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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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Let it Bee wins European Award



A Source Protection Pilot project in Roscommon has been awarded the European Bee Aware for 2020.

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**A climate change solution
beneath our feet**



Ireland's raised bogs are among Europe's oldest near-natural ecosystems, dating back over 10,000 years. Protected under the EU Habitats Directive, they are home to many rare and endangered flora and fauna, and they are Ireland's greatest carbon stores. Some of these sites are nestled in the western and rural parts of County Roscommon.

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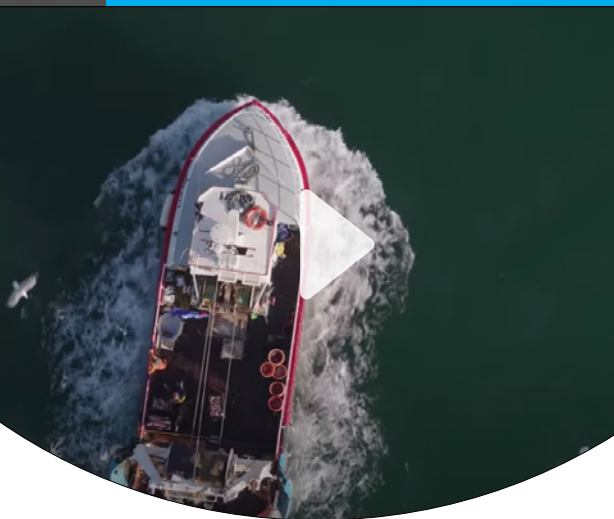
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Marine waste turning into blue circular economy



With EU support, a new initiative is being spearheaded in Roscommon for Atlantic fishermen. It takes collecting marine litter a step further than just collection and is looking at ways of turning waste marine plastics, including fishing tackle into cash generating businesses.

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Support for Roscommon Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Roscommon, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €38.3 million in 2019, with an average payment of €7,228 per recipient.

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Sustainable farming in an archaeological landscape



The medieval village of Tulsk is part of the archaeological landscape of Cruachan Aí, the oldest and largest unexcavated royal site in Ireland. An EU funded project is working with farmers in this area to develop innovative solutions to sustain a viable farming economy in harmony with the cultural and ecological assets of the landscape.

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Shifting agriculture towards a low carbon economy



The agricultural sector accounts for almost 10% of greenhouse gas emissions in the EU, mainly for food production and transport. A programme to encourage companies and farmers to invest in innovative, green energy projects is now being promoted by the Northern and Western Regional Assembly, which is based in Ballaghderreen.

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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.

HORIZON 2020

**Roscrea manufacturer helps
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**Health Passport Europe
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Roscrea manufacturer helps fight the pandemic



With demand for critical PPE ever-present during the Covid-19 pandemic, a Roscommon-based company Harmac Medical Products is helping to provide safety equipment throughout Europe and is also creating local employment.

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Health Passport Europe project comes to Lecarrow



As Europe struggles to resume normal living for all citizens, the people of Lecarrow participated in pilot project that brings hi-tech to the rescue. The Health Passport Europe programme combines secure mobile technologies with COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

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Roscommon's Creative Edge



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Creative Centre for Ballaghaderreen



With EU support, a new Creative Hub will be built in the town centre and marks an exciting phase in the regeneration of Ballaghaderreen. Entitled 'An Bealach' (The Way), this project is targeting a new way for Ballaghaderreen and for the entire creative sector in the Western Region.

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Roscommon's Creative Edge



Roscommon's creative industries are highlighting their work on *MyCreativeEdge: The Creative Showcase for Europe's Northern Edge*. This website showcases the work of businesses and freelancers working in the creative industries sector in Mid-Sweden, North East Iceland, Northern Finland, South East of Northern Ireland and the West of Ireland.

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Roscommon Promise for Integration



Roscommon Leader Partnership is running an ERASMUS+ initiative to facilitate the integration of migrants and refugees into local communities. This project, called PROMISE (“Promoting refugee & migrant integration through education”) focuses on the promotion of integration for migrants and refugees through the use of education.

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Mainstreaming Student Entrepreneurship



Europe needs more entrepreneurial citizens and a project being run by Roscommon Local Enterprise Office seeks to address this by increasing the proportion of vocational education students acquiring an entrepreneurial mind-set and engaging in early stage entrepreneurial activity.

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