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Newsletter

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Welcome to Our New Stakeholder!

We are delighted to welcome Ian Archer, CEO of the Bio-Connect Project, to our stakeholders' group. Thank you, Ian, for joining us—we look forward to collaborating with you!

Join Us in Building a Circular Future in County Monaghan

The Irish Pilot is expanding its network of stakeholders in County Monaghan, Ireland, with a special focus on Circular Economy and Waste Management. We are seeking stakeholders (partners) from the private and public sectors who are passionate about sustainability and creating a better future.

Learn More:
https://www.poliruralplus.eu/news/join-us-in-building-a-circular-future-in-county-monaghan-ireland/

Mobilize Call

🌍 Big news! The Mobilise Open Call is NOW OPEN!

We're looking for innovative minds to organize a Hackathon, Ideathon, or Datathon that tackles rural-urban challenges using PoliRuralPlus ICT solutions!

💡 Who can apply? Researchers, innovators, policymakers, and organizations eager to bridge the rural-urban divide with tech-driven solutions.

🚀 What's in it for you? Funding, access to cutting-edge AI & data tools, and a chance to shape the future of rural-urban development!

💰 10,000 EUR per project to support development and innovation

📅 Application deadline: March 31, 2025 at 17:00 CET

🔗 Further details and Application: https://www.poliruralplus.eu/open-calls/mobilise-call/

Revised Project Theme

Reflecting the Irish Pilot's commitment to sustainability, the roadmap has updated its research focus to '**Advancing the Circular Economy in Co. Monaghan: Exploring Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Environmental products**'.

Outreach call

MCA Consulting, the Outreach Call winner for Ireland, is conducting a scoping exercise to identify key opportunities within the business, farming, and community & voluntary (C&V) sectors for developing green businesses. This will be achieved through a comprehensive scoping exercise involving desk research and stakeholder consultations. The aim is to produce a detailed scoping document that provides focused analysis and identifies high-potential areas, enabling pilot initiatives to concentrate their efforts effectively.

Action Plan

2024

Established pathways for circular enterprise development with local stakeholders through foundational studies and capacity-building efforts.

2025

Develop and pilot circular economy initiatives focused on sustainable agriculture, waste management, and energy.

- Launch pilot projects, such as resource-sharing for sustainable agriculture, waste reduction programs, and small-scale renewable energy initiatives.
- Partner with LEADER to deliver workshops and training sessions for local businesses, farmers, and social enterprises on circular practices.
- Initiate collaborations with educational institutions and government bodies to provide technical and financial support for these projects.

2026

- Establish a regional circular economy support network and Develop the finalized RAP framework

Details:

- Set up a centralized circular economy support hub to offer resources, funding opportunities, and technical assistance for circular enterprises.
- Conduct multi-stakeholder workshops to refine the RAP strategies
- Measure establish KPIs to track the progress of RAP initiatives
- Integrate RAP into existing regional and EU-level sustainability programs

Next Steps

- Identify key stakeholders for circular economy sectors (eg. Private sectors)
- Waste inventory / mapping of Co. Monaghan
- Identify existing gaps and possibilities in circular economy of Co. Monaghan (Outreach call study)

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