



Circular No: 04-2025

From: LEADER Policy and Operations Unit

To: All LAGs, Implementing Partners and Administrative Check Bodies

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Subject: New Department Name

This circular is being issued to inform recipients that the Department has officially changed its name and advise on the next steps from a LEADER perspective.

1. New Department Name
2. Operating Rules, Appendices and Logos
3. Signage, Templates, and Communications
4. Department E-mail Addresses

1. New Department Name

As of 2 June 2025, the Department is called:

English: The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

Irish: An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta

The abbreviation in English will be **DRCDG**.

2. Operating Rules, Appendices and Logos

The Operating Rules Working Group are next scheduled to meet on 24 June, after this meeting a further circular will issue with a revised version of the Operating Rules. The updated changes will include all references to the Department (i.e. full title and acronym) in the body of the rules, the appendices and the logos referring to the Departments co-funding contribution.



3. Signage, Templates, and Communications

From the date of this circular, all signage, templates, and communications relating to LEADER that are developed by LAGs, which include a reference to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, must reflect the new name.

If a LAG has publicity material already printed for projects, e.g. plaques, it is acceptable to use them but no more should be made until updated logos are provided.

4. Department E-mail Addresses

All Department e-mail addresses are updated to **@drcdg** addresses using the following name convention: firstname.surname@drcdg.gov.ie

Please note that the old email addresses (i.e. @drcd.gov.ie) will continue to work for a short period of time, and any emails already submitted using that format will be responded to.

Queries relating to LEADER can be sent to the following mailboxes:

2023-2027 LEADER Programme mailboxes	Query type
DRCD LEADER 2327 LEADER2327@drcdg.gov.ie	LEADER IT System; project claims; monthly returns; debts
DRCD OR2327 OR2327@drcdg.gov.ie	Interpretation of Operating Rules; Circulars; FAQs; project eligibility; ROC requests; appeals
DRCD Admin Check LEADERadmincheck@drcdg.gov.ie	Administrative check stages; process for claiming contribution as per Admin Check MoU

Any queries in relation to the application of this Circular should be submitted to OR2327@drcdg.gov.ie

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