

Workshop on Lifelong Learning for Local Sustainable growth for the Green Transition

11 October 2023, 11.30 – 12.30

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Welcome to the session



Iva Janezic, Project Development Advisor in regional Education department of Varaždin County in Croatia

Pro-actively searches funding opportunities and works on preparation, application and implementation of projects in the field of education financed from EU funds, ministries or other donor sources and on presentation/popularization of Centres of excellence and European Talent Centre Croatia - institution for adult education.

Workshop on Lifelong learning for local sustainable growth: Policy and Practices for the Green Transition

Meet the speakers



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**Davide Muraro, Policy and Project Coordinator,
EAEA**



Davide works at EAEA as Policy and Project Coordinator, developing advocacy activities and supporting the implementation of policy-oriented projects and initiatives. Passionate about education and social justice, he is also pursuing a Master's Degree in Teaching Italian as a Second/Foreign Language, focusing on adult and community learning. Previously, he worked in policy and advocacy roles for other European NGOs, studied EU Affairs at Sciences Po Paris and European Law at Maastricht University.

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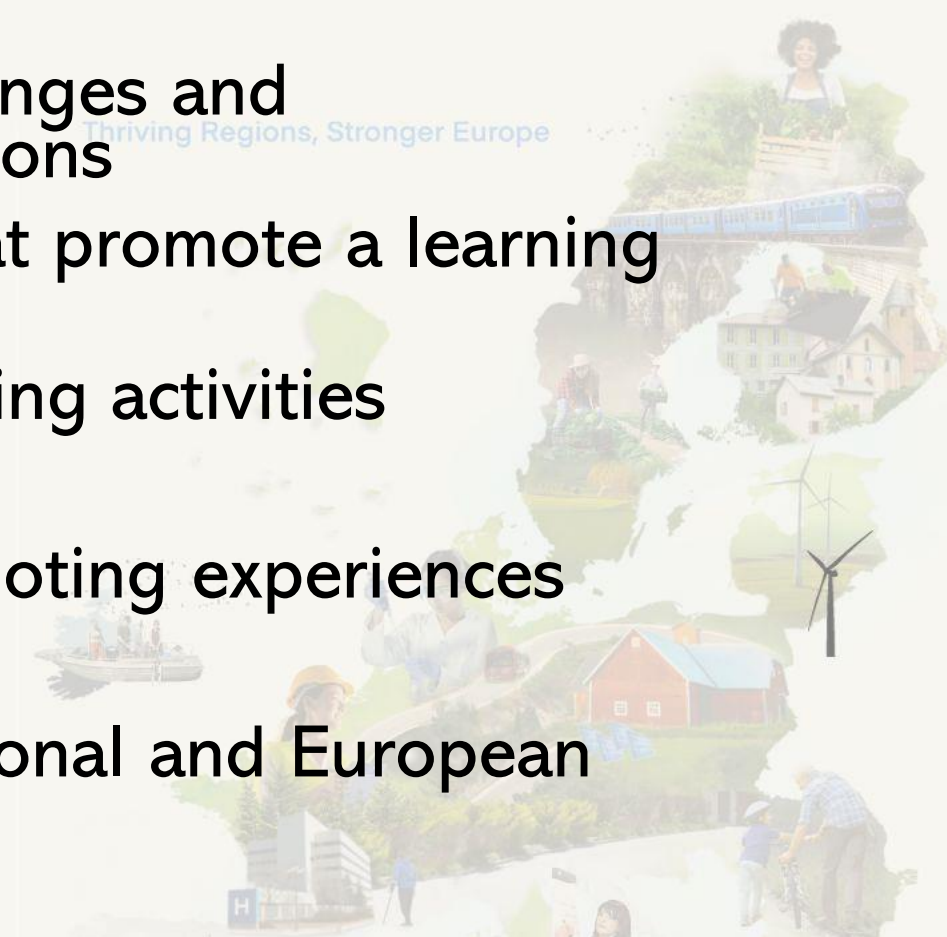
Regional Capacity for Adult Learning and Education (REGALE)

We aim to increase impact and sustainability of regional/local adult education (AE) organisations by setting up or reinforcing networks among them and with regional/local authorities.



