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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', written over a white background.

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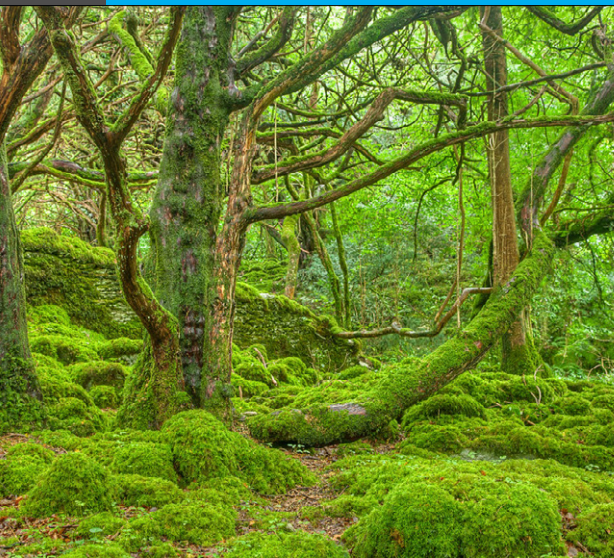
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Building better batteries

Dublin member of Eurocities

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Cross-seas collaboration in Skerries saving Europe's Terns



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Building better batteries



The growing use of batteries will play an essential role in the transition towards a climate neutral economy. Techmet, a Dublin-based company that provides critical metals for the global technology revolution, is a member of a European Alliance that aims to build up battery technology and production capacity in the EU.

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Dublin member of Eurocities



With a growing population, Dublin faces development challenges, while at the same time addressing climate change. Innovative planners are creating green buildings and a network of corridors linking conservation areas and opening up culverted streams and rivers, to allow species to adapt to climate change through migration.

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Food Smart Dublin



Seafood is increasingly a popular healthy choice but this puts additional pressure on our marine. A team from Trinity College are solving this by sourcing historical recipes of seafood from Dublin Bay. Thanks to an EU funded research project, they are working with second-level students and local restaurateurs to identify and create delicious recipes.

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Fishing for Litter



Fishermen in Howth are making a significant difference to sea pollution by landing an unusual catch. By participating in the Fishing for Litter project, a Clean Ocean Initiative supported by the EU, all trawlers in Ireland's main ports are encouraged to help clean our seas.

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Cross-seas collaboration in Skerries saving Europe's Terns



BirdLife partners, RSPB (UK) and BirdWatch Ireland, have joined forces to put Europe's rarest breeding seabird, the roseate tern, on the road to recovery. The project won the Natura 2000 awards in 2018 and was one of the finalists in 2020. Rockabill Island in Skerries is a key breeding area.

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Supporting innovation and the fight against Covid-19

Supporting Education and Medical Research

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EIB backs social housing with €120 million, building 534 houses.



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European Investment Bank Support



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The European Investment Bank has invested €19.1 billion into Ireland since 1973 and Dublin has benefited significantly from their investments over the years. Here are some examples of their support for Dublin companies, communities and innovation.



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**Supporting innovation and
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A Dublin biotech company, Nuritas, is working on A1-accelerated drug discovery which has been enabled by the support of the European Investment Bank.

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Supporting Education and Medical Research



The €90 million redevelopment of the Ardilaun Centre, which fronts on to St Stephen's Green and is adjacent to RCSI's award-winning development at [26 York Street](#), will provide enhanced research, teaching, learning, faculty and student facilities, thanks to support from the European Investment Bank.

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Enabling a strong
infrastructure at Dublin Airport

Geataí Imeachta Departure Gates



The European Investment Bank agreed a €350m loan to the Dublin Airport Authority to help fund upgrades at Dublin Airport.

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**EIB backs social housing with
€120 million, building 534 houses.**



Hundreds of new homes are being built in Dublin, as well as Louth, Wicklow and Kildare with the help of multi-million euro financing from the European Investment Bank.

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Research and Innovation

A graphic for Horizon 2020 featuring a glowing globe in the center, with light rays emanating from it. The text "HORIZON 2020" is written in a white, sans-serif font across the middle of the globe. The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of light dots and lines, suggesting a futuristic or technological theme.

