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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

**Mairead McGuinness**

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## Environment



**Bringing the Corncrake back  
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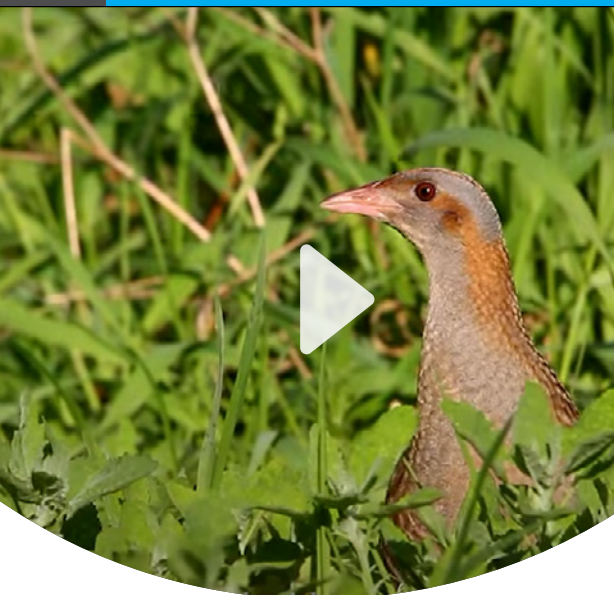
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## Bringing the Corncrake back from the brink



Birdwatch Ireland is involved in Corncrake conservation measures including habitat management in Mayo and West Connaught. The EU-backed Corncrake Grant Scheme offers payments to farmers in return for delaying cutting their grass.

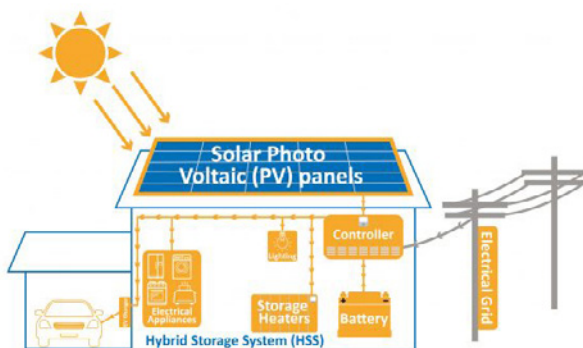
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## Energy Efficient Buildings



Buildings play a significant role in the global energy balance. With EU funding, Mayo County Council is involved in a project, that will create an innovative building integrated renewable energy system.

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**Agriculture & Rural  
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**Support for Mayo Farmers**

**Slow Adventure Holidays**

**New roots for refugee farmers**





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## Support for Mayo Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Mayo, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €70.6 million in 2019, with an average payment of €6,411 per recipient.

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## Slow Adventure Holidays



An EU-backed project to extend the marketing reach of businesses in the slow adventure tourism sector is rolling out in Mayo, in order to encourage more tourists to come to these areas to enjoy and experience the outdoors and engage with remote, wild and nature-rich places.

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## New roots for refugee farmers



Now resettled in Ireland, a 73 year-old farmer from Syria is being given the chance to put down new roots and care for an orchard of appletrees, thanks to an EU funded scheme being run in Mayo.

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## Research and Innovation



HORIZON 2020

**Cows with more milk and less methane**

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## Cows with more milk and less methane



Livestock, and particularly cattle, are the largest source of methane in the EU. Killian O'Briain Ltd, in Westport are investigating how cows could produce more milk and less methane without antibiotics.

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## Minding Marine Ecosystems



Preserving marine ecosystems is a crucial priority for the EU as they support the livelihood and well-being of millions of its citizens. Despite their importance, these ecosystems are often jeopardized by numerous environmental alterations, such as climate change, overfishing and invasive species. The Galway Mayo Institute of Technology is part of a network investigating this.

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## Educate to Innovate



A Galway Mayo Institute of Technology project that supports the growth and sustainability of female food entrepreneurs in the European Union has been shortlisted in the Green Gown Awards 2020 (UK and Ireland).

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## Education



**St Aidans in Kiltimagh gets the Blue Star**

**Everyone is welcome in  
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## St Aidans in Kiltimagh gets the Blue Star



Congratulations to pupils in 6th Class and their teacher Mr. Donnellan who were recently awarded The Blue Star certificate and EU flag. This was the culmination of a very successful year's project work based on the Blue Star programme.

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Everyone is welcome in  
Louisburgh



Killeen National School in Louisburgh are long-term participants in Erasmus cultural exchange programmes. They kicked off their most recent project with a trip to Poland. They also completed their 2-year project of Sharing and Learning Together.

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## Culture



Lunar Pictures

Culture en vie, envie de culture



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## Lunar Pictures



Based in Westport, Lunar Pictures is an award-winning film and television production company whose project Dad's Red Dress recently received Single Project Development from Creative Europe.

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Culture en vie, envie de culture



Ballyhaunis Community School has completely immersed students in a cultural exchange programme that took participants to Spain in 2020.

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