Milestones

- Background report on the challenges and opportunities of AE in cities/regions
- Repository of good practices that promote a learning culture at local/regional levels
- Peer learning and capacity building activities
- Peer learning webinars
- Case studies to showcase the piloting experiences
- Road map
- Policy recommendations for national and European policymakers



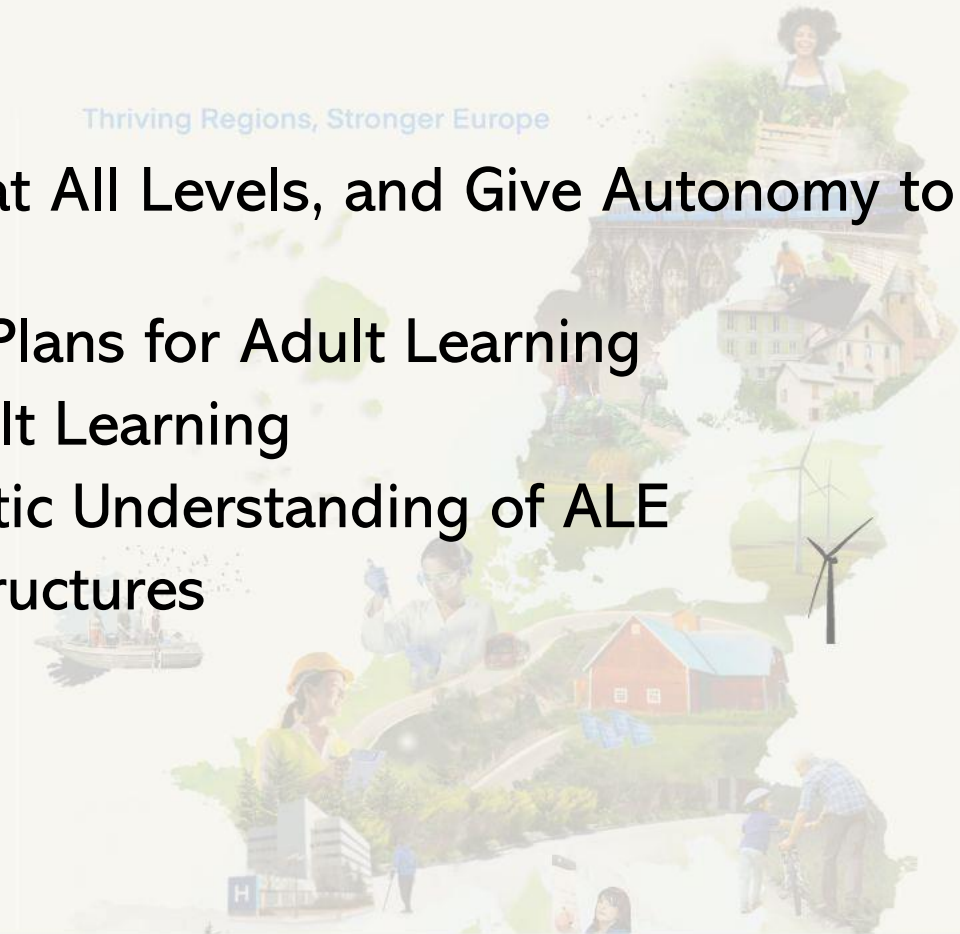
Objectives

- To strengthen civil society in adult education at the regional and local level
- To increase capacity of adult education actors at regional and local level
- To create or foster cooperation among different stakeholders working in adult education (public authorities, AE and VET providers, employers, public agencies, NGOs, libraries, etc.)
- To create a dialogue between regional authorities, providers, civil society organisations and associations working on adult education
- To learn from best practices and peers from all over Europe

Policy Recommendations Draft Policy Makers

- Governance

- Strengthen Adult Learning Policy at All Levels, and Give Autonomy to Local Authorities in ALE
- Promote the Creation of National Plans for Adult Learning
- Promote Policy Coherence for Adult Learning
- Promote Convergence and a Holistic Understanding of ALE
- Build and Support Cooperation Structures



