

# LEADER Local Development Strategy 2023- 2027 County Cavan



**EXTRACT / SUMMARY** document highlighting the key Cavan LDS; Themes, Local Objectives & Strategic Actions with allocated budgets (section 5.3 of Cavan LDS).



### 1.1. Vision for the Cavan Local Development Strategy;

To develop sustainable rural communities throughout County Cavan, through the provision of a programme that will enhance the social, natural, human, physical and financial resources available to individuals and communities and thereby make Cavan 2027 a place that we can be proud of, a place where people can have a good quality of life; a better place to live, work and to enjoy.

### 1.2. Overview

It is vital that the needs of communities are met in a sustainable way. Development must protect the natural rural environment while supporting community, society and the economy in Cavan to thrive. The strategic actions identified in this Local Development Strategy (LDS) will sustain and regenerate rural areas, build community capacity, invest in rural services and enterprises while protecting the environmental integrity of the landscape.

In developing its Local Development Strategy for 2023-2027, Cavan LEADER LAG group has been keen to ensure meaningful engagement with communities across Cavan and with community stakeholders able to offer useful opinions and perspectives based on the priorities and needs in the local area. Findings are based on the experiences of local residents and key stakeholders at community level. The public consultation process was designed to ensure maximum participation from residents and stakeholders within County Cavan, therefore a variety of mediums were used, and meaningful 'in-person' engagement was prioritised. This gave participants the opportunity to speak directly to the consultation management team. The public consultation opened on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and closed on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The consultation encompassed public consultation meetings across the county, focus group meetings with key groups of stakeholders and an online survey. An open morning was also held, and written submissions were welcomed and accepted. In total 147 individuals engaged in-person in the Local Development Strategy consultation and 135 engaged online. Two written submissions were received. In total, 284 participants engaged with the LDS Consultation over the course of one month.

The Department of Community and Rural Development approved €4,800,000 of support for LEADER projects in county Cavan on the basis of the Cavan Local Development Strategy 2023 - 2027. The following pages describes the key themes/local objectives and strategic actions with the allocated budgets.

### 1.3 Guidance for LEADER applicants

Please review your proposed LEADER project proposal before completing your 'Expression of Interest' against the 'themes', 'local objectives' and 'strategic actions' set out below and decide which is most likely to align with your project proposal. Expression of Interest form and further guidance documents can be found on the LEADER section of our website [www.cclid.ie](http://www.cclid.ie) or by requesting a form from [leader@cclid.ie](mailto:leader@cclid.ie).

Once you have submitted a fully completed 'Expression of Interest' form, a member of the LEADER team from Cavan County Local Development (CCLD) will contact you to discuss your proposal further. Please note that the LEADER budget is exhaustive and will be allocated on the basis of a first come, first served with the exception where some elements of the programme will be opened on a 'targeted call'. See further details on [www.cclid.ie](http://www.cclid.ie)

### 5.3 Local Objectives

#### 5.3.1 Theme 1: Objectives for Economic Development & Job Creation

<b>Local Objective 1.1</b>	
<b>Local Objective: Supporting the development of new and existing enterprises in the green economy sector and supporting enterprises to make sustainable environmental improvements which expand their business and create jobs</b>	
<b>Financial Allocation €</b>	500,000
<b>Number of strategic actions under this local objective</b>	2
<b>Rationale for local objective (250 words max)</b>	Significant potential for employment opportunities are presented by the green economy. There is a strong need to maximise the opportunities presented by the circular and bio economy with Cavan being in a favourable position to develop its bio and circular economies because of its abundance of natural advantages.
<b>Alignment under LEADER sub-theme</b>	Green Economy

