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## Message from Mairead McGuinness

Commissioner for Financial Services,  
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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



**Irish farm tackling global food waste**

**Sustainable Energy  
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## Irish farm tackling global food waste



Meade Potato Company has zero food waste and has come up with some interesting ideas on how to address this global issue.

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## Sustainable Energy Community in Batterstown



As Ireland moves forward on a renewable energy pathway, local communities like Batterstown in Co. Meath are uniting to take climate action and make their mark on the world, supported through an EU programme, run by Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.

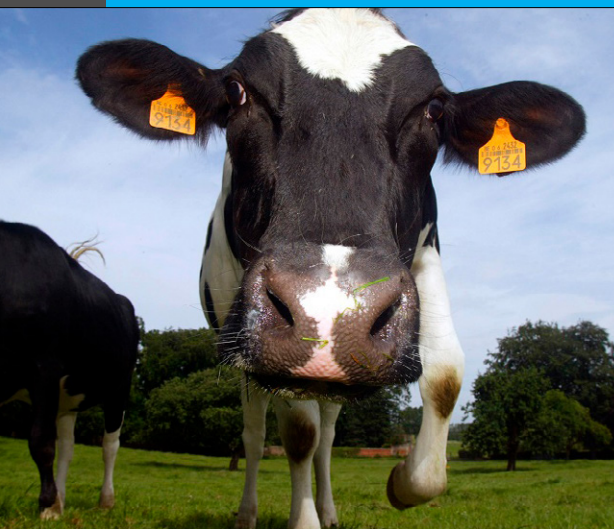
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**Agriculture & Rural  
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**Support for Meath Farmers**

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## Support for Meath Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Meath, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to almost €48 million in 2019, with an average payment of €13,432 per recipient.

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## Through the BoVINE



A knowledge-sharing project within the EU beef farming community is helping Meath agri-companies and farmers keep in touch with changing trends.

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## Social Farming



Supported by EU funding, social farming offers activity on family farms as a form of social support service. They are located throughout the country and have many different types of farm holdings and different farm activities to offer participants. There are two social farms in Meath (in Summerhill and Enfield).

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## Kells Tech Hub



Within reasonable reach of Dublin Airport and city, the Meath town of Kells is home to Ireland's newest tech hub. Supported by the EU Regional Enterprise Development Fund, Kells Tech Hub aims to foster a culture of entrepreneurship and help SMEs and start-ups to grow and generate jobs in the region.

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## Boyne Valley Food Hub



The agri-food sector makes a powerful contribution to the economy of the Mid-East and North-East regions. The Boyne Valley Food Hub, which is supported by the EU Regional Enterprise Development Fund, transforms 790m<sup>2</sup> of enterprise space in Navan Enterprise Centre into food grade facilities to create higher levels of connectivity, collaboration and innovation in the food and drink sector.

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## Free Wi-Fi in Kells



The public can now avail of wi-fi at various points around Kells town centre. Kells is the first recipient of this major investment by Meath County Council with the backing of the European Commission's WIFI4EU programme.

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## Research and Innovation



HORIZON 2020

**Improving the quality of our  
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**Fighting Covid-19 in  
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**Connecting the digital dots for  
the agri-food sector**



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Improving the quality of our  
food production



Devenish Research Development and Innovation Ltd, based in Dowth, is taking part in a project that is investigating how microorganisms affect our food chains.

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## Fighting Covid-19 in Ashbourne



Ashbourne based Biotechnology company RemedyBio has received a multi-million euro funding award from the European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator pilot for its COVID-19 Response Technology.

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**Connecting the digital dots  
for the agri-food sector**



A company in Navan is taking part in a project that is aiming to accelerate the digital transformation of the European agri-food sector. Forest Environmental Research and Services Ltd is part of a Europe-wide consortium that is building a network of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) to boost the uptake of digital solutions by the farming sector.

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## Literacy Health in Homes



Online resources to help all ages of society to improve their literacy skills are freely available from the Health@home website thanks to the Erasmus+ programme. Aimed at encouraging family learning, it offers something for all members of the family, from comics to web challenges. Resources for adult educators and community support workers are also free.

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## Trim school turns green



Scoil Mhuire in Trim has embraced the 'Greener way to a better future' programme with great enthusiasm. Teams are involved in Junk Kouture, growing organic vegetables and an exchange of green ideas with other European students thanks to Erasmus+ programme.

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## Virtual Reality improving learning



Imagine training where you can experience a topic as if you were right in the middle of events. A Viral Skills learning project, co-founded by Erasmus+ Programme, is bringing virtual reality to the adult education sector in Meath.

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## Social Inclusion



**Nurturing Migrant  
Entrepreneurs**

**Game of Phones**

**Building Bridges**



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## Nurturing Migrant Entrepreneurs



Meath Partnership coordinated an innovative new project which aims to support refugees and migrants living across Europe into self-employment backed by the Erasmus+ programme. The project team believes that supporting migrant entrepreneurs in Europe is an effective means of improving their social and economic integration.

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## Game of Phones



Meath Partnership is participating in the EU project Game of Phones that aims to design and develop challenge-based webquests for young people and adults to build skills and competences to assist their reintegration into education and/or employment. This is an Erasmus+ funded project.

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## Building Bridges



Disability deserves equal opportunities and members of society with disabilities should enjoy the right of a full and decent life in proper conditions. This is at the core of a project that is taking place in Meath and across Europe facilitated by Erasmus+ programme.

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