- **Financing**

- Understand Long-term, Sustainable Funding as an Investment
- Develop Incentives for Participation
- Create Spaces for Experimentation

- **Inclusion and Quality**

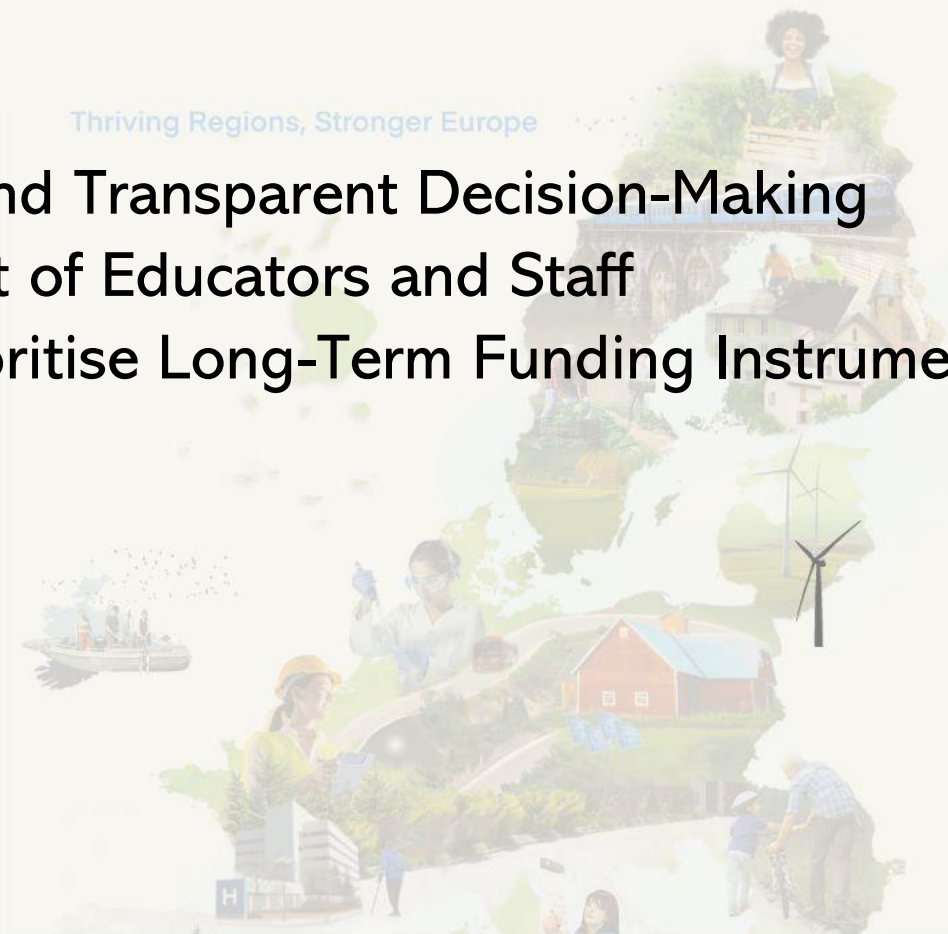
- Promote Public Provision of ALE
- Encourage Capacity Building for ALE Provision in Local Authorities
- Promote Good Working Conditions for Adult Educators and Initial and Continuous Training of Adult Educators
- Promote the Development and Implementation of Quality Assurance Mechanisms for ALE
- Ensure the Inclusion of Learners from Disadvantaged Backgrounds
- Recognise the Role of Civil Society Organisations
- Encourage Employers to Invest in Training for the Development of their Workforce



ALE Providers and Stakeholders

- Governance and Financing

- Promote Horizontal, Democratic, and Transparent Decision-Making
- Promote Professional Development of Educators and Staff
- Diversify Funding Sources and Prioritise Long-Term Funding Instruments
- Develop a European Perspective
- Foster an International Perspective



• Cooperation

- Map and Reach Out to Key Stakeholders in Adult Learning
- Cooperate with Research Institutes or Universities
- Join Specialized European and International Networks
- Engage in European and International Exchange and Mobility

