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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairead McGuinness'.

Mairead McGuinness

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**Smarter Energy Communities
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Growing green energy



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Smarter Energy Communities in Leitrim



With EU support, Leitrim County Council was a partner in a recent, transnational project that trains local authorities to successfully use the latest energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and to then share that information with communities in Leitrim.

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Growing green energy



With EU support, the Organic Centre in Rossinver recently installed a Ground Mounted Solar PV Array, which not only reduces the fossil fuel energy consumption but also compliments the green architecture of the eco buildings. The installation forms part of the tour of the gardens as a demonstration of other methods of growing green.

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Support for Leitrim Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Leitrim, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €22 million in 2019, with an average payment of €6,359 per recipient.

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Slow Adventure Holidays



The rural areas of Ireland offer unrivalled opportunities for visitors to experience unique encounters with nature. Usually, locals offering these adventure services run small companies and struggle to reach their potential customers. However, a unique EU programme is helping Leitrim tourist businesses reach their target markets.

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Bridging the gap



An EU-backed railway bridge between Roscommon and Leitrim enables fast train connections.

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Social Farming in Leitrim



A project that is managed in Drumshanbo is helping people to become more inclusive. The Social Farming initiative originally facilitated helping on family farms as a form of social support service. Now, through Erasmus+ funding, it offers training to farmers and social carers through digital platforms.

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**Leitrim County Council
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**Connecting the digital dots for
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Leitrim County Council partners in Covid-19 Research



Leitrim County Council in conjunction with agencies from Scotland, Northern Ireland, Denmark and Finland is taking part in a research project outlining the 'Communities' response and resilience to Corona Virus 19. The project aims to examine the impact, resilience, and responses to the pandemic in the Northern Peripheral Area on a community level.

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Connecting the digital dots
for the agri-food sector



A company in Carrick-on-Shannon is taking part in a project that is boosting digital use by the farming sector, through a Europe-wide network of Digital Hubs.

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The Primary Planet

**Volunteering with the
European Solidarity Corps**

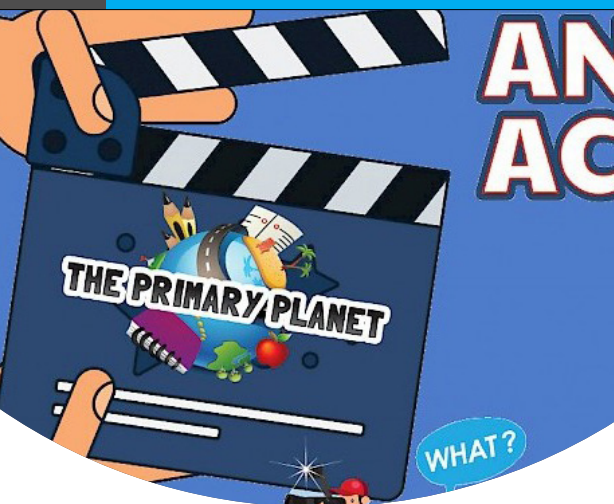
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The Primary Planet



The Primary Planet is Ireland's first children's news magazine for primary schools and has a readership of over 60,000 children a month, The company recently secured EU funding for the purchase of modern ICT Equipment.

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Volunteering with the European Solidarity Corps



The Good Energies Alliance Ireland, based in Ballinaglera, is running a new European initiative that creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own country or abroad.

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Fire Safe Schools



Leitrim County Council is the project Coordinator for an Erasmus+ funded project called 'BfireSafe@School' which aims to increase the fire safety awareness of pupils and teachers in second level schools in Europe.

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Drumshanbo Gunpowder Gin

Food Hub for local producers



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Drumshanbo Gunpowder Gin



Breaking into the Canadian market was a significant milestone for Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin from The Shed Distillery in Drumshanbo. However, the EU's new trade agreement with Canada opened some great export opportunities to this major global market.

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Food Hub for local producers



The Food Hub in Drumshanbo is not only the home of a number of food enterprises in the County but it is hub for Taste Leitrim Experiences, showcasing local producers and the wide range of culinary businesses in the county. Recently, and with EU support, their premises received an upgrade.

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