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#### Mairead McGuinness

Commissioner for Financial Services, Financial Stability and Capital Markets Union



Dear Resident,

Ireland's membership of the European Union has had a huge impact on our lives: from the use of a common currency to protecting our environment, from increased economic growth to tackling gender inequality, and from giving the country a stronger voice on the global stage to promoting social inclusion.

Communities, businesses, farmers, schools, universities and cultural organisations are just some of those who have benefitted from EU support across Ireland.

While we should never lose sight of the broader benefits of EU membership in terms of peace, prosperity and political stability, this report zooms in at a county level to illustrate just a few of the stories of how the EU has worked with partners to deliver positive results on the ground.

In many ways, these stories capture the essence of what EU membership means to people at a local level across the length and breadth of Ireland.

Yours faithfully

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### **Environment**



A climate change solution beneath our feet

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# A climate change solution beneath our feet



Ireland's raised bogs are among Europe's oldest near-natural ecosystems, dating back over 10,000 years. Protected under the EU Habitats Directive, they are home to many rare and endangered flora and fauna, and they are Ireland's greatest carbon stores. Just outside the historic town of Mullagh, is a very important raised bog which has been supported by the Living Bog Projects, which is backed by EU LIFE funding.

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### Cavan Energy Mile



This sustainable energy community group is part of the national network of sustainable communities. Sustainable community members work together to develop a sustainable energy system, aiming to be as energy efficient as possible – and helping Ireland reach its EU emission targets.

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#### Agriculture & Rural Development



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#### Support for Cavan Farmers



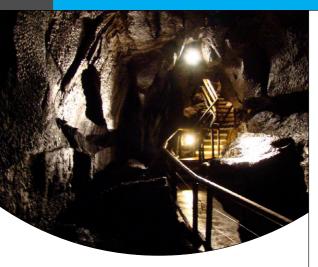
Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Cavan, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €34 million in 2019, with an average payment of €7,849 per recipient.

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#### **Marble Arch Caves App**



Geotourism offers a new opportunity for sustainable development in areas that may not attract many visitors – and is benefitting from EU support. To enhance visitor experiences at the Marble Arch Caves, a new app was launched to promote locations in/around geoparks and to offer guided tours.

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#### Café Talks



A European initiative identifying new opportunities for rural economies is launching an extensive program of online "café talks" and virtual visits that are open to all.

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#### **Research and Innovation**



**Just the Ticket** 

Making regional manufacturing globally competitive



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#### **Just the Ticket**



A Cavan-based start up, ClubSpot, has introduced a digital ticketing app that will be used by Cavan GAA when club games resume. Founder John Hyland took part in the New Frontiers programme, which is supported by EU funds, and run by Enterprise Ireland.

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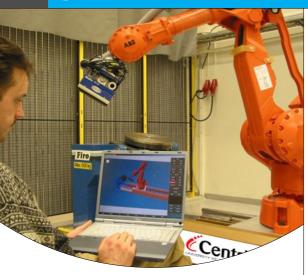
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# Making regional manufacturing globally competitive



Most manufacturing companies in Cavan are predominately small and face considerable challenges from major markets. The Cavan Innovation and Technology Centre offers them support through the EU backed TARGET project to embrace new technologies and innovation.

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### **Social Inclusion**



**Silver Service** 

**Colouring their world** 



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#### Silver Service



The Rural Hub is a community organisation based in Cavan that specialises in developing innovative educational materials and digital resources. The group is involved in numerous Erasmus+ projects that support migrants, youth, senior citizens and people with disabilities.

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### **Colouring their world**



An EU funded arts project is making a big difference in the quality of life of a number of people with disabilities in Cavan town and Virginia. In 2016, Breffni Integrated (a community-led local development company) helped to set up the Cavan Disability Network, a collective of disabled people and their carers.

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#### **Cross-Border**



Journeys leads to better understanding

Cross-border health plan for Cavan





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# Journeys leads to better understanding



Hundreds of young people from disadvantaged communities in Belfast, Limavady and the border regions of Cavan and Monaghan embarked on a shared voyage of self-discovery and understanding by participating a cross-border collaborative project.

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#### Cross-border health plan for Cavan



Ballyjamesduff, Carrickmacross and Kingscourt are included in a new €3.5 million cross-border health project. The iSimpathy programme is a 3-year EU funded project (2019 – 2022) that enables health authorities in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland to work together around medicine use and medicine reviews.

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