

LEADER 2014-2020

Monitor Farm Meeting

12th May 2015

LEADER 2007-2013

112 PROJECTS

FUNDING AWARDED - £3.6M

PROGRAMME PORTFOLIO VALUE - £7M



LEADER



EUROPEAN MARINE &
FISHERIES FUND



PROPOSED FUNDS IN NEW
PROGRAMME



KEY THEMES OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

ECONOMY

Including:

- A focus on fisheries and the employment of young people
- Arts and Culture
- Tourism



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LAND, COAST AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Including:

- Development of farming, forestry and natural environmental assets



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SUSTAINABLE SETTLEMENTS

Including:

- Transport
- Housing
- Challenges facing older people





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Aim to achieve:

- A greater economic focus for LEADER and EMFF in D&G
- Innovation in land and sea based sectors
- Positive engagement of young people in forging future roles for themselves
- Strengthening the function of the region's small rural towns
- Strengthening the integration of older people at risk of social exclusion
- Improving the engagement of volunteers



RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Funding transferred to LEADER from Pillar 1 in SRDP

Support for micro businesses

Target areas:

- Farm diversification
- Small rural business support

10% of LEADER allocation to each target area





FARM DIVERSIFICATION

- **10% of LEADER allocation**
- **LEADER can assist towards cost of non-agricultural diversification projects**
- **Projects must deliver against aims of the LDS**
- **Applications must demonstrate market led business case**



ELIGIBILITY

- **Must be an eligible agricultural holding**
- **Must be registered with Rural Payments & Inspections Division (RPID)**
- **Applicant –**
- **Business owner**
- **Members of the immediate farming family**

WHAT WE CAN SUPPORT





SMALL RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

- **Micro enterprises across the region**
- **Dumfries & Stranraer are now eligible for LEADER**
- **Individual businesses**
- **Cooperative of small businesses**

SMALL RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT



STATE AID



- LEADER funding will respect current State Aid intervention rates
- State Aid assessments will be undertaken as part of the application stage





WHEN?

- LEADER Programme will launch later in the year
- Open for applications – Sept/Oct 2015
- Commitment – End of 2019
- Programme closes – End of 2020



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QUESTIONS?

