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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

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Kilkenny County Council is spearheading street light refurbishment through a 9-region, European project that is studying street lights and their energy performance, with cost saving benefits. The Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency is also involved in the STREETLIGHT-EPC project co-founded by the EU Intelligent Energy Europe programme.

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Zero-Energy Housing Solutions



The 3 Counties Energy Agency is involved in the Interreg North West Europe Housing 4.0 Energy project that is trying to find new, affordable, zero-energy housing solutions for the Irish market.

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Support for Kilkenny Farmers

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Support for Kilkenny Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Kilkenny, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €48 million in 2019, with an average payment of €14,801 per recipient, which is the second largest in the country.

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Sustainable dairy processing and the circular bio-economy



Milk production in Ireland has grown substantially in recent years, both as a result of the removal of milk production quotas in the EU in 2015, and the increasing demand for whey protein globally. Millions of tonnes of whey are processed annually throughout Europe. A whey project is underway in Ballyragget, run by Glanbia.

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Maximising organic production



A project in Kilkenny is looking at maximising horticultural production and improving short supply chains for Ireland supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

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Ballykeefe Distillery



An ancient brew that was once illegal now holds a European Protected Geographical Indication. Poitin dates back to at least the 6th century, an ancient farm-based spirit that is made in a single pot still. This is now being produced in Ballykeefe.

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Kilkenny companies producing smart food



smart protein

It is undeniable that protein is an indispensable part of the human diet, but the way we produce and consume it today presents many challenges. However, Kilkenny-based Glanbia and Beotanics are working on identifying ways of producing protein rich foods that can be produced without having a negative impact on the environment thanks to the EU-funded SMART PROTEIN project.

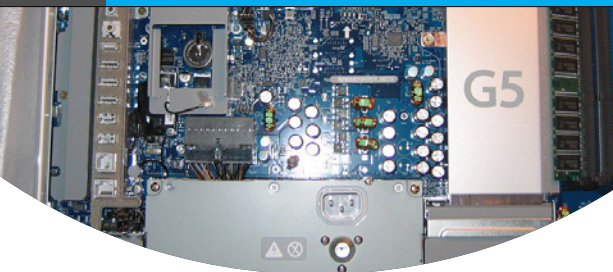
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Bringing 5G solutions to Ireland's broadband



As Ireland moves swiftly towards a more online world for everyone, solutions are needed to bridge the gap between existing services, to enable Irish industry to keep pace with a fast changing digital world. By participating in the EU-funded 5G-SOLUTIONS project Glanbia in Ballyragget are playing their part to assist a 5G project to establish a range of forward-looking services that will bring the 5G vision closer to realisation.

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KCAT Art Centre

Kilkenny school promotes culture across Europe



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KCAT is a multi-disciplinary Arts Centre in Callan, (backed by Erasmus+) dedicated to the fostering and nurturing of creative ambition and professional development in the arts. A new initiative is being launched between the Butler Gallery and KCAT in 2021 where the Learning Centre at Butler Gallery will host a series of engaging and experimental art courses bringing participants on a creative journey through art making.

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Students from St Canice's School, the largest primary school in Kilkenny, are involved in a 2-year Erasmus+ project with three other European schools that aims to promote their cultures. The project is executed through various projects such as painting and music.

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Social Inclusion



**Kindred spirits create a
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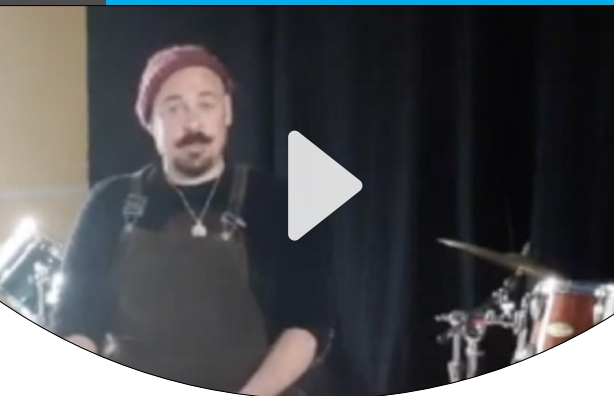
**New Start for Migrants in
Kilkenny**



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Kindred spirits create a community



Kilkenny has a reputation for creativity and a strong presence of successful creative people. This stimulated an EU funded project, Kindred, that has developed around people who feel distant from this creativity and indeed from mainstream society. This experimental, creative group is composed of mainly young, disadvantaged people who are building their own community.

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The Kilkenny Newstart programme is targeted at supporting migrants into employment. Supported by the European Social Fund, the Newstart programme incorporates English and ICT skills into the successful Kick Start programme.

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