<b>Strategic Action 1.1.1</b>	
<b>Title of Strategic Action</b>	Support for new and existing enterprises in the green economy sector.
<b>Brief description of the action</b>	There is a need to promote the generation of renewable energy and clean technologies in Cavan; the green economy presents significant export opportunities for local enterprises. Support available for green technology production businesses e.g. manufacturing solar panels or wind turbines (located in County Cavan).
<b>Primary target groups for the strategic action</b>	SMEs/Micro Enterprises
<b>Geographic area</b>	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff. Priority areas include the larger urban population centres of Bailieborough, Ballyjamesduff, Belturbet, Cavan town, Cootehill, Kingscourt, Mullagh and Virginia.
<b>Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action</b>	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
<b>Collaborating organisations</b>	LEO, Enterprise Ireland
<b>Timeframe for Delivery</b>	2023-2027
<b>Anticipated Outputs/indicators</b>	3 Green Technology Projects supported. 2 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) posts created

<b>Strategic Action 1.1.2</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Support businesses investing in green technologies in order to increase energy efficiency, support the circular bio economy, reduce carbon emissions or create new jobs.
Brief description of the action	There is a need to adoption of renewable energy and clean technologies in Cavan; these commonly demonstrate cost savings as well as environmental benefits. Support businesses of any type wishing to adopt and invest in green technology e.g. a system to replace plastic flow packaging system with paper flow packaging technology or to make a new line in trainers/clothes from used plastic or to make a manufacturing waste-by-product like woodchip into sellable goods like briquettes.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	SMEs/Micro Enterprises
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	3 Projects supported which result in adoption and investment in green technology. 3 FTE jobs created.

<b>Local Objective 1.2</b>	
<b>Local Objective: Support and assist farm families to diversify and generate new streams of income from alternative activities</b>	
Financial Allocation €	150,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	1
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	In the context of enterprise development, the below average monetary values of Cavan farm outputs and the overall aims of the CAP Strategic Plan, specific focus is placed on diversification opportunities for farm families. Fostering the entrepreneurial use of farm resources for non-agricultural purposes, for example, farm shops, recreational activities, alternative tourism accommodation, etc
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Agricultural Diversification

<b>Strategic Action 1.2.1</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Support and develop non-agricultural activities on farm such as farm shops, glamping, tourism experiences, agri-food and social farming.
Brief description of the action	There is a need to strengthen rural economies and support the sustainability of rural communities through farm diversification developments. Support farm diversification projects (e.g. farm shops, glamping, tourism experiences, agri-food and social farming), including those which bring disused buildings back into new use.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Farmers/Farm Families
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from the priority area of the Municipal District of Cavan-Belturbet (west Cavan).
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Teagasc, Bord Bia
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	2 on-farm projects supported. 3 FTE Jobs created. 750 Annual tourist visitors attracted

<b>Local Objective 1.3</b>	
<b>Local Objective: The development and marketing of tourism accommodation, tourism or recreational amenities and attractions.</b>	
Financial Allocation €	€400,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	2
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	Tourism plays a very significant role in the rural economy and it is essential that Cavan continues to develop its tourism sector in a sustainable way. Tourists to Cavan are underserved in terms of some accommodation categories particularly those suitable for families such as glamping accommodation and West Cavan has particular deficits in terms of tourism accommodation options.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Rural Tourism and Recreation

<b>Strategic Action 1.3.1</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Development, expansion or renovation of alternative tourism accommodation and facilities (including marketing)
Brief description of the action	There is an identified need for investment in tourism accommodation particularly in west Cavan and particularly of accommodation types suitable for families. Support available for example (not exclusively); pods, cabins, campsites and/or self-catering.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	SMEs/ Micro Enterprises/ New Start ups

Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from the priority area of the Municipal District of Cavan-Belturbet (west Cavan).
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	Failte Ireland, Local Authority Tourism Officer, Cavan LEO
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	3 Alternative tourism accommodation and facilities projects supported. 2 FTE Jobs created. 1,500 annual tourist visitors attracted.