• Awareness and visibility

- Present Yourself to Policy-Makers as Serious Interlocutors
- Promote the Power of Adult Learning
- Promote the Visibility of Adult Learning
- Raise Awareness of the Unique Position of Adult Learning



Practitioners

- Engage in Decision-Making Processes
- Identify Learning Opportunities for Professional Development
- Exchange with Other Practitioners
- Engage in Action Research with Universities and Research Institutes

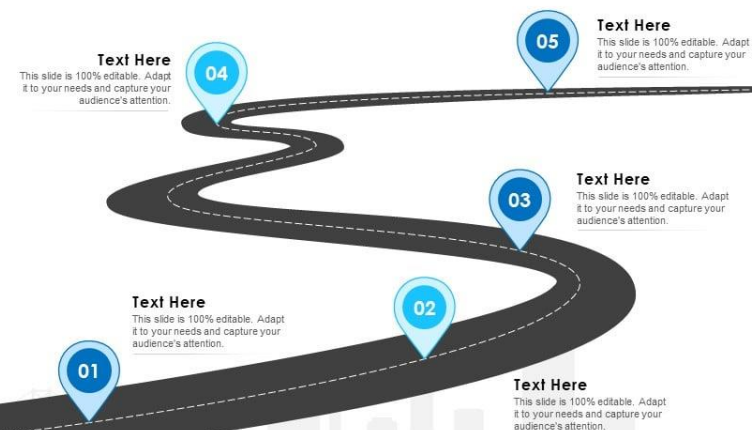


Roadmap

Have your say! Help us co-create the roadmap with best practices that answer the needs of the policy recommendations later in the session.

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Roadmap



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Aoife O'Sullivan, Head of Development and
Innovation, Skillnet Ireland



Aoife is the Head of Network Development and Innovation with Skillnet Ireland where she oversees the management of 70 Skillnet Business Networks across a range of industry sectors and regions. With over 15 years management experience, Aoife has a strong track record in relationship management and strategic communications. As a senior manager in the public and private sector, Aoife has gained a solid understanding of the development and learning needs of companies at various stages of their growth lifecycle. Aoife holds a BSc and an Masters Degree in Communications & Cultural Studies.

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Skillnet Ireland: an effective public-private partnership that empowers Irish business in the green transition

Aoife O'Sullivan, Head of Network Development & Innovation

11th October, 2023





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1. About Skillnet Ireland

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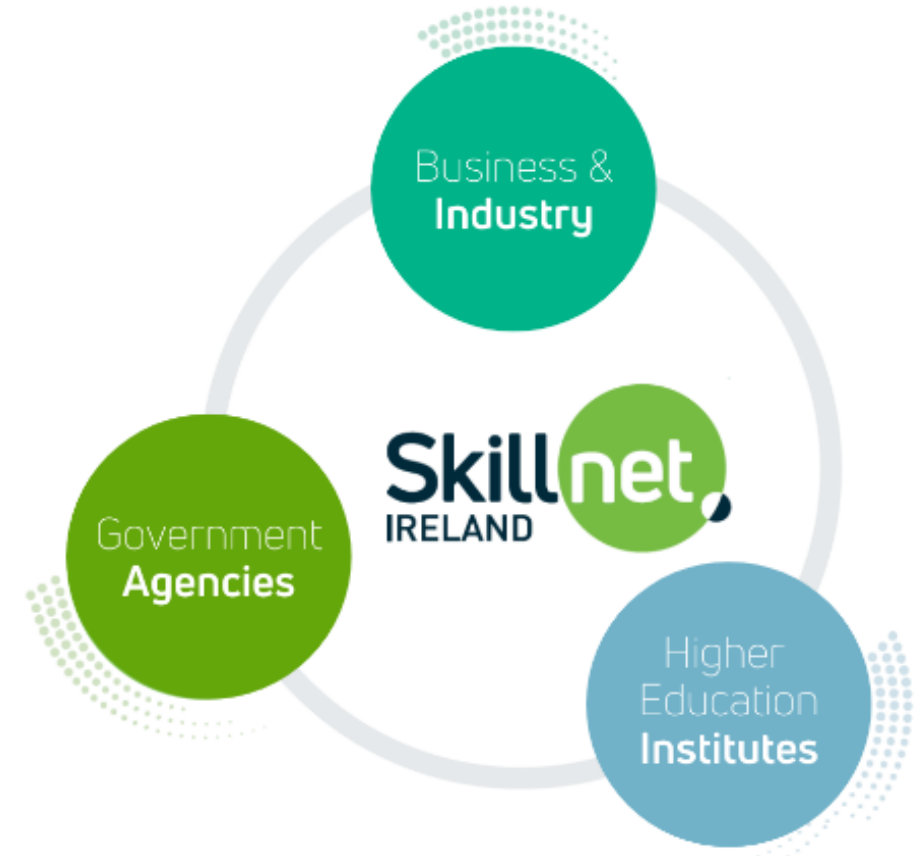
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Enterprise-led and demand-driven **Skills Development Agency**

