

LEADER (RDP) 2014 - 2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

NOTE: This Expression of Interest (EOI) Form must be completed as a pre-cursor to an application proper for funding under the Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 (LEADER).

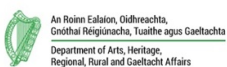
Failure to fully complete this form will result in a delay in dealing with your Expression of Interest and the further processing of any subsequent application arising therefrom for funding under the RDP LEADER 2014 – 2020.

Guidance Notes:

- Please complete this form in full using the space provided, supplementary documentation will only be accepted once all fields have been completed. All fields are mandatory.
- This form can be accessed and/or printed from the Meath Partnership website www.meathpartnership.ie and returned when completed to Meath Partnership as the Programme Implementer with any additional information you feel may be of relevance to your Expression of Interest.
- Only hardcopies with original promoter signatures can be accepted by Meath Partnership.
- The Data Protection Declaration included as part of this EOI must be completed and accompany this form when being submitted.
- A hardcopy of this form can be obtained directly from Meath Partnership by calling 046-9280790 or by email request to leader@meathpartnership.ie
- Following evaluation and notification of your EOI to the Local Action Group, you will be contacted by Meath Partnership regarding the eligibility and suitability of your EOI.
- If you require assistance in completing this form, please contact the Meath Partnership LEADER Helpdesk on 046-9280790 ext. 215.

For further information on the LEADER Programme please visit:

www.environ.ie/en/community/ruraldevelopment/eururaldevelopment/



Rural Development Programme (LEADER) 2014 – 2020
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORM
GENERAL INFORMATION

All fields are mandatory and must be completed.

Your Local Action Group (LAG) Name:	Meath Local Community Development Committee
Project Name/Title:	
Promoter/Community Group Name:	
Promoter Lead/Main Contact Name:	
Promoter Lead/Main Telephone No.:	
Position Held:	
Promoter E-mail Address:	
Website Address (if available):	
Address (Eircode <u>must</u> be included):	

Promoter Type

(Individual, Community Group, Organisation, Other)

Tick appropriate box and include copies of supporting governing documents with this form.

- ☐ Sole Trader
- ☐ Farmer
- ☐ Formalised Community/Voluntary Group
- ☐ Company Limited by Guarantee
- ☐ Designated Activity Company Limited by Share Capital
- ☐ Registered Charity
- ☐ Co-op Society registered under the Industrial & Provident Societies Act
- ☐ Community Council
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Partnership
- ☐ Limited Company
- ☐ Public Body
- ☐ Private Individual
- ☐ Other

Herd/Flock No. (if on-farm project):

Has the Promoter/ Applicant Group received LEADER funding previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Details of previous funding received:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Address:

Project Located in Gaeltacht Area? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please state Gaeltacht Area:

Location/Site Status: ☐ Owned ☐ Leased ☐ Other:

Planning Permission: ☐ Granted ☐ Required ☐ Exempt ☐ Not capital works

Has work commenced on the project: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Expected Timeframe for Project:

Do you have the required match funding in place: ☐ Yes ☐ No

LEADER Grant Required (€):

Other Sources of Funding for Project (If any – Bank Loans, Own Capital etc.)

Estimated Project Costs (total estimated costs):

Nature of Contract/Goods/Item/Element	Cost Ex. VAT (€)	Cost Inc. VAT (€)
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Brief description of the proposed project for LEADER assistance

(Please use additional sheets and attach to this form if required)

Project Outline

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What is the requirement or need for the Project?

What is the purpose or aim of the Project?

Please describe the Project in terms of its innovation

Please outline your relevant background and skills which will assist in successfully completing the project

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Alignment with Local Development Strategy

(Indicate which Theme, Sub-Theme and Local Objective you are applying under)

Theme (Tick One Only)

Sub-theme (Tick One Only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Enterprise Development <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Services <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Water Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of Biodiversity <input type="checkbox"/> Development of Renewable Energy

Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

- ☐ To drive the integration and enhancement of Meath's unique combination of historical and contemporary tourist offerings cementing its reputation, identity, and attractiveness facilitating the effective realisation of the county's exceptional tourism potential
- ☐ To broaden and enhance the enterprise base in the county, and maximise local sustainable economic opportunities in Meath
- ☐ To spearhead the rejuvenation and development of the towns and villages of County Meath
- ☐ To protect, enhance and widen the social and economic benefits of Meath's natural, built, social and cultural heritage.
- ☐ To provide support for improved access to and utilisation of broadband services to increase connectivity across rural communities and with the disadvantaged and hard to reach. To enable ICT driven interaction between rural communities, relevant state agencies and service providers while also enabling access to broadband for local business and new era community enterprise.

