

LEADER PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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WHAT IS LEADER?

- Established in 1991, LEADER is an EU initiative to support economic and social development in rural areas through CLLD.
- LEADER - the “Bottom Up” approach - empowering local actors to participate in the planning & decision making in local development policy & implementation.
- The Seven Principles
- Geographic Boundaries
- The Local Development Strategy (LDS)



LEADER THEMES

Theme 1 – Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns, Broadband

Theme 2 – Basic services targeted at hard to reach communities, Rural youth

Theme 3 – Protection and sustainable use of water resources, biodiversity, development of renewable energy



Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation



Theme 2: Social Inclusion



Theme 3: Rural Environment

LEADER Food & Working with partners

Leader Food Initiative – 20 million fund to support Irish food producers

Co-operation Projects - 10 million Transnational and Inter-territorial fund to promote collaboration and learning

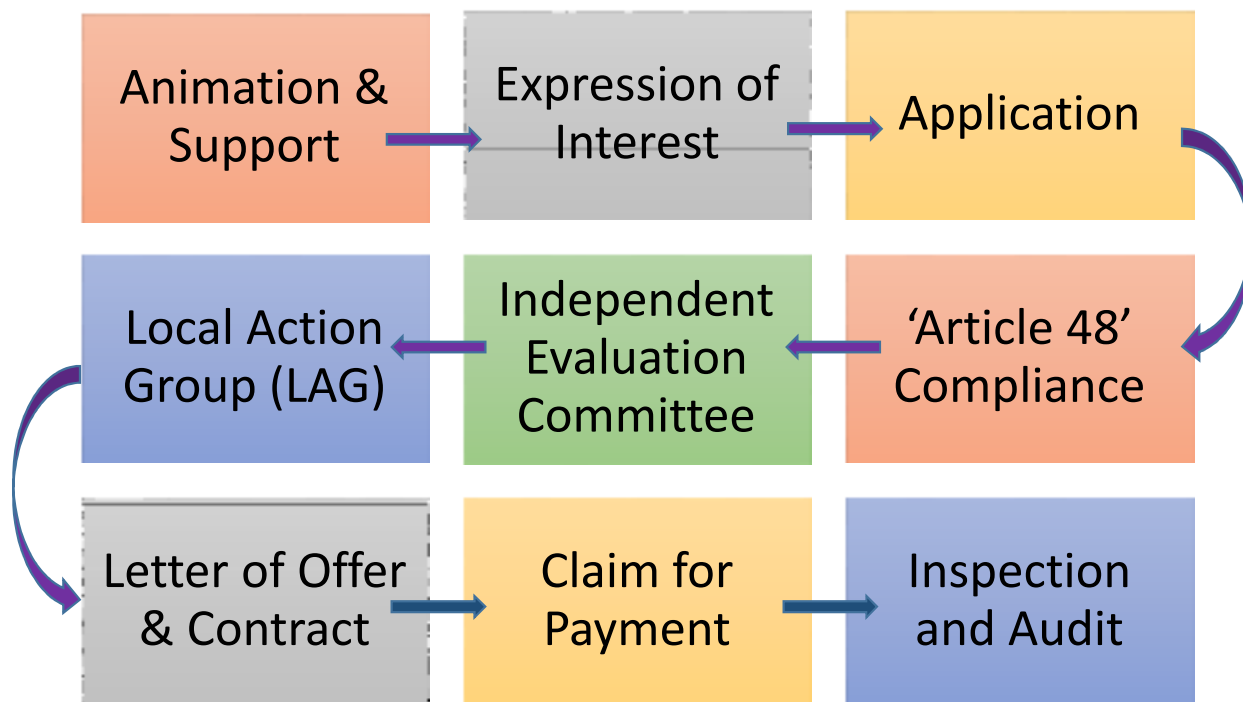


Leader Food Initiative



Co-operation Projects

How LEADER Project Applications Work



Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2023

Open Call – Closed 30th
September 2021

- Rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or Brexit.
- Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. accessibility/wellbeing/outdoor recreation)
- Applicants that have not previously received assistance under LEADER
- New & innovative projects - climate change, environmental protection and the green economy
- Maximising the potential of broadband & the digital economy (remote working facilities / rural hubs)

LEADER FUNDING RATES OF AID

LEADER Transitional Programme – 2021-2023

- **Capital:** Private – 75%
Community - 75%
- **Analysis & Development:** Private - 75%
Community - 90%
(max.€30,000)
- **Training:** Private - 100%
Community - 100%



SECAD
LEADER Zone
South Cork



Project Case Studies South Cork



Churchtown South Community Hall
LEADER grant: €149,791



Leahy's Open Farm Overflow Carpark
LEADER grant: €39,866



Carrigaline Pond Conservation
LEADER grant: €28,630



Greywood Arts Community Arts Centre
LEADER grant: €167,614



Whitepoint Marina, Cobh
LEADER grant: €77,850

Sustainability for Food and Drink Businesses - Training Programme

- South & West Cork food/drink businesses
- Delivery partners - The Clean Technology Centre (MTU), SustHub and Change by Degrees
- Ten x 2-hour online training workshops
- Tailored 1-2-1 onsite training
- Case study visits to view best practice
- September 2021 – February 2022





SECAD Sustainable Communities Training Programme



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

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Project Ireland
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Department of Rural and
Community Development

An Roinn Riaráid agus
Tionchar Pobail

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<https://www.secad.ie/leader/sustainable-communities/>

- ❖ LEADER funded training / planning programme
- ❖ Transnational Co-operation Project (Spain & Estonia)
- ❖ SECAD South and West Cork LEADER areas
- ❖ September 2021 to October 2022

Four pillars of the training....



- Expert sessions
- Developing a Community Sustainability Plan
- Project Management Training
- Development of a Legacy Project

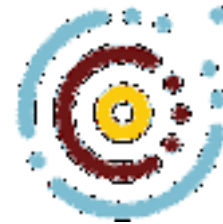




Trainers



❖ South Cork



**Change
by Degrees**

SOUTH CORK SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Youghal
Cobh
Midleton
Castlemartyr
Douglas
Glounthaune
Passage West
Carrigtwohill



Other funding sources.....

- ❖ **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**
❖ www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/c77144-rural-regeneration-and-development-fund/
- ❖ **Town and Village Renewal Scheme**
❖ <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/municipal-districts/town-and-village-renewal-scheme-2021>
- ❖ **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020**
❖ <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/fd0c9f-outdoor-recreation-infrastructure-scheme/>
- ❖ **Sports Capital Programme**
❖ <https://www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie/>
- ❖ **Cork County Council Community Capital, Amenity Fund, Community Contracts**
❖ <https://www.yourcouncil.ie/en>
- ❖ **CLAR Programme**
❖ <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/91ba52-clar/?section=2021-clar-measure>

Q & A





THANK YOU
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