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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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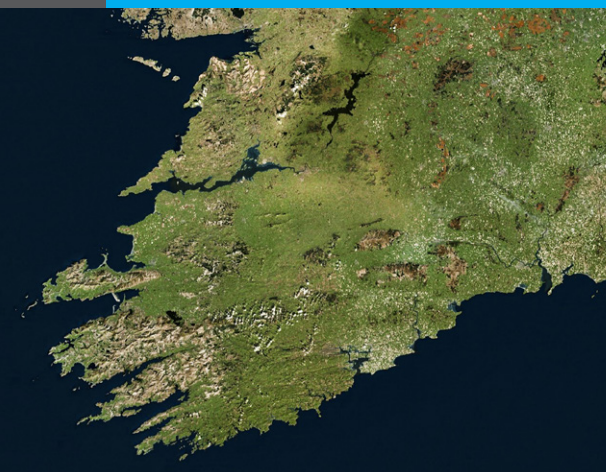


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Waterford IT helps clean the electric grid

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**Waterford IT helps clean
the electric grid**



Electric grids across Europe are shifting away from fossil fuel technologies towards renewables. Waterford IT is participating in a project that is leading the way.

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Fishing for Litter



Fishermen in Dunmore |East and Kilmore Quay are making a significant difference to sea pollution by landing an unusual catch. By participating in the EU-supported 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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Support for Waterford Farmers



Irish Agriculture received EU support worth over €1.7 billion in 2020. In Waterford, basic payments to farmers alone amounted to over €35 million in 2019, with an average payment of €15,436 per recipient, which was the largest in the country.

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Busy Bees in Carriganore



With EU funding, the National Biodiversity Data Centre in Carriganore is playing a central role in a project that is aiming to protect farmland pollinators.

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Coppercoast Geopark



Geotourism offers a new opportunity for sustainable development in areas that may not attract many visitors. To enhance visitor experiences at the Coppercoast Geopark, a new EU-funded app was launched to promote locations in/around the area and to offer guided tours.

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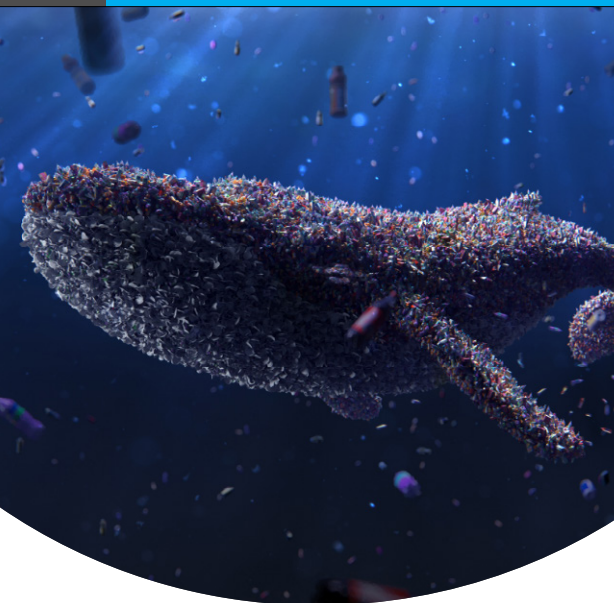
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Atlantic Bridge for Next Generation Internet



Telecommunications Systems Software Group at Waterford Institute of Technology were awarded funding of €3.5 million towards creating a collaborative platform for 'Bridging EU-US Next Generation Internet Experiments'.

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Waterford based project is a real eye-opener



With EU support, Waterford Institute of Technology has discovered new ways of improving vision by using key nutrients found in fruit and vegetables.

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Innovative Waterford Project aims to suppress Epilepsy



Researchers at Waterford Institute of Technology are leading a ground-breaking project, funded by the EU, to develop a 'living brain implant' that senses and treats an impending epilepsy seizure.

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Predicting Depression in Cancer Victims



Scientists at Euro Care Healthcare Ltd and Waterford Institute of Technology are developing an app that identifies depression markers in cancer patients.

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Urban Development



**Waterford's Apple
Market transformed into
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Waterford's Apple Market transformed into contemporary urban quarter



EU funding has supported the transformation of the historic Apple Market in Waterford City into a contemporary urban quarter.

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**European Investment Banks helps
Waterford's An Post to go green**



A new EIB-backed investment is allowing more than 750 fully electric vehicles to be used for local deliveries across the country and digital customer services to be upgraded across the retail network - including 950 modernised post offices.

Waterford's post will be delivered by Zero Emission Electric Vehicles.

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Waterford Walls

Rural Innovation and
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Waterford Walls



Waterford City Council recently encouraged painting on public walls. The Murals for Communities project explores the potentials of mural arts as a tool for Community Engagement by creating mural art works with community involvement and EU support.

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Rural Innovation and resilience in Dunhill



Ireland's rural communities face many challenges but there is growing evidence of successful innovation and regeneration. Dunhill-Fenor parish is one outstanding example, thanks to the active local community and EU support.

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