<b>Strategic Action 1.3.2</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Development, expansion or refurbishment of tourism or recreational facilities and related training, mentoring or marketing.
Brief description of the action	Tourism plays a very significant role in the rural economy and it is essential that Cavan continues to develop its tourism sector through the development of tourism and recreational facilities. Support available for lakeside developments of various types, cycle hubs, creative arts hubs, tourism kiosks and signage, and/or improved visitor servicing facilities at existing amenities e.g. changing areas, toilet and baby changing facilities, play equipment and picnic areas.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	SMEs/ Micro Enterprises/ New Start ups
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	Failte Ireland, Local Authority Tourism Officer, Cavan LEO
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	3 tourism/recreational projects supported. 1 FTE Job created. 1,400 Annual Tourist Visitors attracted

<b>Local Objective 1.4</b>	
<b>Local Objective: Support for the start up and expansion of micro, small and medium enterprises</b>	
Financial Allocation €	500,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	2

Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	There exists a strong need to facilitate business development in rural areas by providing opportunities and support to business and individuals seeking to develop or expand rural enterprises. Within this area of support, specific focus will be given to supporting female entrepreneurs in rural communities and improving gender equality in business terms.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Enterprise Development

Strategic Action 1.4.1	
Title of Strategic Action	Support capital developments and equipment, including new enterprise space/hub facilities
Brief description of the action	There is a need to enhance business development in rural areas by providing support to business and entrepreneurs (including female entrepreneurs) seeking to develop or expand rural enterprises / create jobs. Support available for capital investment in SME infrastructure and/or equipment or new enterprise space/hub facilities.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	SMEs/ Micro Enterprises/ New Start ups
Geographic area	Emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Teagasc, Bord Bia
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	6 Capital development projects supported. 12 FTE Jobs created with potential for further jobs.

Strategic Action 1.4.2	
Title of Strategic Action	To support analysis and development (A&D), marketing and training needs e.g. female entrepreneurship
Brief description of the action	There is a need to provide business support, assistance and training tailored to the needs of rural business operating in Cavan. Support available for SME's to engage consultants/experts to undertake research and development for new product development and/or to examine potential for utilising new technologies to facilitate streamlining or growth of enterprise.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	SMEs/ Micro Enterprises/ New Start ups
Geographic area	Emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff.

Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	5 Feasibility studies supported. 1 Training programme supported. 12 participants trained.

### Local Objective 1.5

#### Local Objective: Support for the start-up and expansion of food producers

Financial Allocation €	170,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	2
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	The Agri Food and Food Production sectors are a mainstay of the Cavan economy and an area of high growth potential. Ireland as a whole has seen considerable growth in the artisan food sector in the last decade. The LEADER programme is well positioned to support this sector in Cavan with investment in artisan, micro, small and medium food producers to develop and expand rural food production, skills development and marketing.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Rural Food Production

### Strategic Action 1.5.1

Title of Strategic Action	Support and assistance for the development of food producers (including training, workshops, knowledge transfer supports, marketing, capital infrastructure and /or equipment)
Brief description of the action	There is a need to support this key sector in Cavan with investment aimed to develop and expand rural food production, skills development and marketing. Support available for capital investment in infrastructure <b>and/or</b> equipment <b>or</b> to engage consultants/experts to undertake research and development for new product development <b>and/or</b> to examine potential for utilising new technologies to facilitate streamlining or growth of enterprise.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	SMEs / Micro Enterprises/ New Start ups
Geographic area	Emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)



Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Teagasc, Bord Bia
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	2 Food production projects supported. 4 FTE Jobs Created.

<b>Strategic Action 1.5.2</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Targeted support for the development of artisan and micro producers (including marketing)
Brief description of the action	Ireland as a whole has seen considerable growth in the artisan food sector in the last decade. There is a need to provide support tailored to the needs of artisan and micro producers operating in Cavan. Support available for capital investment in food production infrastructure and/or equipment and/or marketing campaign. Support available for collective approaches by food producers to develop/promote routes to market (food fairs/markets, websites etc.).
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Artisan and Micro Food producer businesses.
Geographic area	Emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Teagasc, Bord Bia
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	2 Artisan Food producers supported. 2 FTE Jobs created.

