**Press Release**

**02/03/2021 & 05/03/2021**

**Launch of Co. Roscommon LEADER Transitional Programme 2021**

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, T.D., announced funding of €20 million for a National Transitional LEADER Programme which will be delivered through ***the current Local Action Group, Roscommon Local Community Development Committee (RLCDC) and the Implementing Partner, Roscommon LEADER Partnership (RLP).***

The aim of this newly launched Transitional LEADER Programme is to work closely with communities, *particularly new applicants* to assist with building their capacity in preparation for the next programming period. Priority will be given to promote projects which support communities in a post-COVID environment, Support job creation, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation in a post-COVID and/or post-Brexit environment, Explore and develop projects for funding in thematic areas which are likely to feature strongly in the next EU-funded programme

Expressions of Interest can be made by rural businesses and rural community organisations:

* Private Individuals
* Sole Traders
* Farmers
* Registered Charities
* Partnerships
* Designated Activity Company limited by shares
* Limited Companies
* Companies having share capital
* Co-operative Societies

***Do you have an idea/project that seek to address the impact of Brexit, Covid, Climate Change and/or Remote Working?***

If so, Roscommon LEADER Partnership now invite you to submit an Expression of Interest for funding under their **1st Targeted Call for Projects 2021.**

Expression of Interest forms are available from the Roscommon LEADER Partnership website [www.rosleaderpartnership.ie](http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie), by emailing tomas@ridc.ie. If you wish to speak to a member of the LEADER Team prior to submitting your Expression of Interest see details in advertisement or alternatively you can contact Tomás Beades, Operations Manager on 086 0460176.

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **3.00pm on Friday, 16/04/2021.** EOI’s should be submitted **by email** to tomas@ridc.ie or **by post** to Roscommon LEADER Partnership, Roscommon West Business Park, Golf Links Road, Roscommon Town, F42 TD98.

Only EOIs deemed eligible will be invited to submit a full application. All submissions should be clearly marked *‘****LEADER – Transitional Programme Targeted Call 2021’.***