

Community Led Local Development
Reinforcing the Bottom Up Approach

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Community Led Local Development (CLLD)

- CLLD is a mechanism to support an integrated approach to developing local and rural development strategies implemented by Local Development Companies
- European Commission are promoting CLLD in the context of the next funding round 2014-2020.
- focuses on specific sub-regional territories
- Through local action groups composed of representatives of local public and private socio-economic interests;
- is carried out through integrated and multi-sectoral area-based local development strategies.

CLLD & Ireland 2014-2020

- Commission promoting CLLD as a key implementation tool in Partnership Agreements between member states and the Commission for the 2014-2020 programme period.
- CLLD will ensure maximum impact of all EU funds using appropriate delivery mechanisms such as Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- The bottom up approach as delivered in Ireland by LAGs using local development methodologies like LEADER is recognised as a CLLD model of best practice.
- The Irish Local Development/LAG model as developed and delivered by the 50 rural and urban Local Development groups satisfies the criteria for CLLD as laid down by the EC

Different EU Funds through CLLD

2014-2020

- A range of EU funds can be used via the CLLD approach including:
 - European Regional Development Fund
 - European Social Fund
 - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
- Under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the Commission highlight the importance of community involvement which has been demonstrated by the success of CLLD, supported in the LEADER approach.
- This is demonstrated by the 2304 local action groups now operating across the EU, with actual total funding of EUR 5.5 billion (6% of the EAFRD funding).

Local Development Programme Snapshot

ILDN member companies delivered a suite of programmes to clients including the following:

- Local Community Development Programme
- LEADER (Rural Development)
- Local Employment Service
- TÚS/Rural Social Scheme
- A total of 104,629 individuals supported through the programmes delivered in 2011