- **Enterprise-led** and Industry-driven Irish government support agency
- Supporting the development of **sectors, regions** and **companies**
- Ensuring that companies have the **talent** they need **to thrive**



An effective public-private partnership recognised as best practice



*“Skillnet Ireland offers great examples of the benefits greater **collaboration between business owner and training providers** can have on the development of dedicated skills strategies and training curricula.”*

European Commission report on Skills for Smart Industrial Specialisation and Digital Transformation - DG Internal Market, October 2019

*“This is backed up by evidence from the 2017 evaluation that 43% of companies reported **increased business turnover** after involvement in a Skillnet Ireland programme”*

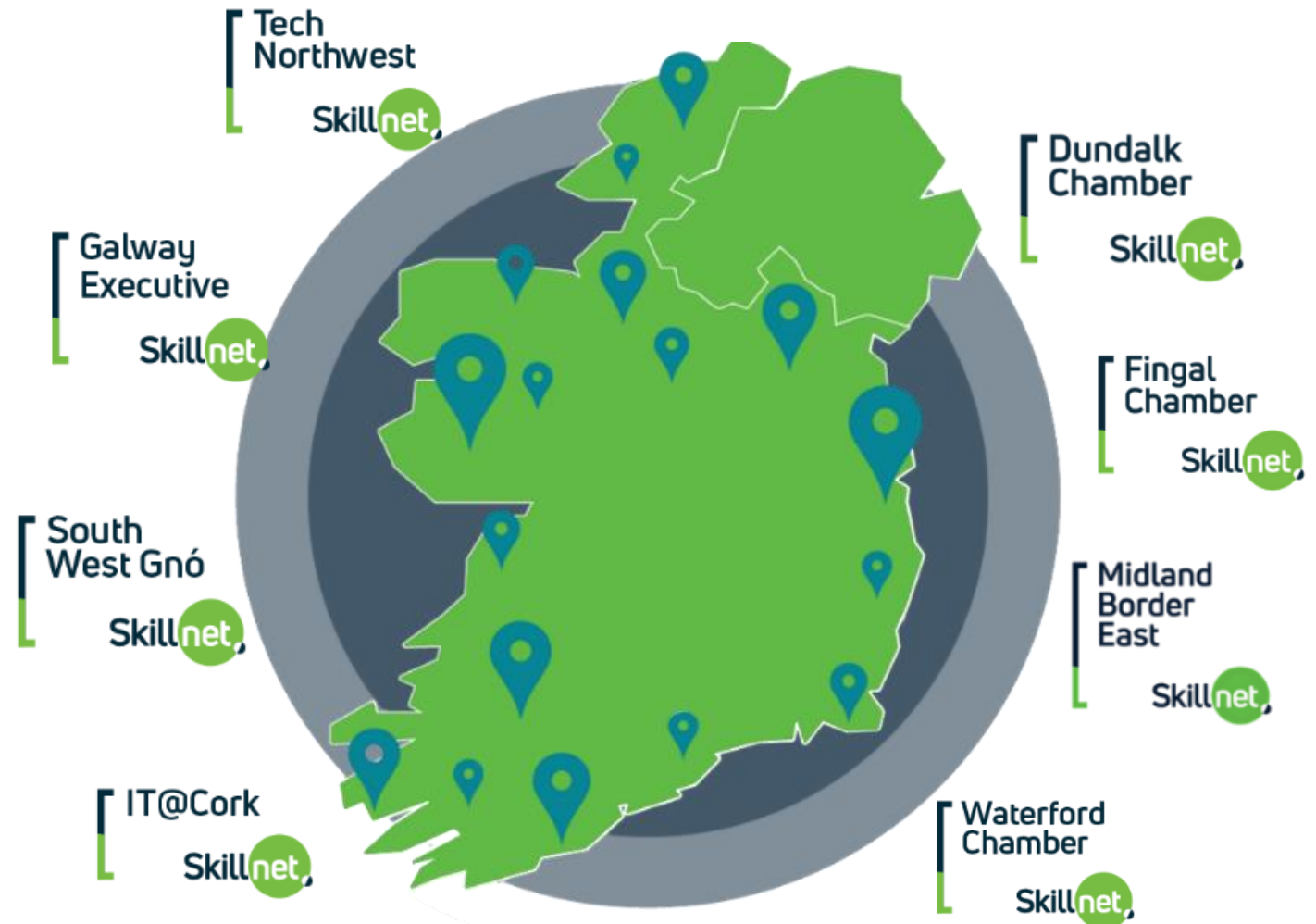
Incentivising SMEs’ investment in skills in Italy: A review of European good practices - OECD, 2020



