

LEADER RDP 2014 – 2020 – the basics

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LEADER 2020 is a key component of Ireland’s Rural Development Programme 2014-2020. It will provide funding of €250 million to enterprises and community groups throughout rural Ireland for projects that are selected by Local Action Groups consisting of local representatives from both the public and private sector.

For Further information, see;

<http://midl.ie/>

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/index_en.htm

<http://dracd.gov.ie/about/rural/rural-development/leader/>

Contact Us

Please return your fully completed Expression of Interest (EOI) form to the address below with any additional information you feel may be of relevance to your EOI. The EOI form can be downloaded/printed from the Monaghan Integrated Development website.

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LEADER ‘Expression of Interest’ Form Guidance Notes

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What is LEADER?

LEADER stands for "Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Économie Rurale" which translates as "Links between the rural economy and development actions".

LEADER Local Action Group (LAG)

Monaghan Integrated Development CLG.



Monaghan LAG for LEADER is an initiative of Monaghan Local and Community Development Committee (LCDC) in partnership with Monaghan Integrated Development CLG as implementing partner and Monaghan County Council.

Monaghan Local Community Development Committee



Monaghan LCDC is the Local Action Group is the decision maker in respect of delivery of LEADER RDP 2014-2020 in County Monaghan

Monaghan County Council



Monaghan County Council is the financial partner of the Monaghan LAG

Your Expression of Interest

This is the first step in seeking funding support through the LEADER Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020. Include as much information as you can on this form to provide us with a clear as possible picture of what your proposed project entails.

In advance of completing the form, please check the latest information available on the www.midl.ie website about the LEADER programme. If you haven't done so already, come along to a LEADER information session which will be organized throughout County Monaghan from time to time.

*The submission of this Expression of Interest form does **NOT** constitute an application for funding.*

We recommend that you attend a LEADER information session, but if can't attend a LEADER information event please contact us on 042-9749500 or email LEADER@midl.ie. You can discuss the outline of your project proposal with one of the LEADER development staff directly.

All project details and information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Monaghan LEADER Application Process

Stage 1 – Expression of Interest Form



The Expression of Interest (EOI) form is used to outline your project proposal and check if it is eligible to progress to the second stage Full Application form. Eligibility is checked against the LEADER Operating Rules of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and the Monaghan Local Development Strategy.

Stage 2 – LEADER Application Form



When your EOI form has been reviewed and if eligible, you will receive your LEADER Application pack. You will then be invited to attend a mandatory pre-Application workshop to assist you in completing the application form and address any queries you may have.

Preparing your EOI form

What to Include?

Please fully complete this Expression of Interest (EOI) form. Failure to fully complete this EOI form completely will result in a delay in dealing with your Expression of Interest and any further processing of any subsequent application arising therefrom for funding under RDP 2014-2020.

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Monaghan LEADER funding, how it works.

LEADER funding for County Monaghan has been allocated based on the Local Development Strategy (LDS) which was prepared following public consultation in 2015. The Monaghan LDS sets out how the funding is targeted under a number of LEADER themes/sub-themes which are further sub-divided into Strategic Actions.

Theme 1: Priorities for Economic/Enterprise Development and Job Creation

Theme 2: Priorities for Social Inclusion

Theme 3: Priorities for Rural Environment

Monaghan LEADER will issue **‘Time-limited calls’** to the community to submit Expression of Interest’s for funding assistance in line with LDS Strategic Actions. There will be a specific closing date for submission of Expression of Interest forms under each **‘Time-limited call’** between 2016 and up to 2020. A schedule of the **ONE ‘Time-limited call’** planned for each year and the **Monaghan Local Development Strategy** can be downloaded from www.midl.ie

The majority of LEADER funding in Monaghan is now available on a **‘Rolling-calls’** basis. Other elements of Monaghan LEADER funding will available based on **‘Time-limited calls’**. **‘Rolling-calls’** do not have a defined closing date for submission of ‘Expression of Interest’ (subject to availability of funds)

If you are unsure whether your project proposal is applicable under **‘Time-limited calls’** or **‘Rolling calls’** or need further assistance, please contact a member of LEADER development team at Monaghan Integrated Development CLG on LEADER@midl.ie or telephone **042-9749500**

An Expression of Interest form may be completed at any time. If your proposed project is eligible and is applicable under a **‘Time-limited call’** scheduled for a later period, your contact details will be retained. You will then be contacted when the applicable **‘Time-limited Call’** opens and requested to re-submit an EOI form.

When your EOI form has been reviewed and if eligible, you will receive your LEADER Application pack. You will then be invited to attend a mandatory pre-Application workshop to assist you in completing the application form and address any queries you may have.

EOI form essentials

- Please **FULLY** complete the EOI
- If you are completing by hand writing, please ensure that your writing is legible.
- Please ensure that all contact details and all information are correct. Cross check before sending
- If you are submitting your EOI following a **‘Time-limited call’** please ensure that it is submitted in advance of the closing date.
- The EOI form can be completed online, printed off, scanned and emailed to LEADER@midl.ie
- A Development Officer from Monaghan Integrated Development CLG will contact you when your **Expression of Interest Form** has been reviewed.