



Dublin Rural LEADER LDS Strategy

SUMMARY DOCUMENT



Dublin Rural
LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion



MAP KEY

- LEADER funding:
- Rural areas eligible
 - Rural villages/towns eligible

- Ineligible area
- Urban Dublin
- Surrounding counties

- Motorway
- National Primary Road



* Dublin Rural LEADER scheme map is indicative only

Overview

The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) has been established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme in the Dublin Rural region. The total allocated fund represents €6.42 million and of this **€4.83 million** will be made available for local projects in the Dublin Rural region.

The LAG area

The Dublin Rural LAG geographical area encompasses the rural areas which surround the city of Dublin on three sides and is comprised of rural parts of the local authorities of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, and South Dublin, all within the County of Dublin (see Map on previous page).



Dublin Rural LAG composition

The LAG comprises of experienced public and private nominees with representation from local authority members and officials, state agencies, community, voluntary sector, local development and social partners:

	Name	Pillar & Representing Body	Public/Private
1	Billy Coman	Chief Executives Nominee, Director (South Dublin LCDC)	Public
2	Cllr. Paula Donovan	South Dublin County Council, (South Dublin LCDC)	Public
3	Cllr. Tony Murphy	Fingal County Council (Fingal LCDC)	Public
4	Ed Hearne	Chief Executives Nominee, Director (Fingal LCDC)	Public
5	Dr. Pat O' Connor (Chair)	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (Fingal LCDC)	Public
6	Cllr. Peter O'Brien	Dún Laoghaire County Council (Dún Laoghaire LCDC)	Public
7	Oisín Geoghegan	Head Of Fingal Local Enterprise Office (Fingal LCDC)	Public
8	Maire O'Brien	Public Participation Network, Environment (Fingal LCDC)	Private
9	Alice Davis	Public Participation Network Social Inclusion, (Fingal LCDC)	Private
10	Larry O'Neill	Local Development, CEO (South Dublin LCDC)	Private
11	Justin Byrne	Public Participation Network, Environmental (South Dublin LCDC)	Private
12	Prof. Mary Corcoran	Community & Voluntary Interest C/O NUI Maynooth, (South Dublin LCDC)	Private
13	Cormac Shaw	Local Development, CEO (Dún Laoghaire LCDC)	Private
14	Tom Kivlehan	Public Participation Network, Environment (Dún Laoghaire LCDC)	Private
15	Mary McKenna	Local Development, CEO FLP, (Fingal LCDC)	Private
16	Des O'Sullivan	Community and Voluntary Interest, Under 30s - Young people C/O Jigsaw (Fingal LCDC)	Private
17	Padraig McMahon	Farming Interests - Irish Farming Association (Fingal LCDC)	Private

Source: Dublin Rural LEADER LDS July 2016

People who work and live in rural communities are best placed to decide what support is needed to facilitate development in their area.

Fingal County Council will be the lead Financial Partner and ensure transparency and accountability on behalf of the LAG.

Fingal Leader Partnership Ltd (FLP) has been appointed as the Programme Implementer for the delivery of the LEADER Programme in the Dublin Rural Region.

The LAG will support local projects that contribute to the aims and objectives as set out in the Local Development Strategy and will focus on the themes and sub themes set out on pages 6 and 7.

Total allocated LEADER budget

The total allocated LEADER budget is €6.42million, of this the project implementation fund is **€4.83million**. This will be allocated across the 3 themes as follows:

Theme	Sub Theme	Budget (percent)
Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation	1. Rural Tourism 2. Enterprise Development 3. Rural Town	50%
Social Inclusion	4. Basic Services for "Hard to Reach" Communities 5. Rural Youth	25%
Rural Environment	6. Protection and sustainable Use of water resources 7. Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity 8. Development of Renewable Energy	25%

Source; Dublin Rural LEADER LDS Strategy, July 2016

Summary of Themes, Local Objectives, Anticipated Outputs & Targets:

Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

Sub Theme	Local Objective	Anticipated Outputs/Targets
1.1 Rural Tourism	LO1: To create distinct visitor attractions as key drivers for rural tourism and local job creation across Dublin rural region	SA1.1: Training, Animation and Capacity Building to strengthen the tourism and economy in Dublin rural.
		SA1.2: Develop and promote outdoor recreation activities including walking/hiking/cycling routes, heritage trails and destination tourism ensuring critical mass of product in area.
		SA1.3: Support product development, interpretation and marketing of Dublin rural unique Heritage and Cultural attractions to maximise potential arising from Fáilte Ireland's – Dublin, 'A Breath of Fresh Air' and Ireland's Ancient East in adjoining counties.
		SA1.4: Develop and Support Dublin rural unique tourism/experience through strategic planning/ clustering and destination development and marketing to capitalise on Fáilte Ireland's branding Dublin, 'A Breath of Fresh Air'.
		SA1.5: Support the growth of the tourism sector in Dublin rural by improving and expanding the quality and range of tourism products on offer.
1.2 Enterprise Development	LO2: Investment in Rural Enterprise and Job Creation	SA 2.1: Provision of enterprise training, animation and capacity building support programme for underrepresented individuals and groups (Flagship).
		SA2.2: Support Capital Investment for rural Enterprise assisting SME's and Social Enterprise Companies to develop or expand in the interest of economic development and employment creation at local level.
		SA 2.3: Support small scale investment in food enterprises and rural incubation food HUB.
1.3 Rural Towns	LO3: Revitalising Rural Towns and Villages	SA 3.1: Community training, Animation and Capacity Building Programme to support vibrant towns in Dublin rural.
		SA 3.2: Regenerating Dublin rural towns and villages.



Theme 2: Social Inclusion

Sub Theme	Local Objective	Anticipated Outputs/Targets
2.1 Basic Services: Hard-to-Reach Communities	LO4: Enabling Access to Community Services and Facilities	SA 4.1: Promotion of Inclusion and Economic Development through Training, Animation and Capacity Building among hard-to-reach communities.
		SA 4.2: Support small scale facilities/Hubs/projects that enable engagement and participation among individuals experiencing social and geographical exclusion.
		SA 4.3: Establishment of community Information and Activity Hubs.
2.1 Rural Youth	LO5: Support for Rural Youth at Risk of Exclusion	SA 5.1 Rural Youth Animation & Engagement Programme.

Theme 3: Rural Environment

Sub Theme	Local Objective	Anticipated Outputs/Targets
3.1 Protection and Sustainable Use of Water Resources	LO6: Utilising Water Resources and Creating Greater Environmental Awareness	SA 6.1: Water Conservation Awareness and Training Programme
		SA 6.2: Water Resources and Conservation
3.2 Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity	LO7: Biodiversity and Healthy Ecosystems	SA 7.1: Community Biodiversity Animation, Awareness and Training Programme.
		SA 7.2: Biodiversity and Conservation Support.
3.3 Development of Renewable Energy	LO8: Renewable Energy and Clean Environment	SA 8.1: Renewable Energy Awareness and Training Programme
		SA 8.2: Increase number of Renewable Energy Products and Businesses

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