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## Mairead McGuinness

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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**



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## Environment



**Back from the Brink**

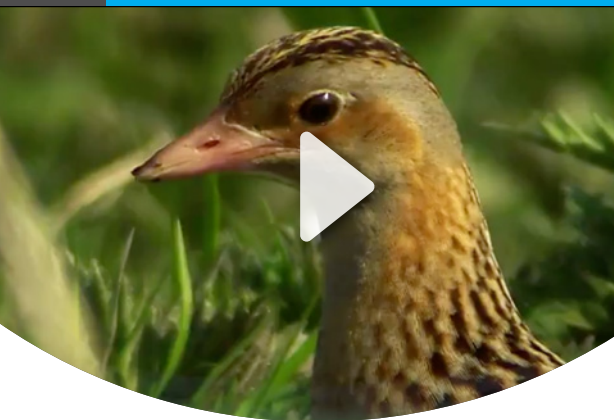
**Fishing for Litter**



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## Back from the Brink



Corncrakes were once numerous across Ireland but are now confined to Donegal and West Connaught. Strongholds include Inishboffin, Tory and the mullet Peninsula.

Birdwatch Ireland is involved in Corncrake conservation measures including habitat management on Tory Island.

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## Fishing for Litter



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

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## Agriculture & Rural Development



**Support for Donegal Farmers**

**Inishowen Upland Farmers**

**Bringing rare cattle breeds  
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**Donegal Airport brings more  
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## Support for Donegal Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Donegal, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €57.5 million in 2019, with an average payment of €7k per recipient.

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## Inishowen Upland Farmers



Innovative measures to introduce biodiversity into farming practices in the Inishowen Uplands are underway, helping local farmers improve economic sustainable methods of farming.

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**Bringing rare cattle breeds  
back from the brink**



The Moiled, a rare breed of Irish cattle, is being saved by Donegal farmer, thanks to the EU GLAS scheme.

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## Donegal Airport brings more than passengers



Generating vibrant, competitive and sustainable communities in rural locations is challenging but an EU programme is offering unique solutions including developing competitive remote airports that will enable entrepreneurship and creative growth initiatives to thrive.

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**Research and Innovation**

A graphic for Horizon 2020 featuring a globe in the center, with a bright light source behind it creating a lens flare effect. The text "HORIZON 2020" is written in white capital letters across the middle of the globe.

HORIZON 2020

**Becoming Leaders in Marine  
Renewable Energy**

**Digital Donegal**



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## Becoming Leaders in Marine Renewable Energy



CoLab at the Letterkenny Institute of Technology is a partner in the Bryden Centre, a cross-border, renewable energy research centre funded by the EU. The Centre covers Northern Ireland, Western Scotland and the Irish border regions where renewable energy represents a major opportunity.

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## Digital Donegal



Donegal County Council is participating in a number of digital technology projects with other regions in Europe. These include initiatives to enhance rural and urban digital innovation and support the food sector through enhancing technology.

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## Social Inclusion



**A lifelong learning experience  
on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way**

**Woodlands National School  
exchanges good practice**

**Letterkenny Institute of  
Technology and Erasmus+**

**Specific Skills Training**





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**A lifelong learning experience  
on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way**



Outdoor learning on Gola Island uses the natural resources of Donegal's rugged coastline, to inspire learning in a cultural environment. Courses are on Irish culture, food, music, art and dance.

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## Woodlands National School exchanges good practice



Teachers from Woodlands National School in Letterkenny have recently been exchanging ideas with teachers from European schools, through an Erasmus+ exchange project. A visit to Letterkenny in 2019 gave the school the opportunity to showcase Donegal culture to their European colleagues.

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**Letterkenny Institute of  
Technology and Erasmus+**



Letterkenny Institute of Technology has over 50 agreements with institutions all over Europe, giving students a massive opportunity to study in a different country.

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## Specific Skills Training



Hobby blacksmith, Laura Mulkeen needed to change her career in event management when she moved back to Donegal. With the assistance of her local Educational Training Board, Laura was able to turn her hobby into her new career as a welder.

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## Cross-Border



Learning diversity at a young age

Cross Border Health Initiative



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## Learning diversity at a young age



A cross-border, cross community project is teaching children and young people, ranging in age from 16 – 24 years, to form positive and effective relationships with others from different cultural backgrounds.

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## Cross-Border Health Initiative



A cross-border health project was launched in Ireland, with two towns in Donegal as the first participants. The EU backed programme is designed to help patients taking multiple medicines and to boost the effectiveness of those medicines.

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