

Water and Communities in Action

Local Authority Waters and Communities Office
(LAWCO)

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Structure

Awareness

Funding

Progress to date

Outcomes



- ... “placed new obligations on local authorities in coordinating the catchment management and public participation elements of the WFD”
- ... “assign responsibility to local authorities for regional coordination, public participation, and support to the EPA and Minister in the development and implementation of RBMPs and Programmes of Measures (POMs)”



Structure

3 Regional Coordinators

3 Support Officers

- Funding
- Marketing and Communication
- IT and Administration

12 Community Water Officers



Awareness

Local Authorities staff

- Mgt team, technical and C&ED

Strategic Policy Committees

State Agencies

NGOs

Irish Local Development Network (ILDN)

“Making most of our Waters”



Awareness

PPNs

Community Groups

Rivers Trusts Northern Ireland

Other stakeholders

“Catchments.ie”



Types of Measurers envisaged to be progressed in collaboration with Communities

Hydromorphology: river restoration and riparian management

Fish passage issues, spawning enhancements

Invasive species control

Diffuse Pollution (+ in some cases point source) creation of riparian buffer strips, silt traps etc

Protection of high status water sites

Protection of drinking water sources

Citizen science

Sport and recreation

Education and awareness



Opportunities and enhancement of community projects



- “Using existing and creating new water features to enhance the users experience.”

Some examples of funding sources



Local Authorities →


Capital Grants

Amenity Grants



Rural Water Programme →

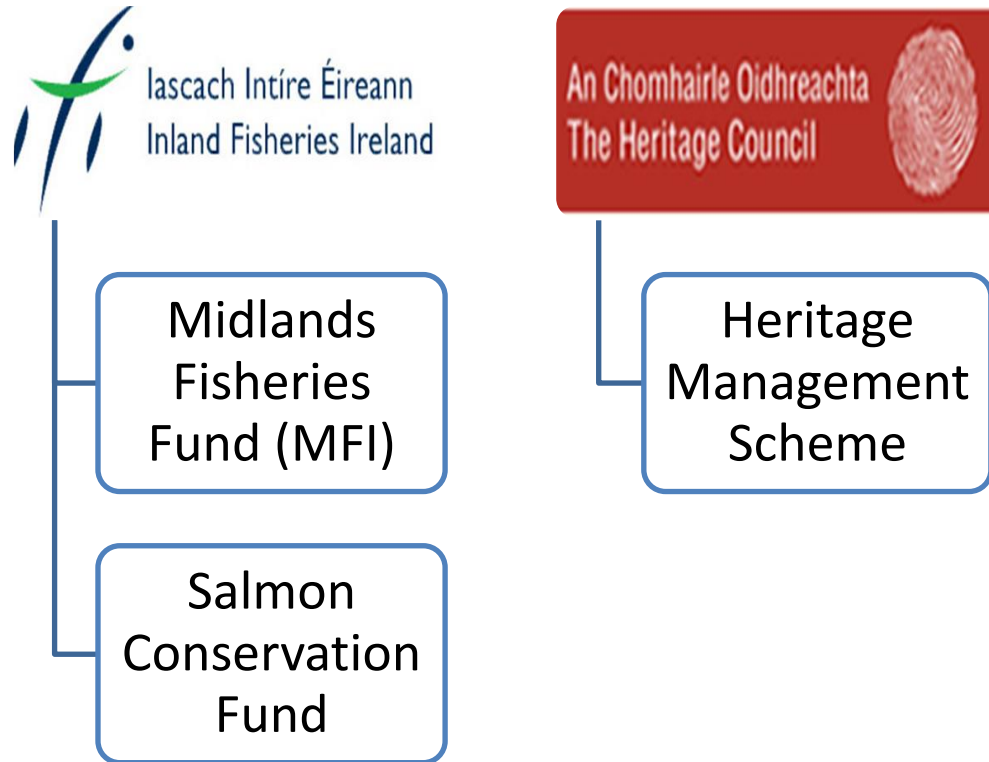
Group Water Schemes

Group Sewerage Schemes

Individual Water Supply

Subsidies

Some examples of funding sources



Funding for Events



Environmental Protection Agency

Event Support Grant



Inland Fisheries Ireland

Sponsorship
Programme



Local Authorities

LEADER 2014 - 2020

Tourism
Companies

Funding for Community Groups



THE IRELAND FUNDS



ARGOS IN THE COMMUNITY

IPB Pride of Place Awards

In association with
Co-operation Ireland



THE SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND
ESTABLISHED 1996



CELESTIAL GREEN
Ventures

Corporate Social Engagement

SOCIAL FUNDING PROGRAMME



An Taisce
The National Trust for Ireland

Corporate Social Responsibility

**BUSINESS
IN THE
COMMUNITY
IRELAND**



Some examples of relevant funding sources



Bord Iascaigh Mhara
Irish Sea Fisheries Board

Sustainable Fisheries Scheme

Inshore Fisheries Conservation Scheme

Fisheries Local Development Scheme

Sustainable Aquaculture Scheme

Knowledge Gateway Scheme

Seafood Innovation and Business Planning

Seafood Scaling and New Market Development



Some examples of relevant funding sources



- Corncrake Grant Scheme
- Natterjack Toad Scheme
- Farm Plan Scheme



- Forestry Grants
- Green Low Carbon Agri Environmental Scheme (GLAS)
- Afforestation Schemes
- Reconstitution of Woodlands Scheme

