

The Donegal Local Community Development Committee was established on July 1st 2014. It will act as the LAG for the Donegal Sub Region.

LAG Composition/Donegal LCDC Members

Name	Sector	Organisation
Seamus Neely Chairperson	Local Authority official Chief Executive	Donegal County Council
Cllr Martin Mc Dermott Vice Chairperson	Local Authority official Councillor	Donegal County Council
Michael Tunney	Local Authority official Local Enterprise Office	Donegal County Council
Cllr Niamh Kennedy	Local Authority official Councillor	Donegal County Council
Cllr Marie Therese Gallagher	Local Authority official Councillor	Donegal County Council
Paul Hannigan	State Agencies	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Marie O' Leary	State Agencies	Health Service Executive
Alan Ó Baoid	State Agencies	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Anne Mc Hugh	State Agencies	Education Training Board
Anthony Doogan	Local Development Company	Inishowen Development Partnership
Jim Slevin	Local Development Company	Donegal Local Development Company
Susan Mc Cauley	Social Inclusion Interest	PPN
Susan Mc Loughlin	Community Voluntary Interest	PPN
Martin Mc Bride	Community Voluntary Interest	PPN
Emmett Johnston	Environmental Interest	PPN
Jan Feenstra	Business & Enterprise	IBEC Rep
PJ Hannon	Trade Union	ICTU
James O' Donnell	Farming & Agriculture	Farmers Rep
Noreen Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh	Islands interest	Comhar na nOilean

The LEADER Programme will be implemented by the LAG comprising of an agreed partnership between:

Lot 33.1 Inishowen Development Partnership- covering the area as defined in SICAP Lot 33.1

Lot 33.1 Údarás na Gaeltachta- covering the area as defined by the Gaeltacht Act, apart from the offshore islands

Lot 33.3 Donegal Local Development Company- covering the area as defined in SICAP Lot 33.3

Lot 33.4 Comhar na nOileán Teo- covering the offshore islands under their remit

Note: A map illustrating the geographical boundaries of the 4 LAG partnership areas is contained in the complete Local Development Strategy (Supplementary Information on Area Profile, Figure 1, Appendix 2.1, Page 1)

Total available funding

Summary Sheet

	2015 (€)	2016 (€)	2017 (€)	2018 (€)	2019 (€)	2020 (€)	Total (€)
Preparatory Support for the Development of the LDS	€37,213	€16,787	€0	€0	€0	€0	€54,000
Implementation of operations/projects under the LDS							
Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation	€0	€202,687	€1,362,993	€1,397,106	€967,087	€749,330	€4,679,202
Theme 2: Social Inclusion	€0	€178,751	€873,193	€899,051	€953,913	€735,294	€3,640,202
Theme 3: Rural Environment	€0	€86,080	€303,816	€329,450	€366,409	€226,247	€1,312,002
LAG Administration & Animation Costs	€0	€505,748	€700,205	€677,765	€663,665	€681,084	€3,228,467
Total	€37,213	€990,053	€3,240,206	€3,303,372	€2,951,073	€2,391,956	€12,913,873

	Cost (€)	% of Total Budget Cost	Validation
Total Administration & Animation Costs:	€3,228,467	25%	Okay

Explanatory Notes

- 1 The total cost for animation and administration cannot exceed 25% of the Total Budget Cost. If administration and animation costs exceed 25%, the budget must be revised.
- 2 This sheet should be automatically filled in with figures from the other templates. Please contact Pobal directly if this is not the case.

Key local objectives

Theme 1 Economic/Enterprise Development & Job Creation

To harness the potential of Donegal's world class authentic tourism offerings (including the Wild Atlantic Way), for the benefit of rural communities by facilitating diversification and the creation of indigenous tourism enterprises, community based tourism initiatives and ancillary facilities.

To encourage initiatives that facilitate accessibility and access to engage and participate in the enjoyment in activity, adventure and recreational based activities.

To collaboratively support and promote an enterprise ecosystem, which will improve competitiveness, investment and job creation; and nurture innovation and entrepreneurship throughout Donegal.

To support enterprises and initiatives which add value to local produce and build on the core competencies and resources of the region.

To stimulate job creation across all rural areas in County Donegal and address the distinctive training and support needs of operating businesses in rural areas.

To support social enterprises promoted by local community and voluntary groups which address local needs and services.

To support and facilitate research and knowledge transfer on the potential of Donegal's natural resources.

To support initiatives that unlock the potential of Donegal's built, natural and cultural heritage.

To facilitate the development of cultural facilities that support artistic endeavour and provide training and mentoring programmes to increase the capacity and skills base of arts organisations and artists within the county, whilst recognising the opportunities presented by the Gaeltacht.

To stimulate rural and village cores, to enable them to act as the hubs to drive economic, social and cultural renewal for the surrounding hinterland.

To develop Donegal as a connected place physically and digitally, by enhancing accessibility to quality infrastructure and ICT in rural areas.

Theme 2 Social Inclusion

To build sustainable rural, coastal and island communities in County Donegal by focusing on local comparative advantage and nurturing existing expertise, skills and assets.

To build more inclusive communities throughout County Donegal through the provision of a number of capacity, animation and leadership training programmes that are based on local needs, complement existing programmes and maximise the uptake of funding.

To develop community space and infrastructure within the county that will ensure better access for example to ICT, Training, Language, Business and Public Services for hard to reach communities.

To foster local community participation in the Digital Society by supporting projects and initiatives that facilitates the growth of sustainable and inclusive communities through the use of ICT and digital technologies

To support activities that enhances the use of Irish as a living language through which communities can engage in social, cultural and economic activities.

To support the establishment, growth and development of social enterprises.

To support environmentally sustainable initiatives that promotes energy conservation and energy independence, and do not impact negatively on the needs of future generations.

To support measures that strengthen island communities by improving access to basic services, increasing skill levels and empowering them to engage in all decisions regarding their future sustainability.

To work in partnership with key stakeholders to widen social, cultural, economic and employment opportunities; and to address the issue of isolation for young people in rural areas.

To develop innovative solutions that address rural transport concerns and help build sustainable eco communities and villages

Theme 3 Environment

To support programmes and projects that assist with sustainable coastal zone management.

To complement and support the implementation of the North Western International River Basin Management Plan within which Donegal is located.

To value the benefits provided by the environment and the potential they offer to develop activities based around spiritual enrichment, eco retreats, cognitive development, reflection, recreation and aesthetic enjoyment

To support measures which will coordinate, promote protect and enhance Donegal's rich biosphere and facilitate opportunities for the development of sustainable tourism and enterprise and social development.

To support initiatives that will increase the use of renewable energy and promote sustainable energy in the transport realm, and in homes, businesses and communities.