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information, advisory and training tools”***



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# Ireland's National Rural Network Team



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# Ireland's RDP Priorities

-  M1 – Knowledge Transfer
-  M2 – Advisory Services
-  M4 – Investments in Physical Assets
-  M7 – Rural Services and Renewal
-  M10 – Agri-environment - climate
-  M11 – Organic Farming
-  M13 – Areas facing natural constraint
-  M16 – Co-operation
-  M19 - LEADER

## Teagasc Collaboration with NRN

- Joint information sessions
- Expand your Horizons seminar to promote the value of rural Ireland and the services available.
- Identifying and sharing best practice examples
- Teagasc representation on NRN sub committees
- Conducting focus groups on biodiversity and climate change in Teagasc KT discussion groups.
- Publicising NRN events on the Teagasc website attendance at NRN events

# Measure 1: Knowledge Transfer - €126,100,000

## ❑ Knowledge Transfer Groups :

- 3 years – max 18 per group
- Farm Improvement Plan (Year 1)
- 5 KT meetings/ DAFM accredited events
- Topics – Herd Health, Breeding, H&S, Risk Mgt, Grassland Mgt, NMP
- €750 / year (eligibility conditions)



## ❑ Training :

- ❑ Green Low Carbon Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS): €158 per participant
- ❑ Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP): €166 per participant.



## Measure 2: Advisory Services - €8,000,000

- ❑ Continuous Professional Development for Advisors
  - Max €200,000 three years per service provider – tender
  
- ❑ Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health and Welfare – On Farm Advice
  - Training based on 3 hour advisory session (€80 per hour) at individual farm level. Beneficiaries are qualified veterinary surgeons
  
- ❑ Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health and Welfare – Training for Advisers.
  - Contract won by Animal Health Ireland in Sept 2015 to deliver training to veterinary surgeons who provide on farm advice – Johnes, BVD, SCC and significant diseases in pig sector.



## Measure 4: Investments in Physical Assets - €425,000,000

### ❑ Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme II (TAMS II)

- Dairy equipment, Low emissions slurry spreading equipment, Animal Welfare & Nutrient Storage Scheme, Pig & Poultry Investments, Organic Capital Investment, Young Farmer Capital Investment Scheme, Tillage Investments to come soon.
- 40% rate of aid and 60% for young farmers – max €80,000 per holding



## Measure 7 – Basic Services and Village Renewal in Rural Areas. €6,000,000

### ❑ GLAS Traditional Farm Buildings

- Objective to ensure that traditional farm buildings and structures with significant cultural and heritage value are restored and conserved
  - Participation in GLAS is the prime eligibility condition.
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- Historic yard surfaces,
  - Landscape features such as walls, gate pillars, gates, mill-races
  - Each project is costed individually.
  - Max allowable support of 75% of total costs up to a max grant of €25,000

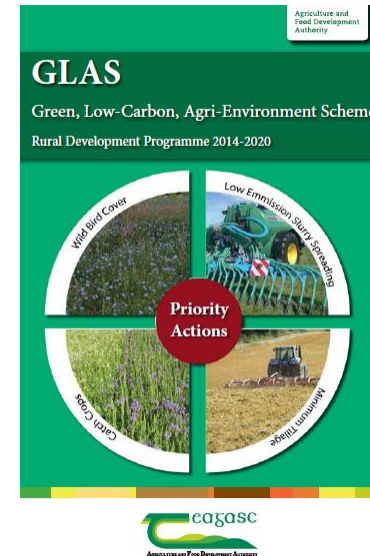
# Measure 10: Agri-Environment Climate - €1,588,150,630

## □ Green Low Carbon Agri Environment Scheme (GLAS) and GLAS+

- GLAS plan: approved agricultural advisor, NMP, training course, record keeping of actions completed
- GLAS max payment of €5,000 per annum
- GLAS+ max additional €2,000 annually for challenging actions – endangered bird areas (PEA's)

## □ Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP)

- €142.50 per hectare for the first 6.66 payable hectares annually
- €120 /ha on the remaining hectares.



# Measure 11 – Organic Farming

## €56,000,000

- ❑ The Organic Farming Scheme (OFS)
  - Encourage farmers to convert from conventional farming methods to apply organic farming methods. Minimum of three hectares required. Except for horticulture one hectare required. Registration with one of the organic control bodies is required.
  - Area based payment for 5 years and 11 months contract period.
    - €220/ha for conversion period (First two years.
    - €170/ha maintenance rate for subsequent years.
    - Additional €30ha for red clover is also available
  - Horticulture receives higher rates - €300/ha Conversion and €200 ha maintenance



