

# Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020

## County Leitrim

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The Leitrim Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is the Local Action Group (LAG) with ultimately responsibility for the delivery, implementation and finances of the LEADER programme. The LCDC comprises of representatives of the Local Authority, other state agencies, community and voluntary sector and social partners. Leitrim Development Company, a partner on the LCDC will be Implementing Partner with overall responsibility for the administrative and financial management of the programme.

### LAG Composition

There are 17 members on the LCDC. Nine of the 17 LCDC members are drawn from the non-statutory sector. This membership and the LCDC Standing Orders will ensure that more than 50% of the votes in decisions are cast by members which do not represent statutory agencies. The membership of the LCDC is outlined as follows:

Sector	Name	Agency/Organisation
Local Government	Mr Frank Curran (LCDC Chairperson)	CEO, Leitrim County Council (LCC)
Local Government	Mr Joe Lowe	Manager LEO, LCC
Local Government	Cllr Finola Armstrong Maguire	Elected Rep. Carrick-on-Shannon MD
Local Government	Cllr Felim Gurn	Elected Rep. Manorhamilton MD
Local Government	Cllr Paddy O Rourke	Elected Rep. Ballinamore MD
State Agencies	Mr Ben Wilkinson	Teagasc, Area Management Unit (AMU) Manager
State Agencies	Mr Eugene Walsh	Department of Social Protection (DSP)
State Agencies	Mr Frank Morrison	Health Service Executive (HSE)
Private Sector-PPN	Mr Des Quinn	Elected by the PPN from the C&V college
Private Sector-PPN	Ms Maureen Martin	Elected by the PPN from the C&V college
Private Sector-PPN	Mr Greg Turano	Elected by the PPN from Social Inclusion College
Private Sector-PPN	Ms Ita Flynn	Elected by the PPN from Social Inclusion College
Private Sector-PPN	Dr Aedin McLoughlin	Elected by the PPN from the Environmental College
Private sector	Ms Assumpta Kelly	Nominated by Family Resource Centres/Community Development Projects.
Private sector	Mr Pat Monahan	Nominated by the Board of Leitrim Development Company
Private sector	Mr Pat Gilhooley	Nominated by the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)

## Overview & Budget

The LEADER elements of the RDP 2014-2020 will provide €5,990,686 over the lifetime of the programme to support the sustainable development of County Leitrim. In County Leitrim all of the county is covered as it is defined as a rural county. In the context of LEADER, the Local Development Strategy (LDS) is a plan developed by the LCDC through consultation with rural communities. Local Development Strategies are designed through a “bottom-up” process facilitating participation by any member of the rural community. The LDS determines the needs in County Leitrim and the LCDC will make decisions on what types of investment are best suited to address those needs. Leitrim Development Company, a partner on the LCDC will be the Implementing Partner with responsibility for implementing actions in the county on behalf of the LCDC. The LDS examine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that face the county and outline the types of actions to be supported to address these. The three programme themes are:

- Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
- Social Inclusion
- Rural Environment.

## Vision

The Vision for the Local Development Strategy in County Leitrim is;

Through a coherent strategy, we strive towards a vibrant, healthy rural economy in County Leitrim delivering actions which will transform rural communities into stable, thriving socio economic hubs of inclusive community spirit, environmental best practice and superior quality of life.



## Themes, Objectives & Strategic Actions

The Leitrim Local Development Strategy has identified a number of sub themes/priorities as set out below;

# Theme: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation

## Sub Theme 1: Rural Tourism Objectives & Actions



- **1A Tourism Assets & Infrastructure**
- **Rural tourism facilities, products and services**  
e.g. Equipment & infrastructure for recreation, greenways, blueways, heritage tourism, eco-tourism, etc.



- **1B Tourism Accommodation**
- **Tourism accommodation in the county in areas of need**
- **Niche or specialist accommodation**  
e.g. Accommodation not available in the region which can add value



- **1C Tourism Promotion**
- **Marketing experiences & County Leitrim as a destination**
- **Collective & innovative business marketing projects & activities** (Three or more tourism businesses must be involved)



- **1D Collective Festivals & Events**
- **Collective support for festivals & events** Equipment & Infrastructure (Three or more festivals or events must be involved)



- **1E Tourism Training**
- **Networking, development supports and training for tourism groups**  
e.g. Specialist Tourism Training, Supports & Networking Events for collective groups of tourism providers

## Sub Theme 2: Enterprise Development Objectives & Actions



- **2A Development of Enterprises**
- Capital and asset investment for businesses
- Farm diversification businesses  
e.g. Equipment, Buildings, Patents, etc. Please note that farm diversification relates to non agricultural activities.



- **2B Social Enterprises**
- Social/Community Enterprises  
e.g. Equipment, Buildings, etc. for development, expansion and creation of social enterprises.



- **2C Collaborative Marketing**
- Collective marketing and collaboration for businesses  
(Three or more businesses must be involved)



- **2D Enterprise Supports**
- Enterprise Training and Development  
e.g. Specialist Training and Supports for collaborative & collective enterprises resulting in added value for individual enterprises.

## Sub Theme 3: Rural Towns Objectives & Actions



- **3A Town & Village Enhancement**
- Town and village enhancement projects
- Access to public spaces & community facilities



- **3B Town & Village Supports**
- Training & capacity building supports  
e.g. Town renewal initiatives and schemes, etc.

## Sub Theme 4: Broadband Objectives & Actions



- **4A ICT & Broadband**
- Training, development & awareness raising on the benefits of ICT

## Theme: Social Inclusion

### Sub Theme 5: Basic Services Targeted at Hard to Reach Communities Objectives & Actions



- **5A Social Inclusion Capital Supports**
- Community services, facilities and infrastructure for hard to reach communities and groups



- **5B Social Inclusion Capacity Building**
- Social inclusion training support programmes



## Theme: Rural Environment

### Sub Theme 6: Protection & Conservation of Local Biodiversity & Water Resources Objectives & Actions



#### • 6A Water Resources

- Developmental supports for the sustainable use of water resources
- Training initiatives on the preservation of water resources
- Capital supports towards water conservation



#### • 6B Natural Environment /Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Awareness raising through training initiatives on the natural environment
- Capital supports for preservation of the environment

### Sub Theme 7: Harnessing Our Natural Resources Objectives & Actions



#### • 7A Renewable Energy Sector

- Scoping studies of Leitrim's potential renewable energy sector
- Exemplar community energy projects
- Development of the wood energy supply chain in the county
- Practical training in small scale renewable energy