

Good practice from a Member State. Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland 2019-2022

The European Social Economy Summit – Social Economy and Social Innovation as a motor of rural resilience.

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National Social Enterprise Policy for Ireland

2019-2022







To **support** Social Enterprise to **maximise** its social, societal and environmental **impact**

The Policy is based around 3 Objectives:



Building **Awareness** of Social **Enterprise**

Growing and Strengthening Social **Enterprise**

Achieving **Better Policy Alignment**

Supporting Social Enterprise at local level



- 49 Local Development Companies Small Capital Grants for Social Enterprise
- Covid Regeneration Scheme
- LEADER and €1Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

Infrastructure



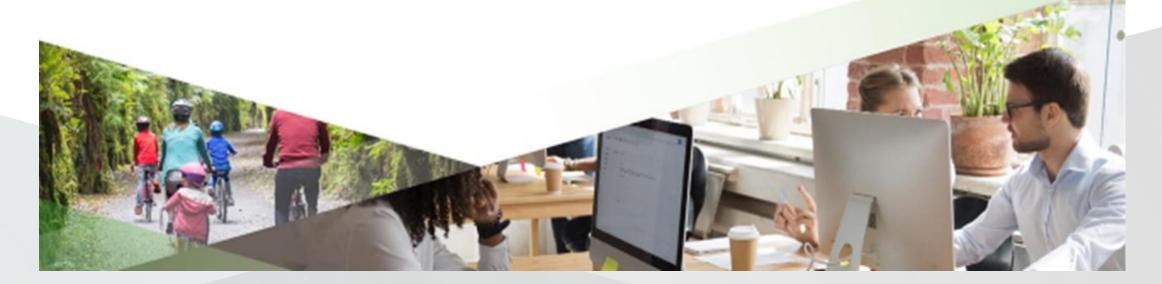
- National Broadband Plan to deliver high speed broadband services to all premises in Ireland
- Over 500,000 premises including social enterprises
- Development of a National Remote Working Hub Network – Many are Social Enterprises.





Our Rural Future

Rural Development Policy 2021-2025



Our Rural Future



- Represents the Government's vision for sustainable,
 inclusive and thriving rural economies and communities
- Addresses both challenges and opportunities for rural areas
- Diversification of the enterprise base is critical, which includes expanding the rural social enterprise sector

Our Rural Future - Role of Social Enterprise



- Deliver a suite of **new measures to support the development of Social Enterprises in rural areas** to increase their social, economic and environmental impact and contribute to job creation locally.
- Expand the use of socially responsible public procurement contracts, where feasible, which will incentivise the engagement of social enterprises and Circular Economy organisations.
- Develop a **pilot bicycle up-cycling initiative** to support employment creation, to harness the potential of investment in greenways and to support the development of the social enterprise business model.

Clár IDG, Mayo

Community Employment Housing, Home Retrofitting **Enterprise Centre** Remote Working Hub Community Garden Good Morning Claremorris telephone befriending service





The Cottage Tea Rooms, Loughmore

Community based shop and tearooms.

Selling local produce
Community Employment
Focal Point for community
Art and Crafts
Tourism Attraction



Dunhill Eco-Park, Waterford

Enterprise Centre 30 SMEs

70 jobs

Education/Training

Community Employment

Café

Catering Service

Childcare

Remote Working Hub







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Thank You



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