HORIZON 2020

X-ray microscope that fits all

**Joining the dots to fight Cyber
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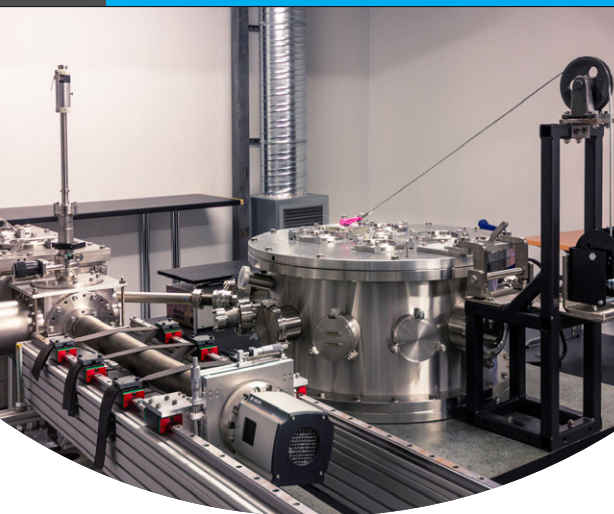
Protecting online privacy



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X-ray microscope that fits all



Thanks to EU funding, a company in Stillorgan has created a microscope that will have ground breaking effect on drug and disease research, Sirius has developed the only commercial laboratory-scale x-ray imaging microscope in the world that can create 3-D images of single cells.

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Joining the dots to fight Cyber Crime



Cyber crime is a growing problem to businesses and individuals, as cyber criminals become more and more adept. A team at UCD felt they could combat this and EU funding enabled them to do this project.

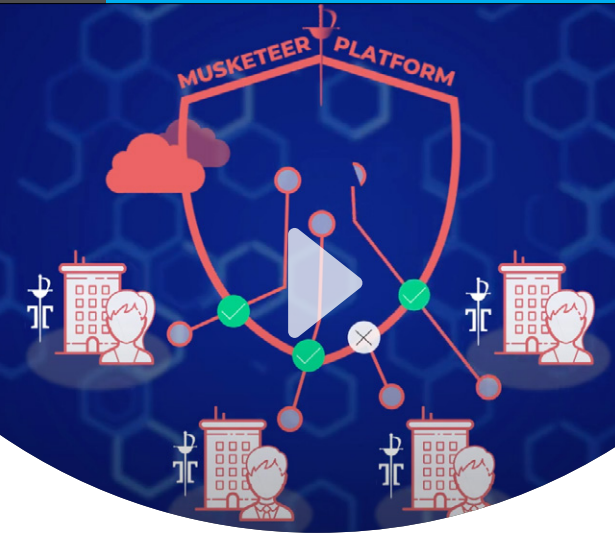
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Protecting online privacy



The massive increase in data collected and stored worldwide calls for new ways to preserve privacy while still allowing data sharing among multiple data owners. A Europe-wide team, led by IBM in Dublin, is addressing this problem.

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The Big Bang Festival

**Cultural Adaptations at the
Axis, Ballymun**

**Festspace Project – making
festivals more inclusive**



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The Big Bang Festival

BIG BANG bubble



BIG BANG is a festival of music performances and sound art for young audiences. 12 cultural organisations in Europe (including the Ark in Dublin, a cultural centre for children) transform their venues and neighbourhoods into a musical labyrinth with each partner presenting a unique BIG BANG FESTIVAL every year.

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Cultural Adaptations at the Axis, Ballymun



This project focusses on culture's role in society's adaptation to climate. Four cultural organisations including Irish partner, Axis Ballymun, is exploring how this approach can work in countries with similar climate challenges but differing socio-political frameworks.

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Festspace Project – making festivals more inclusive



Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin) is taking part in a European research project that is aiming to make festivals, events and urban public spaces more accessible and inclusive.

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**Supporting Minority
Communities**

**Soccer project counts on
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Supporting Minority Communities



Northside Partnership worked with the Amal Women's Association, which is a Dublin based Muslim women's organisation on a project to support young, vulnerable Muslim women. The project, supported by the European Social Fund, focuses on community engagement with minority communities.



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**Soccer project counts on success
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Young students in Dublin are benefitting from a unique EU funded programme that promotes social inclusion and uses soccer to teach numeracy.

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