-Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES), the Department wishes to advise you that it will be providing additional training courses for ACRES Advisors in October 2023, the purpose of which is to update you on ACRES Tranche 1, give an overview on the forthcoming Tranche 2 and, in particular, to provide information on the Non-Productive Investments aspect of the ACRES Co-operation approach – please see further information below on the topics to be covered.

Please note that attendance at these training courses is voluntary.

The topics to be covered in this training will include the following:

- Updates on ACRES Tranche 1 in relation to Circulars issued, Completion of Scorecard issues, Commonage, Payments and Document accessibility.
- An Overview of Tranche 2 to include the Application procedure and any changes from Tranche 1 including Terms and Conditions and Scheme Specification etc.
- An Overview of the Non-Productive Investments (NPIs) and Local Action Plans within the ACRES Co-operation approach, NPI specifications, How to apply for NPIs, and GLAM NPI Annual Works Plan screens.

The Department is proposing to hold 3 such training courses in the following locations on the dates listed:

- Charleville Park Hotel, Charleville, Co Cork on Tuesday 10th October 2023
- Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly on Wednesday 18th October 2023
- Great National Hotel, Ballina, Co Mayo on Thursday 19th October 2023

The training will consist of 1 full day session, from 9.30 am each morning until approx. 4.30 pm each evening. A full Agenda will issue to interested advisors in due course.

Attendance at these courses is not mandatory and it will be up to each ACRES Advisor as to whether or not they wish to attend.



To assist ACRES section to better estimate the numbers proposing to attend the course in each location (for the purposes of finalizing arrangements with the hotels), it would be appreciated if you could indicate, by hitting the 'vote' button at the top of the covering email with this Circular, if you propose to attend or not, and if so, please select which location.

Yours sincerely,
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