# Measure 13 – Payments to Areas Facing Natural or Other Specific Constraints

## €1,370,000,000

### ❑ Areas of Natural Constraints (ANC's)

- Based on previous LFA scheme. Objective is to compensate farmers for income foregone and additional costs linked to the disadvantage of the area concerned.
- Mountain type land €109.71 on first 10 forage hectares and €95.99 on remaining hectares up to max of 34 hectares.
- More severely handicapped lowland €95.99 per ha up to a max of 30 hectares
- Less severely handicapped lowland €82.27 per ha up to max of 30 hectares

### ❑ Specific Support for Offshore Island Farming

- First 20 hectares €250
- 20 – 34 ha €170
- 34 – 40 ha €70
- Over 40 ha – no further payments apply



## Measure 16 – Co-operation

### €62,000,000

- ❑ European Innovation Partnerships (€4,000,000)
- ❑ Locally Led EIP Hen Harrier / Pearl mussel (€35,000,000)
- ❑ Other Locally Led Schemes (€20,000,000)

Funding of EIP operational groups linked to supporting innovation and best practice. Once selected groups will examine, evaluate and disseminate best practice to address issues in agriculture the help improve biodiversity, address climate change, increase efficiencies.

- Multi Actor approach
  - Support for feasibility studies, animation costs, running costs and promotion activities. (First call closed Jan 27th expected second call in August 2017)
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- ❑ Support for Collaborative Farming (€3,000,000)
  - Share farming, contract rearing, milk production partnerships
  - 50% of administrative costs of setting up a partnership
  - Maximum of €2,500

## Measure 19: LEADER local development - €250,000,000

# How do farms diversify?

### New Products

- Organic crops
- Herbs
- Bees
- Goats
- Ducks
- Ostriches
- Red Deer
- Llamas
- Cheese
- Bottled water

### New Outlets

- Pick Your Own
- Farm Shop
- Farmers' market

### Tourism

- B&B
- Caravan or camping site
- Café

### Leisure and Recreation

- Shooting
- Off road driving
- Mountain biking

### Development

- Converting barns into housing
- Industrial units
- Telecentres

### Energy

- Wind turbines



**12 nationwide workshops**  
**3 hours x 5 sessions incl farm walks**

## ***Aims***

**Engaging farm families on challenging issues**

- ✓ ***Provide new thinking***
- ✓ ***Generate new ideas***
- ✓ ***Generate additional income***

***Free of charge***

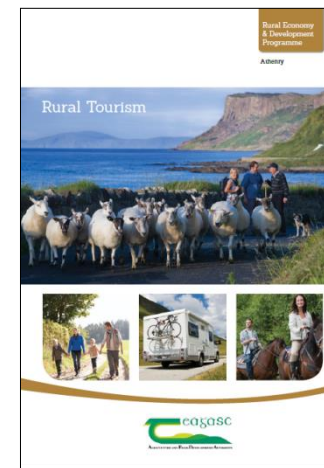




# Options +

Dig deeper and get more info on a specific option...

- Rural Tourism:
  - Rural tourism training (Teagasc/LEADER/LEO/Failte Ireland)
  - Agencies: Failte Ireland / Inland Fisheries / Bord Iascaigh Mhara / LEADER
  - <https://www.teagasc.ie/media/website/publications/2016/Rural-Tourism-Booklet.pdf>
- Food:
  - Ashtown Food Centre: Food production course / Butchery course
  - Athenry: Farm and marine food tourism course
- Organics:
  - Organics courses / KT groups /
  - Ask an organics question: <http://interactive.teagasc.ie/Open/OrganicsQuestion>
- Equine:
  - <https://www.teagasc.ie/animals/equine/> - Sport Horse Strategy
  - ISH young breeders programme
  - Equine KT groups
- Renewable energy/Energy conservation:
  - Fact sheets : <https://www.teagasc.ie/crops/crops/energy/technologies/>
  - SEAI- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland - <http://www.seai.ie/grants/>



# Get Farm Financially Fit

<https://www.teagasc.ie/rural-economy/farm-management/get-farm-financially-fit/>

- Are you making the most of the Teagasc toolkit?
  - Profit (Teagasc Profit Monitor)
  - Cash measuring (Cost control planner)
  - Whole farm planning (My Farm My Plan workbook)
- Are you on top of the household finances?
  - Talk to MABS
  - <http://interactive.teagasc.ie/Open/HouseholdBudget>
  - Farm and household cash planning book
- Are you getting all you are entitled to?
  - Citizens Information
  - Farm Assist/Rural Social Scheme



# Building Capacity – Opt-In Training Portal <http://www.opt-in.ie/>

Pilot in Tipperary and Limerick – to roll-out nationally

- All rural training opportunities in one website
- Get alerts for specific training opportunities in your area
- Learn a new skill - Many courses are free!!



***Extension has changed from advising farmers –  
to helping farmers learn from other farmers***



*Thank You*