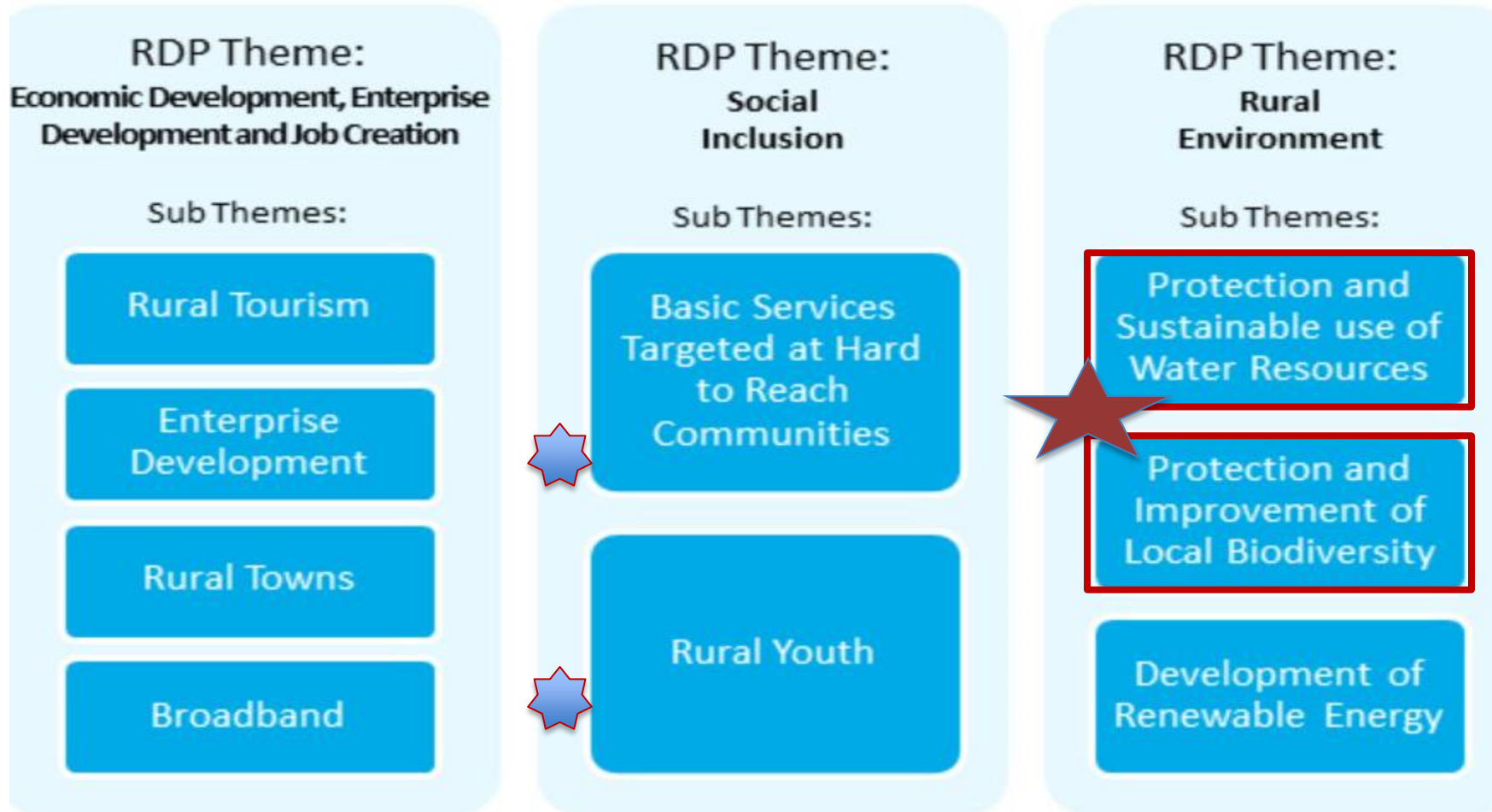
Examples of other measures



**Tús Programme
Rural Social Scheme
Community Employment Scheme
Probation Services
Gateway Scheme**



Leader 2014-2020



Consider EU Funding...



Pool resources, share costs



Use existing costs
(staff/overheads)

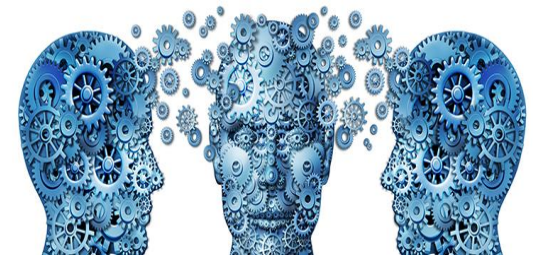


Match
Funding



Networks and partnerships

Capacity-building



Access to new thinking

Free Money!