<b>Local Objective 1.6</b>	
<b>Local Objective: Promote, support and assist the development of social, community and cooperative enterprises (new or existing)</b>	
Financial Allocation €	200,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	1
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	Social Enterprises are enterprises whose objective is to achieve a social, societal or environmental impact rather than maximising profits. Social, community and co-operative enterprises are an important part of local economies in rural areas often filling gaps in markets that are not attractive to commercially focussed companies due to low population densities or economies of scale.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Social, community and cooperative enterprise

Strategic Action 1.6.1	
Title of Strategic Action	Support for social, community and cooperative enterprises, including training, capacity building, marketing and/or capital work or equipment.
Brief description of the action	There is a need to support this key sector in Cavan with investment aimed to develop and expand these enterprises which offer high social value. Support could include; to renovate disused buildings and bring them back into use for the betterment of local communities, and/or to undertake training initiatives for these organisations to meet increasing governance and compliance requirements. Other potential training tailored for this sector include; financial management, revenue-raising and techniques to measure social impact as required by funders.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Community organisations, social and co-operative enterprises (new and existing)
Geographic area	Emphasis will be placed on targeting/animating disadvantaged rural and urban communities throughout the county that are designated as 'disadvantaged' or 'marginally disadvantaged' throughout the county (see 2.3.1. page 19). Priority areas include the towns of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill and villages of Glangevlin, Corlough, Blacklion and Lough Gowna.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	LEO, Enterprise Ireland
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	4 Social, community or cooperative enterprise projects supported. 2 FTE Jobs created.

## 5.3.2 Theme 2: Objectives for Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion

<b>Local Objective 2.1</b>	
<b>Local Objective: Support for projects that seek to improve the provision of community facilities to ensure they meet the needs of communities</b>	
Financial Allocation €	1,000,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	1
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	There exists a strong need to bolster the social cohesion within the region not just supporting economic development but support social inclusion. This impacts significantly on the quality of life experienced by rural communities. There are growing cohorts of younger and older residents as well as increasing diversity in Cavan. There is a need to develop and/or enhance rural infrastructures in order meet the changing needs of local communities and to provide an opportunity for more people to live and work in their rural communities.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Rural Infrastructure

<b>Strategic Action 2.1.1</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Support Capital infrastructure development for community spaces (including training and marketing) and installation of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) parking areas
Brief description of the action	There is a need to support the development of Rural infrastructure in Cavan in order to better serve the changing needs of local communities. Support available; to build or upgrade community, recreational or physical amenities, to develop SuDS parking areas, to develop community well-being hubs (e.g. creative arts facilities, mental wellbeing hubs, mens/hens sheds), to provide play facilities for children/teenagers, safe cycling/walking routes and/or community gardens/allotments/social farms (see 2.4.2 on pages 39-40).
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Community Groups
Geographic area	Emphasis will be placed on targeting/animating disadvantaged rural and urban communities throughout the county that are designated as 'disadvantaged' or 'marginally disadvantaged' throughout the county (see 2.3.1. page 19). Priority areas include the electoral divisions of Cavan, Belturbet & Cotehill Urban and Derrylahan, Drumakeever/Derrynananta, Ballymagauran and Pedara Vohers/Tircahan.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)

Collaborating organisations	Disability Support Groups, Rehab Ireland, CMETB, PPN, Community and Voluntary Sector, Volunteer Ireland, IFA
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	10 Capital Infrastructure projects. 20,000 local population benefitting.

