



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT114013
Project Type:	Training/hosting cross border activity
Project Name:	To facilitate cross border activity with Mid and East Antrim
Promoters Name:	Waterford LEADER Partnership CLG
Address:	Presentation Community Centre, Mitchell St, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
Description:	Waterford LEADER Partnership are delivering a cooperation training programme between 2nd Port Dunmore East Sea Scouts and Carnlough Boathouse part of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. Both entities are based on the coast and carry out a lot of their activity on water. The 2nd Port Dunmore East Sea Scouts are part of Scouting Ireland and encourage all their young members to learn about sea safety skills and to progress on to sailing a dinghy as well as normal scouting team work duties. They enable all children to avail of this worthwhile activity and learning who could not otherwise due to the cost with private sailing clubs and adventure centres. Similarly Carnlough Boathouse also facilitate coastal rowing and sea safety on the Antrim coast. This project will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and information between both entities and hold reciprocal maritime events in each coastal area to promote the cross border partnership. These events will require funds to host the other partner locally in hotel accommodation over two nights and subsistence as well as the cost of coach hire to transport the group to each other's area.
Theme:	Coastal Regeneration
Sub-theme:	Training project under the Cross border co-operation theme
Link to LDS	Supporting cooperation

Total Project Costs	€5,700
Eligible Project Costs	€5,700
Funding sought by promoter:	€5,700
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	First review
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	€5,700
Details of private funding:	€0
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	No

Synopsis of project:	Supporting the hosting costs of cross border activity between Waterford, Ireland and Mid and East Antrim, Northern Ireland and monitoring and reporting on the shared learning/exchange of information between the two partners		
Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 100 %
	Hosting of Mid & East Antrim - Accommodation & subsistence	€3,420	€3,420
	Coach hire trip to visiting partner	€2,280	€2,280
	Total Funding	€5,700	€5,700
Was an assessment completed?: Date: 01-10-2020	Yes		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, direct tendering was used to select the suppliers and the most economic advantageous quotation selected		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Efforts were made to gather 3 quotes for each and documentation evidence of same on file		
Innovative Element of the project:	Coming together of the two intrinsically linked maritime projects and the added value the promoters can gleam from each other		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The project would not be in a position to support this cross border activity without full grant support towards costs		
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement is not an issue as this is a cooperation project whereby cross border relations and activity is encouraged		
Economic justification for project:	The hosting of joint activity between the project partners is paramount to any successful cooperation project and encourages new initiatives etc		
Average Score for Project:	83/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of €5,700		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons:- 1. The project scored 83/100 2. The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) for Co-operation projects. 3. Funding this project will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and information between both entities. Holding reciprocal maritime events in each coastal area will promote cross-border partnerships. A maximum of €5,700 or 100% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
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0	0	€0	€40,380 in house training to date

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Email notification sent to Failte Ireland	18 Aug 2020	No response

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Ms Claire Connors advised that after speaking with the Dept they clarified that for cooperation projects specific rules must be followed. Different elements of the projects have different percentage rates and as the IT system can only attach one percentage rate per project the project must be split into two different projects.
- The first project is purely for the capital expenditure and is being funded at 74.99997% with grant aid of €21,661.89.
- The second project is the hosting element with WLP as the promoter. This hosting project can be funded at 100%.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed with the splitting of the original project into two and recommend both projects for approval based on the previous rational and scoring.

A maximum of **€5,700** or 100% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser.

Amount Recommended: €5,700	100% of Eligible Project Funding:€5,700
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Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ Claire Connors _____

Dated: _____ 29-10-2020 _____

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:

(for example a photo of the building to be renovated/machinery being purchased, etc)

Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 28/10/2020

Time: 11am - 12:30pm

Project Title: To facilitate cross border activity with Mid & East Africa

Project Reference Number: 312QRWAT114013

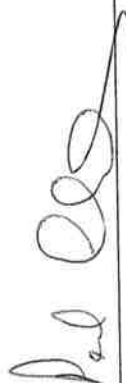
Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / No	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>8</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>5</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>4</u>		19	17
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>5</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>6</u>		25	21
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>6</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	21

	Financial Plan	6/25 <u>5</u>			
	Deadweight	6/25 <u>5</u>			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13	10
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18	14
Total				100	83

N.B. Project must receive a minimum score of 65% prior to being recommended for approval.

- Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this project? YES / ~~NO~~
- i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? ~~YES~~ / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: Recommend Funding as presented

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 28/10/2020

Appendix 4 - LEADER COOPERATION PROJECT LAG EVALUATION COMMITTEE

This template is designed for use by the LAG Evaluation Committee when considering applications to fund LEADER Cooperation Project (Phase 3) projects.
The maximum grant available per project per LAG is €200,000.

Application Reference No.	Working Title of proposed project
31LDRWAT114013	To facilitate cross border activity with Mid & East Antrim

CRITERION		Yes / No	Comments
1	Does the proposed activity fit with the LAG's priorities as per the LDS?	Yes	This project fits under the Local Development Strategy for Co-operation projects
2	Have Networking activity and / or baseline scoping of the proposed activity taken place between the potential LAG Partners to merit its progression to a full Co-operation Project?	Yes	Networking activity of the proposed activity has taken place
3	If the project has been the subject of Preparatory Technical Support, has the report on this project been provided and has it indicated that the project is viable and will add value?	Yes	The report is available and has indicated the viability and added value the project will provide
4	Does the proposed activity offer potential to deliver positive outcomes for the LAG area?	Yes	Certainly more added value to the existing product offering
5	Are the potential outcomes from the proposed activity unlikely to be delivered without a joint Cooperation action?	Yes	There is already a joint cooperation plan in place outlining the joint actions
6	Has a clear and defined rationale for co-operating been provided i.e. deliver benefits over and above what each group could do on their own?	Yes	The co-operation plan outlines the benefits over and above what each group could achieve individually
7	Do the proposed actions and associated costs appear reasonable and represent value for money?	Yes	Direct tendering was used to procure the costs
8	Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this Project?	Yes	Project will not proceed without funding
9	Is the Evaluation Committee satisfied that this project will not displace existing enterprises?	Yes	Funding will be a benefit to each area and will enhance opportunities and not cause displacement

All questions must be answered and in order for the application to be approved for funding, the answer to each question must be YES (and assumed to have scored a minimum of 65%). Comments should be recorded alongside each Criterion to justify the decision.

Date of Evaluation Committee meeting:	28/10/2020	Application Reference No.	31LDRWAT114013
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The (*Waterford*) LAG Evaluation Committee has considered this Application and decided that it should be: **Accepted ***
 *(delete as appropriate)

The rational for this decision must be recorded in the LAG Evaluation Committee minutes and the Chair of the LAG Evaluation Committee must sign below.

Signed: 

Name in BLOCK Capitals: **Paul Clerkin Chair of LAG Evaluation Committee**

Date: **28/10/2020**

Name of Evaluation Committee (if not the LAGs own Evaluation Committee): _____

Denise Walsh

From: pclerkin@cablesurf.com
Sent: Thursday 29 October 2020 12:43
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Evaluation Committee meeting on 28th October 2020

Dear Denise,

I have reviewed the draft minutes of the Evaluation Committee Meeting held on 28th October 2020 and I am in agreement with them.

Paul Clerkin
Chairperson
WLP Evaluation Committee

