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LEADER PROGRAMME 2023-2027



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Kerry at a Glance

Kerry at a glance



Population 155,258 and expected growth 6% by 2028

65% between 15-65

3rd Level Education & Research - Munster Technological University and Kerry ETB

Kerry people are enterprising - 1 in 10 are self employed

Over 70 science, technology and engineering companies

10 Enterprise Co-Working Hubs + an Agritech Centre of Excellence

2.3 million visitors annually with 13,500 hotel beds

1 in 5 work in Tourism and related services

Connected - Kerry Airport, Rail, Bus and Road Network

Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity

65% population rural
35% population urban

18% of national wind generation in Kerry

Source:

Kerry County Development Plan 2022 -2028, Kerry County Council

Kerry Economic Recovery Plan 2020. Kerry County Council

Kerry Socio – Economic Profile 2021

The Economic Impact of COVID -19 on the Economy of County Kerry, May 2020, Kerry County Council

Kerry at a glance



5th largest county in Ireland

2 Gaeltachts Corca Dhuibhne & Úibh Ráthach

20% (450km) of the Wild Atlantic Route located in Kerry

Coastal Infrastructure Harbours, Ports, Piers and Slipways

6th largest non national road network in Ireland (4,446 km)

5th longest coastline in Ireland

4 Strategic inter-regional routes linking county with other major centres

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Kerry Census April 2022

156,458 people

+6% on Apr 2016

8% National avge

Average Age = 41.5

38.8 (37.4) National avge

18.9% over 65

15.1% National avge

40.2% can speak Irish

2.4% do so daily

36.4% & 1.4% respective
National Averages

**+10% (+6,232) rise in
employment 2016-
2022**

+16% National avge



Kerry Census April 2022

25% Work from Home

32% National avge

33% children in childcare

33% National avge

70% own home, 24% rent

66%, 28% respective National averages

83% in Good or V. Good Health

86% National avge



Local Development Strategy (LDS) Overview

LEADER LDS – Community Led Local Development

- Open and Inclusive Consultation Process
- EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Emphasis on supporting areas and communities not previously benefited from LEADER to-date

Local Development Strategy (LDS) key features:

- In the context of the LEADER element of the CAP Strategic Plan (CSP), LDS = Plan designed by members of rural communities - through their LAGs, to support sustainable development of their own rural communities.
- LAG = **Local Action Group**. Coordinates selection of projects and works with local experts – Implementation Partners – and project promoters
- LDSs designed through a “**bottom-up**” process. Any member of the rural community can participate. Takes **full and comprehensive** consideration of not just local needs but also local potential.
- LDS examines the **strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats** (SWOT) of a particular area and outline types of actions to be supported. **Address weaknesses & threats. Exploit strengths & opportunities.**
- LDS should be **realistic reflection** of how LEADER funding might best be used for sustainable development.
- LDS fully **consider on-going or planned actions of other agencies supporting their area.**
- LDS should be **complementary to and support EU, national, regional and local strategic plans** (e.g. Local Economic and Community Plans (LECPs)).

Cad is Straitéis Forbartha Áitiúil (LDS)?

- I gcomhthéacs ghné LEADER den Phlean Straitéiseach CBT (CSP), is plean í an straitéis forbartha áitiúil (LDS) atá deartha ag baill de phobail tuaithe, trína LAGanna, chun tacú le forbairt inbhuanaithe a bpobal tuaithe féin.
- Tá LDSs deartha trí phróiseas "ón mbun aníos" a éascaíonn rannpháirtíocht aon bhall den phobal tuaithe agus breithniú iomlán cuimsitheach a dhéanamh ní hamháin ar riachtanais áitiúla ach ar acmhainneacht áitiúil freisin
- Ba cheart do LDS scrúdú a dhéanamh ar na láidreachtaí, na laigí, na deiseanna agus na bagairtí (SWOT) a bhfuil réimse ar leith os a gcomhair agus na cineálacha gníomhaíochtaí a dtabharfar tacaíocht dóibh chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na laigí agus na bagairtí a leagan amach agus leas a bhaint as na láidreachtaí agus na deiseanna a aithníodh.
- Ba cheart go mbeadh an LDS ina léiriú réadúil ar an gcaoi is fearr a bhféadfaí maoiniú LEADER a úsáid chun tacú le forbairt inbhuanaithe an cheantair atá leagtha amach.
- Ba cheart dó breithniú iomlán a dhéanamh freisin ar gach gníomh atá ar siúl nó atá beartaithe ag gníomhaireachtaí eile a bhfuil sé de chúram orthu tacú le forbairt ina gceantar nó a bhfuil baint acu leis an bhforbairt sin. Go háirithe, ba cheart don LDS a bheith comhlántach agus tacúil le pleananna straitéiseacha AE, pleannana náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus áitiúla amhail na Pleananna Áitiúla Eacnamaíocha agus Pobail (LECPanna)

