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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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Protecting our water



The local farming community assisted Wexford County Council in a European project to protect drinking water resources. The project developed new solutions to water pollution from intensive agriculture.

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Fighting and adapting to Climate Change



The Environmental Protection Agency in Johnstown is assisting in strengthening international research on climate change with European partners.

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Pooling Resources



Many of the world's ecosystems have undergone significant degradation and their restoration and conservation are essential. The Environmental Protection Agency in Johnstown is supporting coordinated international research to combat this.

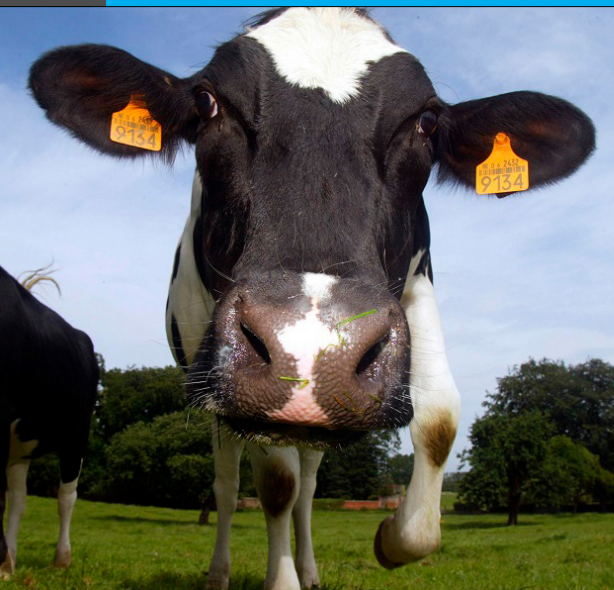
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Support for Wexford Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Wexford, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €58.6 million in 2019, with an average payment of €14,015 per recipient, which is the fifth largest in the country.

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Preserving the Blackstairs sheep farmers



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 and preserve them.

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Leader Funding in Wexford



€1.58 million Leader grants were distributed to businesses in County Wexford under the LEADER Programme 2014-2020, co-founded by the EU.

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Maximising organic production



A project in Wexford is looking at maximising horticultural production and improving short supply chains for Ireland supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

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Duncannon Blue Flag Farming and Communities Scheme



This project aims to recover the Blue Flag status of Duncannon Beach by improving the bacterial quality of two streams that flow onto the beach supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

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Research and Innovation



HORIZON 2020

Recycling on Farms

Making the most of our land

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Recycling on Farms



Farmers are heavily reliant on fertilisers, but some areas of Europe have excesses of nutrients that could be supplied to their European neighbours. The Wexford Campus of Carlow Institute of Technology is investigating this as partner of the EU funded ReNu2Farm project.

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Making the most of our land



With a consortium of 22 partner institutes, the Teagasc research centre at Johnstown Castle is participating in a project on the sustainable management of soil, backed by the Horizon 2020 programme.

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Wexford Science Fest



WexSci, Wexford Science Festival is one of a series of regional science festivals run in conjunction with the national Science Week campaign managed by Science Foundation Ireland with EU support. It is a fun filled week of science for all communities.

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Business Support



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National Broadband

Celtic Routes



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Rosslare Europort Gateway to Europe



Around 83% of our roll-on/roll-off freight currently leaves Ireland via Dublin and the vision now is to make Rosslare a far quicker alternative. A major investment in the Rosslare Europort, including a motorway and a series of new routes to Europe, will ensure Ireland is not cut adrift from the EU. This project has been co-founded by the EU.

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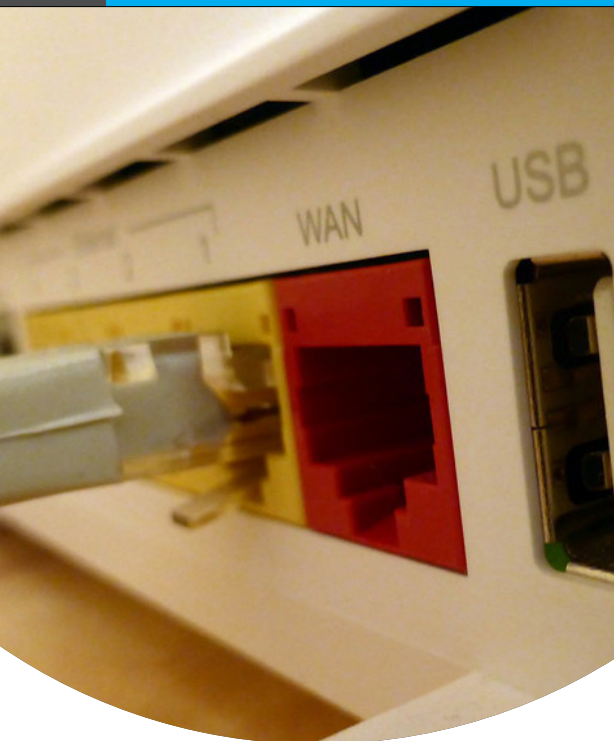
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National Broadband



The announcement by the European Investment Bank to support the National Broadband Plan was welcomed by Wexford Chamber of Commerce.

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Celtic Routes



Tourism businesses in Wexford benefited from a recent initiative that aimed to encourage visitors to explore new areas of Wexford and South-East Ireland en route to their final tourist destination.

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Social Inclusion



Cornmarket Project

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The European Fund for the Most Deprived is helping the Cornmarket Project in Wexford to create lasting positive change by dealing with substance misuse, criminality and social exclusion.

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The University of the South-End



A local Family Resource Centre is bringing third level Community Development education directly into a disadvantaged area in Wexford town, providing on the job training opportunities for students. This project has been co-funded by the European Social Fund.

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