



The Sligo Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) will be the Local Action Group (LAG) for the delivery of the Rural Development Programme working in partnership with LAG Partners Sligo County Council and Sligo LEADER Partnership Company. The total budget available for Sligo is €7,655,647.

The LCDC has been established for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development. The committee is made up of representatives from the local government and local development sectors, public bodies and representatives of social, economic, environmental and community interests.

The decision on the approval of projects for the Rural Development Programme will be made by Sligo Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) as the Local Action Group. (LAG)

On the 25th February 2016 the LEADER Independent Selection Committee (ISC) approved the Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the County Sligo sub-regional area. This strategy will form the basis for all project approvals.

Financial Partner - Sligo County Council

Sligo County Council will act as lead partner in administrative and financial matters. Sligo County Council is the vehicle of local governance closest to the Citizen and has over one hundred years' experience administering national and local government programmes for County Sligo. The County Council also has 20 years' experience in the administration and management of the EU funding programmes, in particular as lead partner for Peace Programme. Its role will also be to conduct verification checks, make payments to promoters and manage drawdown from the Department and funding to the implementation partner.

Implementation Partner - Sligo LEADER Partnership Company

Sligo LEADER Partnership Company will act as implementation partner for the delivery of the programme. Sligo LEADER Partnership Company has over 19 years' experience implementing and delivering LEADER and Rural Development Programme for County Sligo. Its role in this partnership is to animate and implement the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020.

The LCDC Membership is:

- Cllr Sean MacManus (Chair) Sligo County Council Local Government
- Cllr Sinead Maguire Sligo County Council Local Government
- Cllr Seamus Kilgannon Sligo County Council Local Government
- Mr Ciaran Hayes Sligo County Council Local Government (C.E)
- Mr John Reilly Local Enterprise Office Enterprise
- Mr Kieran O Dwyer North West Dept of Social Protection Social Protection
- Mr Frank Morrison Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE Health
- Ms Mary Brodie Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, ETB Education
- Mr Chris Gonley Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd Local Development
- Mr Hugh MacConville ICTU Unions /Employees
- Mr Paul Keyes Sligo Chamber of Commerce Business/ Employers
- Mr Sean Tempany (Vice Chair) Farming / Agriculture Interests Farming
- Mr Michael Kirby PPN - Environment Pillar Environment
- Ms Bernadette Maughan PPN - Social Inclusion Social Inclusion
- Ms Sharon Boles PPN - Social Inclusion
- Mr Gerald O'Connor PPN - Community & Voluntary Municipal
- Ms Jackie Sweeney PPN - Community & Voluntary Municipal
- Ms Dorothy Clarke Chief Officer

The objectives fall under 3 main areas

- Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
- Social Inclusion for Hard to Reach Communities
- Rural Environment

Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

A Summary of strategic actions and anticipated outputs/targets for this area are

Rural Tourism

- Support for Tourism and Recreation Business animation, capacity building and training
- To support and develop rural tourism, including heritage tourism and niche tourism accommodation to reach their full potential, both on an individual and collective basis.
- To maximise the sustainable recreation tourism potential of County Sligo, through provision of necessary infrastructure, business supports and support for the development of the countryside as a recreational resource for all.
- To support collective Destination Tourism Marketing

Enterprise Development

- Animation, Training and Mentoring for Rural SMEs (start-up and development stage)
- Support for Artisan Food producers and the artisan food product
- Support for Creative Enterprises 4 Support for Vibrant Rural Enterprises and Social Enterprises

Rural Towns

- Support the improvement of the physical appearance and attractiveness of small towns
- Supporting the development of locally appropriate innovative projects in niche sectors in Rural Towns
- Support for a Rural Town Seaside resort renewal

Broadband

- Support to develop initiatives to address access to broadband as a barrier to the growth of rural communities
- Support for the establishment of Broadband Hubs in Rural Towns

Social Inclusion for Hard to Reach Communities

A Summary of strategic actions and anticipated outputs/targets for this area are

Basic Services

- Building the capacity and confidence of hard to reach communities
- Improvement, upgrading and establishment of services and facilities in hard to reach communities

Rural Youth

- Animation and training support for capacity building of rural youth
- Support for the development of youth based services and facilities 3 Supporting Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship

Rural Environment

A Summary of strategic actions and anticipated outputs/targets for this area are

Protection and Sustainable Use of Water Resources

- Raising awareness of protecting, sustaining and conserving water resources
- Support for water conservation and protection projects

Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity

- Support the increased awareness of the importance of protecting and improvement of local biodiversity
- Programme of supports for the development local biodiversity based projects RE

Development of Renewable Energy

- Support increased awareness and training in the importance of renewable energy
- Programme of supports for rural businesses in the development of and uptake of renewable energy
- Community Support Programme for increased renewable energy uptake

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