The seven principles of LEADER are:

1. Bottom-up approach;
2. Area based local development strategies;
3. Local partnerships;
4. Integrated and multi-sectoral strategies;
5. Networking;
6. Innovation;
7. Cooperation

Seacht prionsabail LEADER ná:

1. Cur Chuige ón mbun aníos;
2. Straitéisí forbartha áitiúla bunaithe ar cheantar
3. Comhphairtíocht Aitiúil;
4. Straitéisí chomhtháite agus ilearnála :
5. Líonrú;
6. Nuálaíocht;
7. Comhoibriú:

Téamaí LEADER 2023-2027

- 1. Forbairt Eacnamaíochta agus Cruthú Phoists / Economic Development & Job Creation**
- 2. Bonneagar Tuaithe agus Comhtháthú Sóisialta / Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion**
- 3. Forbairt Inbhuanaithe na Timpeallachta Tuaithe agus Maolú agus Oiriúnú don Athrú Aeráide / Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**



Inclusive Community Engagement

Why this approach?

Inclusive community engagement results in better outcomes for the process, agencies and the community. Vital for decision-making, to

- Produce better policies
- Strengthen democracy
- Build trust



Community engagement is efficient and effective:

- Avoids waste
- Keeps the community involved
- Reduces Conflict
- Is Open, Honest and Accountable

Local Development Strategy (LDS):

Principles & Themes

What LEADER was created to do:

- Must contribute to the CSP, in particular specific objective set out in Article 6(1)(h) EU Regulation 2021/2115
 - **‘to promote employment, growth, gender equality, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry.’**
- Vision for LEADER has been set out in the CSP, developed in consultation with all stakeholders and views of the Commission also taken into account when finalising
 - **Support for rural enterprises and communities**
 - **Maximise opportunities presented by the green economy**
 - **Embrace the diversity of rural communities by involving all members of society in the development process**

What EU Commission is telling us this time:

Observations from the EU Commission on Ireland's LEADER intervention contd.

- How **partnership principle will be put into practice**, 'have young people, women, less advantaged groups etc. participating in the partnership and in the decision-making'.
- Actions brought forward must be **innovative in the local context** – consultation with other LAGs, other member states CAP Network,
- Ireland's approach to **Smart Villages**

LEADER 2023-2027 & LEADER 2014-2020

LEADER 2023-2027

Theme 1: Economic Development & Job Creation

Theme 2: Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion

Theme 3: Sustainable Development and Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation

Overarching Policy Context

LEADER 2014-2020

Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation

Theme 2: Social Inclusion

Theme 3: Rural Environment

LEADER Themes 2023-2027

1. Economic Development and Job Creation

The need to support the development of the rural economy has been identified as a critical challenge in both the needs analysis and Ireland's five-year rural development policy - Our

Rural Future (2021-2025) Areas of focus within this theme are:

- The Green Economy
- Agricultural Diversification (e.g. glamping on farm)
- Rural Tourism & Recreation
- Enterprise Development
- Rural Food Production
- Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprises

2. Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion

A central focus will be the need to not just support economic development but also to ensure that social inclusion is supported. Areas of focus under this theme are:

- Rural Infrastructure
- Accessible Services
- Optimising Digital Connectivity
- Rural Youth

3. Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

While recognising that climate change mitigation and adaptation is a cross-cutting issue and in this context will be considered for all LEADER interventions, there were a number of specific areas that emerged from the needs analysis process, these are:

- Sustainable Development of Rural Environment
- Climate Change Capacity Building
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption

Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2029

LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN FRAMEWORK
IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

LECP Framework

- 6 year Framework with 2 year Implementation Plan which will compliment and support existing and new strategic plans.
 - Identification of current situation and challenges
 - Policy responses and actions
 - Delivery timeline
 - Monitoring and evaluation
- LECP Themes and High-Level Goals
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Economic Development
 - Community and Local Development
 - Climate Action
 - Stakeholder engagement and Public Consultations

As part of the public consultation strategy, a number of public meetings will be held across the county

- Wednesday 28th June 2023- Cahersiveen Library 7-9pm
- Thursday 29th June 2023- Killarney Library 7-9pm
- Monday 3rd July 2023- Rose Hotel, Tralee 7-9pm
- Tuesday 4th July 2023- Listowel Family Resource Centre 7-9pm
- Wednesday 5th July 2023- Dingle Benzers 7-9pm
- Thursday Killorglin 6th July 2023 CYMS Hall 7-9pm
- An online consultation facility is available on the Kerry County Council website, www.kerrycoco.ie.

Thank You

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Kerry