### Local Objective 2.2

**Local Objective: Support to improve access to community services and increase social inclusion for rural residents**

Financial Allocation €	480,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	2
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	There is a need to improve access for rural residents and increase social inclusion for people living in less populated rural areas and particular groups who are at risk of social inclusion, this includes rural young people, older residents, the travelling community and new communities in Cavan.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Accessible Services

### Strategic Action 2.2.1

Title of Strategic Action	Support the development of accessible services through capital infrastructure developments, analysis and development projects, marketing, training and/or mentoring provision e.g. social media
Brief description of the action	There is a need to invest in accessible services, capacity building and training for organisations working to improve access to community services and increase social inclusion for rural residents. Support available for disability accessibility projects, for capital investment in infrastructure/equipment, to engage consultants/experts to undertake research and development or to support the capacity of community groups and voluntary sector organisations through training and animation.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Community Groups, Disability Support Groups/ New Communities Support Groups, Youth organisations, Organisations supporting traveller community or other minority groups.
Geographic area	Emphasis will be placed on targeting/animating disadvantaged rural and urban communities throughout the county that are designated as 'disadvantaged' or 'marginally disadvantaged' throughout the county (see 2.3.1. page 19). Priority areas include the electoral divisions of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill Urban and Derrylahan, Drumakeever/Derrynananta, Ballymagauran and Pedara Vohers/Tircahan.

Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	Disability Support Groups, Rehab Ireland, CMETB, PPN, Community and Voluntary Sector, Cultural Champions, Volunteer Ireland, IFA
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	3 Feasibility study/ analysis projects supported. 2 training projects supported. 20 participants trained. 12,000 local population benefiting.

<b>Strategic Action 2.2.2</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Deliver Smart village projects, animation and technology improvements to the area
Brief description of the action	There is a need to harness new opportunities and innovations to support the needs of local communities in a sustainable way. Support available for community projects which for example; provide improved online access to mental health services, counselling therapies and doctor online, other projects which use innovative technological solutions to improve a community's access to services and/or related Information Communication Technology hardware/software.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Community Groups, Disability Support Groups/ New Communities Support Groups, Youth organisations, Organisations supporting traveller community or other minority groups.
Geographic area	Emphasis will be placed on targeting/animating disadvantaged communities throughout the county that are designated as 'disadvantaged' or 'marginally disadvantaged' and/or are experiencing population decline throughout the county (see 2.3.1. page 19 to 25). Priority areas include the towns of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill and villages of Glangevlin, Corlough, Blacklion and Lough Gowna.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	Disability Support Groups, Rehab Ireland, CMETB, PPN, Community and Voluntary Sector, Volunteer Ireland, IFA
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	7 SMART village strategy, basic infrastructure or technology projects supported. 5000 local population benefiting.

<b>Local Objective 2.3</b>	
<b>Local Objective: Support for the development of rural youth initiatives or facilities</b>	
Financial Allocation €	440,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	2
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	Gaps exist in the diversity of activities available in rural areas for young people, beyond sports. The population of young people in Cavan is continuing to grow and there is a need to develop and expand facilities and initiatives on offer to adequately meet their needs. There is a need to encourage active youth participation in issues that impact on the quality of life of young people living in rural areas.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Rural Youth

<b>Strategic Action 2.3.1</b>	
Title of Strategic Action	Animation, training and capacity building (including marketing)
Brief description of the action	There is a need to raise awareness and break down barriers to accessing funding experienced by youth groups and community stakeholders operating in the Cavan region often in isolation and on an informal basis. Support available for groups to engage a consultant/trainer to deliver training/animation; to support rural youth volunteers, to help groups develop youth orientated programmes e.g. drama, creative arts, to establish youth services (non-sport), to access funding for youth services and provide opportunities for youth to engage with civil society.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Youth Organisations and community groups supporting youth initiatives.
Geographic area	Emphasis will be placed on targeting/animating disadvantaged rural and urban youth groups/communities throughout the county that are designated as 'disadvantaged' and/or 'marginally disadvantaged' and/or are experiencing population growth throughout the county (see 2.3.1. page 19 to 25). Priority areas include the electoral divisions of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill Urban and Derrylahan, Drumakeever/Derrynananta, Ballymagauran, Pedara Vohers/Tircahan, Shercock, Bellananagh, Mullagh, Virginia and Ballyhaise.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	CMETB, Sports Partnerships, Foroige, Macra na Feirme, IFA
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	4 Youth Training projects supported. 60 Participants trained. 200 Local population benefitting.