Events



Strand A – Cross Border



Strand C - Interregional



Northern Periphery & Atlantic Arc



Strand B - Transnational

Atlantic Area



North West Europe



Sub-programme for Environment

Environment & Resource Efficiency
Nature & Biodiversity
Environmental Governance & Information

Sub-programme for Climate Action

Climate Change Mitigation
Climate Change Adaptation
Climate Change Governance & Information

Pilot Projects

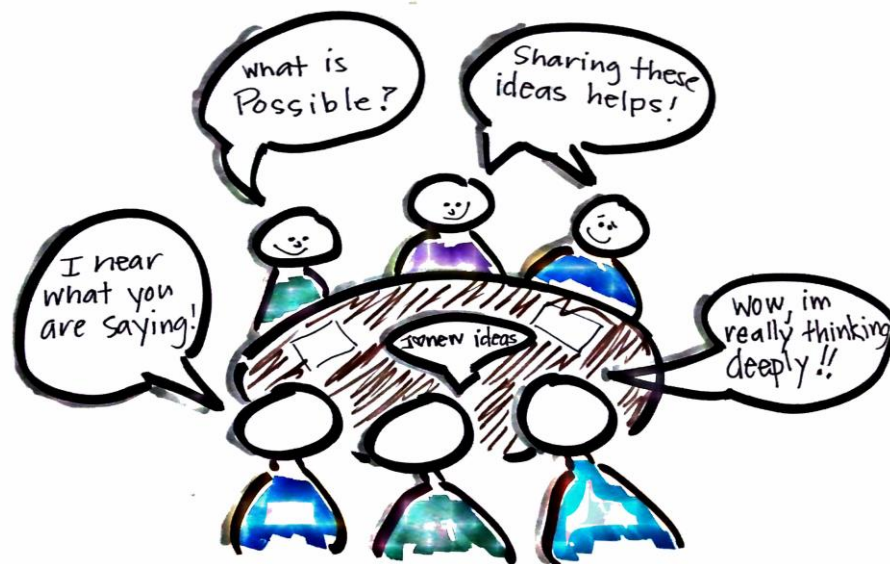


Exchange of Experience

Implement Policy



Innovation

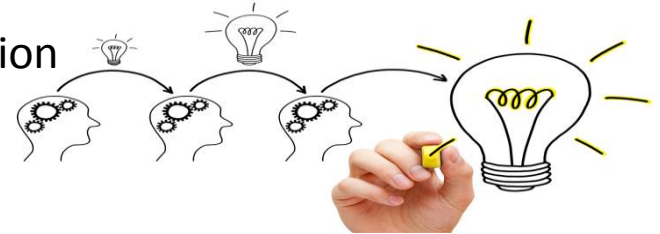


Three priorities

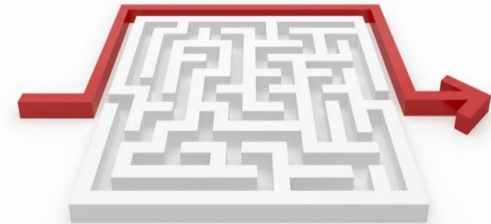


Technology
& Research

Open
Innovation



Process has been simplified





Building Partnerships



By HikingArtist.com



Additional Funding



Find suitable project partners



**MAKE
IT
WORK!**

Summary

Advice and support

- on EU LIFE project applications East Border Region Biodiversity Group (LA's involved = Meath CCC, Louth MCC, Monaghan MCC, Armagh Banbridge Craigavon District Council, Newry Mourne and Down, and Ards and North Down Borough Council)
- INTERREG funded Celtic Seas Partnership
- INTERREG Invasive species project development – Cork Nature Network
- River Trust development in ROI & River Fane Cross border initiative
- Two day Workshop for LEADER companies “Making the most of our Waters”
- Workshops to look at the restoration of the Santry and Naniken Rivers (Dublin)



Technical support and funding advice to community groups (with interest in local river projects)

- Araglin Valley Fish Farm, Lough Derg Native Fish Biodiversity Project, River Laune Salmon and Trout Anglers' Association, River Fane Anglers, Kanturk and District Anglers, Lyrecrompaun Development Association.

Additional contact received from other groups Blackstairs Farming Group, Cabragh Wetlands Development Trust, Kilcommon local community group, Kilkenny Tidy towns Biodiversity group, Ormond Anglers, St Flannans Fishing Club, Tipperary Town Community Group, Nenagh Tidy Towns, River Vartry Protection Society.

Presentations made to

- Trout Angling Federation Ireland Central Committee
- Presentation made at Annual meeting of Freshwater Biological Association
- Irish Local Development Network (June 15th)

River Suir CFRAMs

Public meetings (June) to be held in partnership with OPW along River Suir Public Consultation Days



Invasive species

Pollution issues

Land management issues

Biodiversity information

Detailed trout genetic information that may be useful for prioritisation of High Status sites



46 catchments

583 sub catchments

4,829 water bodies

75,000km of river channel



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