70 Sectoral and Regional Business Networks



- Agri-Business
- Aviation and Aerospace
- Construction
- Design
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Food and Drink
- Healthcare
- Hospitality and Tourism
- ICT / Technology
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Renewable Energy
- Retail
- Transport and Logistics



Skillnet Ireland Model & Impact

70 Skillnet Business Networks – Snapshot in Climate action



National Talent initiative for sustainable businesses



Joint investment approach

Skillnet Ireland Funding: €43.7m + Enterprise Contributions: €26.5m + Total Investment: €70.2m

Impact



Delivering world-class skills to attract investment



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2. Our Work in Action

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Delivering Lean Sustainability



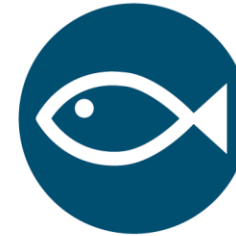
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GOVERNANCE



SUSTAINABLE
WATER
BALANCE



GOOD WATER
QUALITY
STATUS



IMPORTANT
WATER-RELATED
AREAS



SAFE WATER,
SANITATION
AND HYGIENE
FOR ALL (WASH)

- National Training Network helping 600+ businesses address key sustainability challenges.
- Skillnet Flagship Water Stewardship programme in partnership with Irish Water.
 - ✓ 8 week blended programme providing training on how to lower water consumption and reduce operating costs.

Ireland's Offshore Wind Energy Opportunity



*Establishing the skills, expertise
and workforce required to support
offshore wind in Ireland*



Flagship Training Programmes include:

- Offshore Wind for Professionals
- Advanced Diploma in Planning & Environmental Law
- Renewable Energy Finance programme

Ireland's Sustainable Finance Roadmap

Methodology – 6 months – 2 phases



PHASE 1

- Research analysis of legal & regulatory environment
- **Talent Requirements**
- 90 opportunities identified



PHASE 2

- 8 working groups to assess the 90 opportunities.
- Input from government, public bodies & financial sector.
- 90 distilled to 18 actions & **training programmes identified.**

Sustainable Finance
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Sustainable Finance Skillnet Programmes Developed





- **Certificate in Sustainable and Responsible Investment**
Understanding ESG and integration in Finance, financial planning for climate action – targeted at Wealth & Investment Managers advising clients
- **Climate Change & the TCFD: Risks and Opportunities for the Banking industry Programme**
Programme looks at how climate change impacts on financial institutions and how to assess the credit risks and opportunities from physical climate change.