Strategic Action 2.3.2	
Title of Strategic Action	Infrastructure for Youth (skate parks, strategy games clubs, pump tracks, climbing, outdoor adventure centre, pitch and putt, youth zones including youth cafes, youth shelters and cultural spaces)
Brief description of the action	The population of young people in Cavan is continuing to grow and there is a need to develop and expand facilities and initiatives on offer to adequately meet their needs. Support available for youth led capital investment projects, for example to develop; skate parks, strategy games clubs, pump tracks, climbing, outdoor adventure centre, pitch and putt, youth zones including youth cafes, youth shelters and/or cultural spaces.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Youth Organisations and community groups supporting youth initiatives
Geographic area	Emphasis will be placed on targeting/animating disadvantaged rural and urban youth groups/communities throughout the county that are designated as 'disadvantaged' and/or 'marginally disadvantaged' and/or are experiencing population growth throughout the county (see 2.3.1. page 19 to 25). Priority areas include the electoral divisions of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill Urban and Derrylahan, Drumakeever/Derrynananta, Ballymagauran, Pedara Vohers/Tircahan, Shercock, Bellananagh, Mullagh, Virginia and Ballyhaise.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	CMETB, Sports Partnerships, Foroige, Macra na Feirme, IFA
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	5 Youth Infrastructure projects supported. 1,500 local population benefitting.

### 5.3.3 Theme 3: Objectives for Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment and Climate change Mitigations & Adaptations

Local Objective 3.1	
Local Objective: Sustainable development of the rural environment	
Financial Allocation €	460,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	3
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	There is a need for investment to encourage the protection and sustainable use of water resources, protection and improvement of biodiversity levels in Cavan and the development of sustainable renewable energy sources. Cavan residents have an appreciation of the natural assets of this county and wish to protect them, however research and consultation for the LDS demonstrated a need for capacity building and training regarding environmental issues and climate change. This is essential to support the delivery of actions under this theme.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Sustainable development of the rural environment

Strategic Action 3.1.1	
Title of Strategic Action	Protection and sustainable use of water resources
Brief description of the action	There is a need for investment to encourage the protection and sustainable use of water resources. Support available for water source protection works for rivers, for example; installation of buffers where waterways are suffering nutrient issues. Support available to engage consultants/experts to undertake conservation study (or studies) to examine the scale of impact on local waterways. Other innovative water protection project proposals are welcome.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Environmental protection groups, group water schemes, community groups, local rural and/or farming associations
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff. Priority river/water catchment areas will include the Shannon, Erne/Lough Oughter, Lough Sheelin, Blackwater, Annalee, Dee, Cladagh, Glyde, Owenroe and inter-connected Lough systems (see 2.4.3. on page 43)
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	EAI, PPN
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027



Anticipated Outputs/indicators	3 water protection projects supported. 2,250 local population benefitting
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Strategic Action 3.1.2	
Title of Strategic Action	Protection and enhancement of biodiversity
Brief description of the action	There is a need for investment to encourage the protection and improve biodiversity levels in Cavan. Support available for range of biodiversity enhancement projects e.g. Biodiversity walks and trails which should include outdoor classrooms, preliminary works and any necessary amenities to support their use by communities, visitors and schools. Other innovative biodiversity works or capacity building project proposals are welcome.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Environmental protection groups, community groups, local rural and/or farming associations
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff. Priority areas include the larger urban population centres of Bailieborough, Ballyjamesduff, Belturbet, Cavan town, Cootehill, Kingscourt, Mullagh and Virginia.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	EAI, PPN
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	4 Environmental protection projects supported. 2,500 local population benefitting.

Strategic Action 3.1.3	
Title of Strategic Action	Adoption of sustainable renewable energy sources
Brief description of the action	There is a need for investment to promote and increase the usage of sustainable renewable energy sources. Support available for installation of renewable energy sourced equipment, which can generate sufficient returns to justify scale of investment. For example, large scale community developments linked to solar power would not currently generate sufficient returns to justify the scale of investment (this may be subject to change over time).
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Climate change groups, environmental protection groups, group water schemes, community groups.
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff. Priority areas include the electoral divisions of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill Urban and Derrylahan, Drumakeever/Derrynananta, Ballymagauran, Pedara Vohers/Tircahan, Shercock, Bellananagh, Mullagh, Virginia and Ballyhaise.

Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	EAI, PPN
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	2 Renewable energy projects supported. 700 local population benefitting

### Local Objective 3.2

**Local Objective: Increasing awareness, training and engagement around climate change and fostering the development of an increased range of local climate action responses**

Financial Allocation €	300,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	1
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	Participative planning showed Cavan residents have an appreciation of the natural assets of this county and wish to protect them. The large volume of unclear information in relation to environmental sustainability presents challenges for those seeking to engage in local climate action. There is a need to create greater awareness and engagement around climate change and foster the development of a greater range of local responses to climate change. This is essential to support the delivery of actions under this wider theme.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Climate change Capacity Building

### Strategic Action 3.2.1

Title of Strategic Action	Training and capacity building to increase the knowledge, skills and capacity regarding climate change
Brief description of the action	There is a need to invest in capacity building and training for organisations working to increase action and awareness around climate change. Support available to engage a consultant/trainer to deliver climate change capacity building training <b>and/or</b> to engage consultants/experts to undertake analysis and development research to assist groups to prepare proposals for climate-based capital funding applications.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Climate change groups, environmental protection groups, group water schemes, community groups
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff. Priority areas include the electoral divisions of Cavan, Belturbet & Cootehill Urban and Derrylahan, Drumakeever/Derrynananta, Ballymagauran, Pedara Vohers/Tircahan, Shercock, Bellananagh, Mullagh, Virginia and Ballyhaise.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	EAI, PPN
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027

Anticipated Outputs/indicators	5 feasibility studies supported. 2 training programmes supported. 40 participants trained.
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Local Objective 3.3	
Local Objective: Providing support that encourages climate change mitigations and adaptation initiatives	
Financial Allocation €	200,000
Number of strategic actions under this local objective	1
Rationale for local objective (250 words max)	There are two key forms of climate action- mitigation which seeks to prevent climate change and adaptation which seeks to respond to the impacts of climate change. There is a need to support actions which increase the adoption of green technologies or infrastructure in order to reduce the impact of climate change. There is an awareness that technological developments are changing at pace and flexibility to adapt to new opportunities needs to be in-built into the actions devised for this sub-theme.
Alignment under LEADER sub-theme	Climate change Capacity Building

Strategic Action 3.3.1	
Title of Strategic Action	Support for projects adopting green technologies or infrastructure which reduces the impact of climate change
Brief description of the action	There is a need for investment to increase the adoption and installation of green technologies and infrastructure which will reduce the impact of climate change. Support for investment in projects adopting green technologies or systems which lessen or prevent climate change. Other innovative climate change adaptation or mitigation project proposals are welcome.
Primary target groups for the strategic action	Community organisations, Small and medium enterprises, micro enterprises, social enterprises and similar.
Geographic area	Applications from throughout County Cavan will be considered for funding with particular emphasis on targeting/animating projects from each of the Municipal Districts of Cavan-Belturbet, Bailieborough-Cootehill and Ballyjamesduff. Priority areas include the 3 Special Protection Areas (SPAs) Lough Sheelin, Lough Oughter and Lough Kinale & Darragh Lough and 6 Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) Killyconny Bog (Cloghbally), Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs, Cuilcagh-Anierin Uplands, Corratirrim, Boleybrack Mountain, River Boyne and Blackwater and areas located adjacent to these sites.
Organisation(s) delivering this strategic Action	Breffni Integrated CLG T/A Cavan County Local Development (CCLD)
Collaborating organisations	SEAI, PPN
Timeframe for Delivery	2023-2027
Anticipated Outputs/indicators	3 capital infrastructure climate change mitigation, adaptation projects supported. 1,200 local population