Social Inclusion

- ☐ To provide support for community facility development to counteract the withdrawal of essential services, to provide for social and economic interaction at the local level, to promote community enterprise, provide for service provider outreach and to operationalise community action in support of the hard to reach and disadvantaged in rural society.
- ☐ To support the development of a strategic framework and community planning in addressing the issues facing rural youth. Support will be provided for the assimilation of rural youth into the social economy to provide essential work like experience, promotion of creative endeavour, improvement of employability and action to address skills deficits and ease the increasingly difficult journey into employment.

Rural Environment

- ☐ To support the sustainable development of County Meath's water resources, to improve the recreational use of inland waters, to realise the significant health, economic and environmental benefit arising from such development and to foster a better understanding of the need to care for and protect our environment.
- ☐ To support actions to combat the loss of biodiversity and damage to ecosystems through engagement with agencies, organisations, communities and individuals with specific interest in biodiversity in respect of County Meath's farmlands, bogs, lakes, rivers, coastal sites and wildlife habitats.
- ☐ To promote and progress social, community and economic action supportive of environmental protection, sustainability and good practice in environmental care.

How does your project address the objective selected?

DATA PROTECTION DECLARATION

Meath Local Community Development Committee is responsible for delivering the LEADER Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020 with Meath Partnership as the Implementing Partner and Meath County Council as the Financial Partner. As part of any application to the programme we are required to collect information on the individuals and community groups who we assist.

As soon as you contact Meath Local Community Development Committee and its partners a record is created in your name for the information you provide. The information will be stored by the Meath Local Community Development Committee and its partners where relevant in paper and/or electronic form. Information that we collect including information that you give us is added to this record.

You have the right, given by the Data Protection Act of 1988 and 2003 to a copy of your information at any time. We charge a fee of €6.35 for each request. You should address your request to:

*Meath Local Community Development Committee
c/o Meath County Council
Buvinda House,
Dublin Road,
Navan,
Co. Meath*

The information we record is used only for the following purposes:

- Processing of applications
- Auditing of applications (Article 48 check)
- Compiling statistical information to help us plan and improve our services
- Analysing information about applicants for bodies such as various Government Departments
- Producing our own statistics for publication
- Publication of promoter and project details (including photography) for publicity and promotional purposes

Personal information about you will be disclosed only in accordance with Local Action Group registration under the Data Protection Act. The purpose for which we hold information and the people to whom we may disclose it are listed in the Register of Data Controllers. This is a public register kept by the Office of the Data Commissioner at the Irish Life Building, Talbot Street, Dublin 1 (Phone: 01-8748544), and you may inspect it free of charge.

To give you an example of disclosure: Meath Local Community Development Committee is required to give promoters names and certain other personal data to the Rural Development Division in the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The Department in turn observes strict rules of disclosure that are registered with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner. Other information supplied and collected may also be disclosed to people and bodies from time to time. On request you can receive a list of disclosures.

Promoter Declaration

I/we have read and understand the above statement and give consent to Meath Local Community Development Committee and its partners for the use of data and information as outlined above.

Signature:

Name (Block Caps):

Date:

Witnessed by:

DECLARATION

Signed for and on behalf of the Promoter/Group:

I/We confirm that the details supplied are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

Signature:

Name (Block Caps):

Date:

Part or all of the information you provide will be held on computer and in hard copy format. This information will be used for the administration and processing of Expressions of Interest and for monitoring and notification purposes. LAGs may share information with each other and government departments/agencies to enable them to prevent fraudulent applications or for detecting crime and to co-ordinate processing of complementary applications. It may also be subject to meeting obligations under the Freedom of Information Act as amended. This policy does not affect your rights and your information will be held as prescribed under the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003.

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EOI Ref. I.D.:

Call Type:

Main Programme Theme:

IP Officer Signature:

Print Name:

Date Form Received:

IP Date Stamp:

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