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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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Carlow Town embraces a low carbon future

Life Beef Carbon Project



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Carlow Town embraces a low carbon future



Under the European Union's Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Initiative, town development plans in Carlow not only embrace making areas more accessible and attractive, they have also incorporated innovative designs to make Carlow a more greener, sustainable area.

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Life Beef Carbon Project



Greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture are a significant contributor to climate change - beef production generates six percent of all human-induced emissions.

A project that is helping reduce Europe's beef carbon footprint is being developed in Carlow.

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Support for Carlow Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Carlow, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to almost €25.5 million in 2019, with an average payment of €14,040 per recipient, which is the fourth largest in the country.

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Preserving the Blackstairs sheep farmers



The Blackstairs Farming Futures (BFF) is an upland European Innovation Partnership project.

The Blackstairs Mountains are designated as a Special Area of Conservation because of the presence of European dry heaths and Northern Atlantic wet heaths. Regarded as semi-natural, they require farming at a sustainable level to protect them.

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Social Farming



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. Social Farming Ireland was set up with Leader support and now receives cross-border EU funding. There are three social farms in Carlow – Rathoe, Ballon and Bagnelstown.

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Research and Innovation

A graphic for Horizon 2020 featuring a small globe of the Earth in the center, with a bright light source behind it creating a lens flare effect. The text 'HORIZON 2020' is written in white, uppercase letters across the middle of the image. The background is a dark blue gradient with a faint image of the Earth's horizon.

HORIZON 2020

**Teagasc paves a pathway to
better cereal yield**

**Connecting the Agricultural
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Teagasc paves a pathway to better cereal yield



The world is facing a food crisis and food supply for the expanding world population is a growing concern. Teagasc in Oak Park took part of EU-funded CEREALPATH project. Teagasc is joining in the challenge of doubling cereal crop yields by 2050.

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Connecting the Agricultural Dots



Farming tends to be based on traditional methods and innovation can often be ignored. However, Teagasc is working on boosting digital use by the farming sector, through a Europe-wide network of Digital Hubs participating in the EU-funded project SmartAgriHubs.

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Banagher College welcomes Erasmus Students



Staff at Carlow Educate Together School got the opportunity to travel to schools and food courses across Europe, thanks to the Erasmus+ programme. Teachers and pupils were delighted when a new school kitchen was unveiled. The kitchen is the result of a healthy eating campaign that the school embarked upon.

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Euro-Vision Project



Students from Carlow Educate Together School took part in an Erasmus project called 'Thank you for the Music- A Euro-Vision'.

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Entrepreneurship in the Arts



European Arts and Humanities students face challenges accessing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. The Arts and Humanities Enterprise Hub at Carlow Institute of Technology offers entrepreneurial training for Arts and Humanities staff and students.

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Social Inclusion



Social Protection

**A hub of entrepreneurial
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Social Protection



Ireland was the first in the world to launch a LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy and Carlow is at the forefront of this. The old Credit Union building in Burrin Street, Carlow town is offering a safe space for young people and especially for a LGBTI+ support group via the Carlow Regional Youth Services supported by the European Social Fund.

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A hub of entrepreneurial activity



Carlow Institute of Technology is helping to increase entrepreneurship of refugees via several EU-funded projects. The initiative, called Enter To Transform, addresses the needs of refugees for social inclusion through self-employment and also the impact on the regional economy and market.

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