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## Message from Mairead McGuinness

Commissioner for Financial Services,  
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## Mairead McGuinness

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairead McGuinness'.

**Mairead McGuinness**

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## Environment



**Agriculture & Rural  
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## Environment



**Sustainable Energy  
Communities**

**Red Wolf in Sligo**



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## Sustainable Energy Communities



The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) is calling on community groups across Ireland to join the dedicated 'Sustainable Energy Community' (SEC) Network. The Institute of Technology Sligo is a mentor to the EU-backed Sustainable Energy Communities Programme for the Border and Dublin Regions.

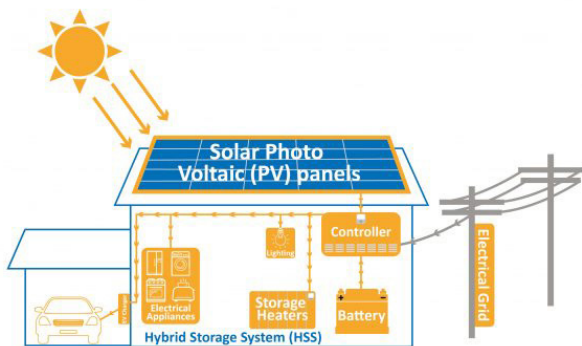
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## Red Wolf in Sligo



Universities, housing associations, local authorities as well as training and other non-profit organisations across North-West Europe aim to tackle housing emissions. Sligo Institute of Technology is taking part.

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**Support for Sligo Farmers**

**Saving Rural Retail**

**More to Life in the West**

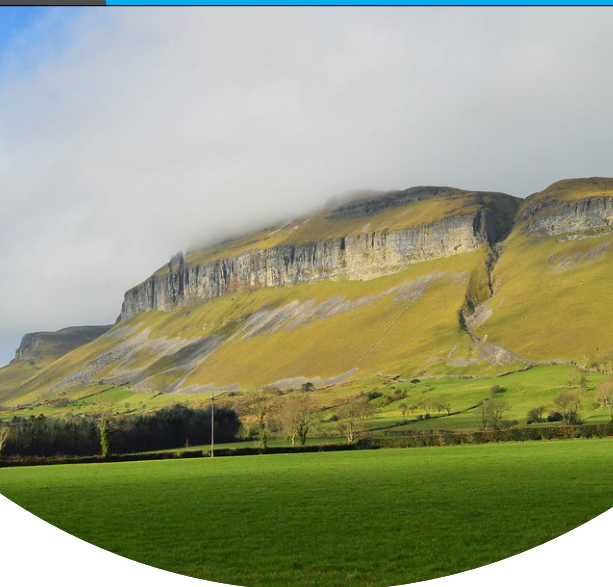




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## Support for Sligo Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Sligo, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €25 million in 2019, with an average payment of €6,462 per recipient.

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## Saving Rural Retail



Local Shops struggle to survive but they are a key part of rural life. Sligo County Council is aiming to assist rural retailers through a European project that aims to keep retail alive in our rural towns.

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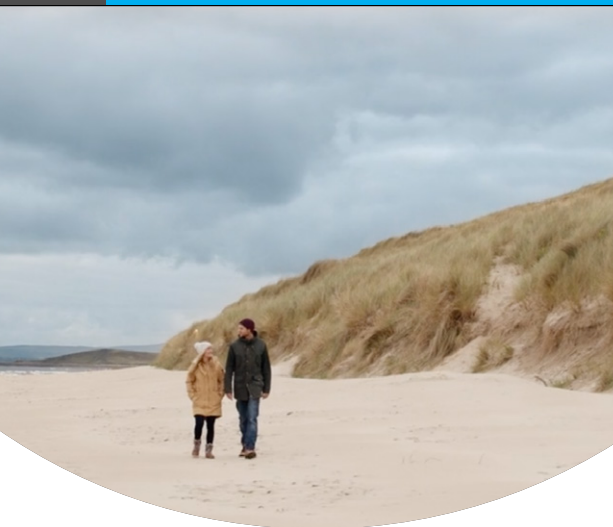
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## More to Life in the West



John Savage swapped an office in Dublin's Dawson Street for the Atlantic coastal delights of Rosses Point, thanks to an initiative driven by The Western Development Commission. With EU support, the project is aiming to attract young professionals and families to make new lives in the region with their support.

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## Research and Innovation

HORIZON 2020



**Sligo Institute of Technology  
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**Renewable Engine**

**Food Cult**



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## Sligo Institute of Technology scores in Horizon Project



SCORE is a €10m Horizon 2020-funded research project to increase climate resilience in European coastal cities lead by [Dr Salem Gharbia](#) of the School of Engineering & Design at IT Sligo.

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## Renewable Engine



With EU support, the Institute of Technology Sligo is providing industrial research support and technology development grants to companies through a new cross-border initiative, *Renewable Engine*.

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## Food Cult



With EU funding, a study into the diet and eating habits of Irish communities in the 16th and 17th century aims to bust some myths about the Irish being an inward-looking people while shedding light on a period of history not well researched in terms of its food.

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## Education



**St Angela's College Sligo**

**International Partners for  
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## St Angela's College Sligo



Student and Staff Mobility is a key pillar of activity for The International Office of St Angela's College, with Erasmus+ a key mobility initiative the college participate in on an ongoing basis. Meet some of the international students who enjoyed Sligo last year:

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## International Partners for Sligo Students



The Institute of Technology Sligo has longstanding international partnerships built for outgoing and incoming students on Erasmus programmes.

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## Tourism



Ireland's Garden of Eden

Literary Tourism

EU Swim Project



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## Ireland's Garden of Eden



The coastal village of Strandhill is steeped in history and heritage, a place to unwind, relax and escape the burdens of everyday life. Loved by locals and tourists alike, and now the winner of a prestigious European award.

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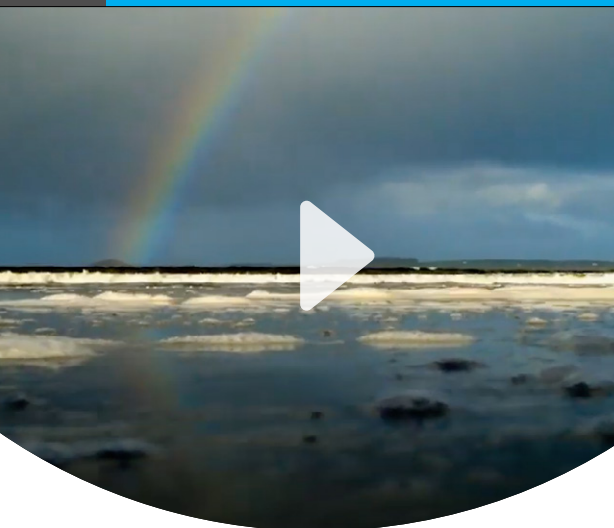
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## Literary Tourism



Literary Tourism is an emerging niche sector within the wider cultural tourism sector and a new three-year project supported by the EU is aiming to grow the literary tourism sector in Sligo and the west of Ireland.

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## EU Swim Project



Enniscrone Beach played an important role in a recent EU project that monitored water quality, giving near real-time results. A weather station was deployed at a local school as part of the project.

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