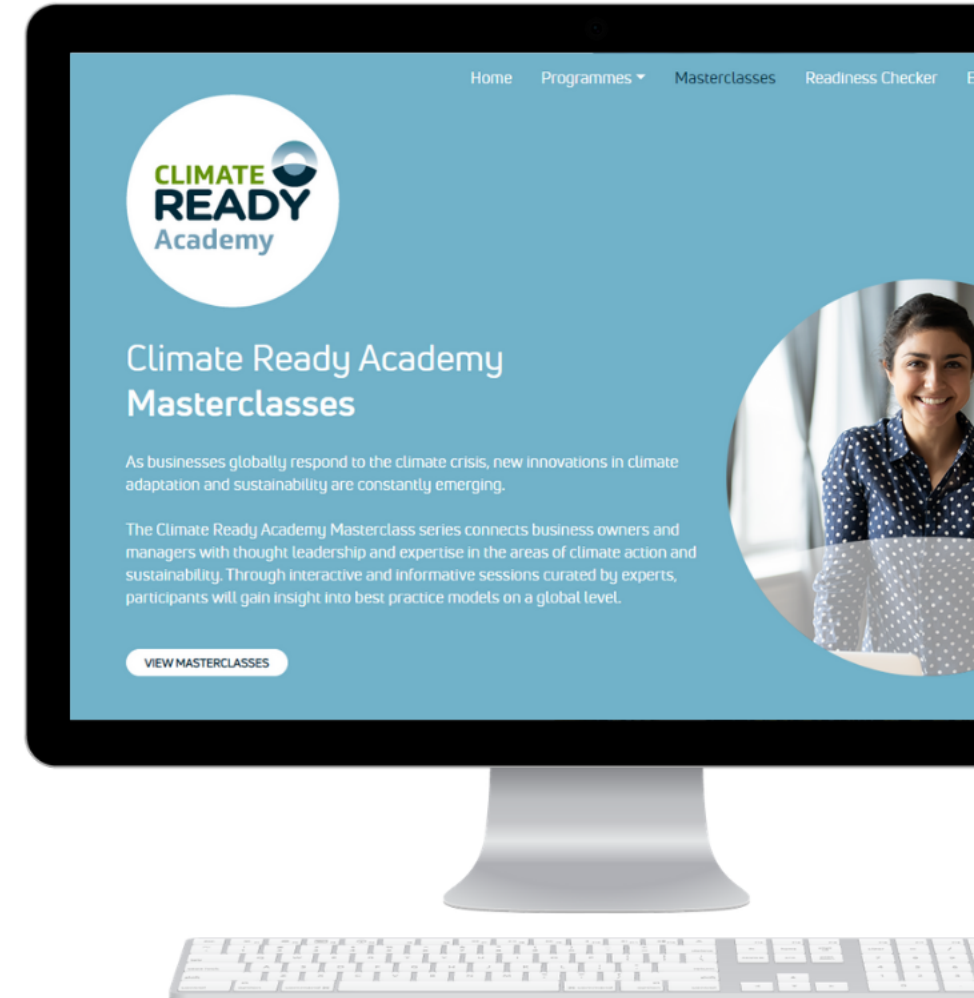


Climate Ready Academy

Specialised learning programmes for owner-managers, leadership teams, and employees of private sector businesses across all industry sectors in Ireland covering sustainability-related topics.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE

-  Energy Leaders Programme
-  Sustainability Pass
-  Masterclasses
-  Climate Readiness Checker





Best example of Cork City as a place of building strong public-private partnerships and strengthening ALE at the local level and policy level to deliver green skills



Kieran McCarthy, Lord Mayor of Cork, Cork City Council and CoR Member

Kieran McCarthy is an Independent member of Cork City Council, Ireland and is currently Lord Mayor of Cork. In January 2015 and January 2020, Kieran was appointed by the Irish Minister for the Environment and Local Government to be an Irish member on the European Committee of the Regions (CoR). Kieran holds membership of the CoR's Commission (sub-committee) for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC). Within SEDEC, Kieran champions the new EU Skills Agenda, informal and formal education, lifelong learning, culture and communities, the Digital Single Market, smart specialisation, science and innovation in regions and cities, cities and regions of the future, youth and sport, and socio-cultural effects of IoT.



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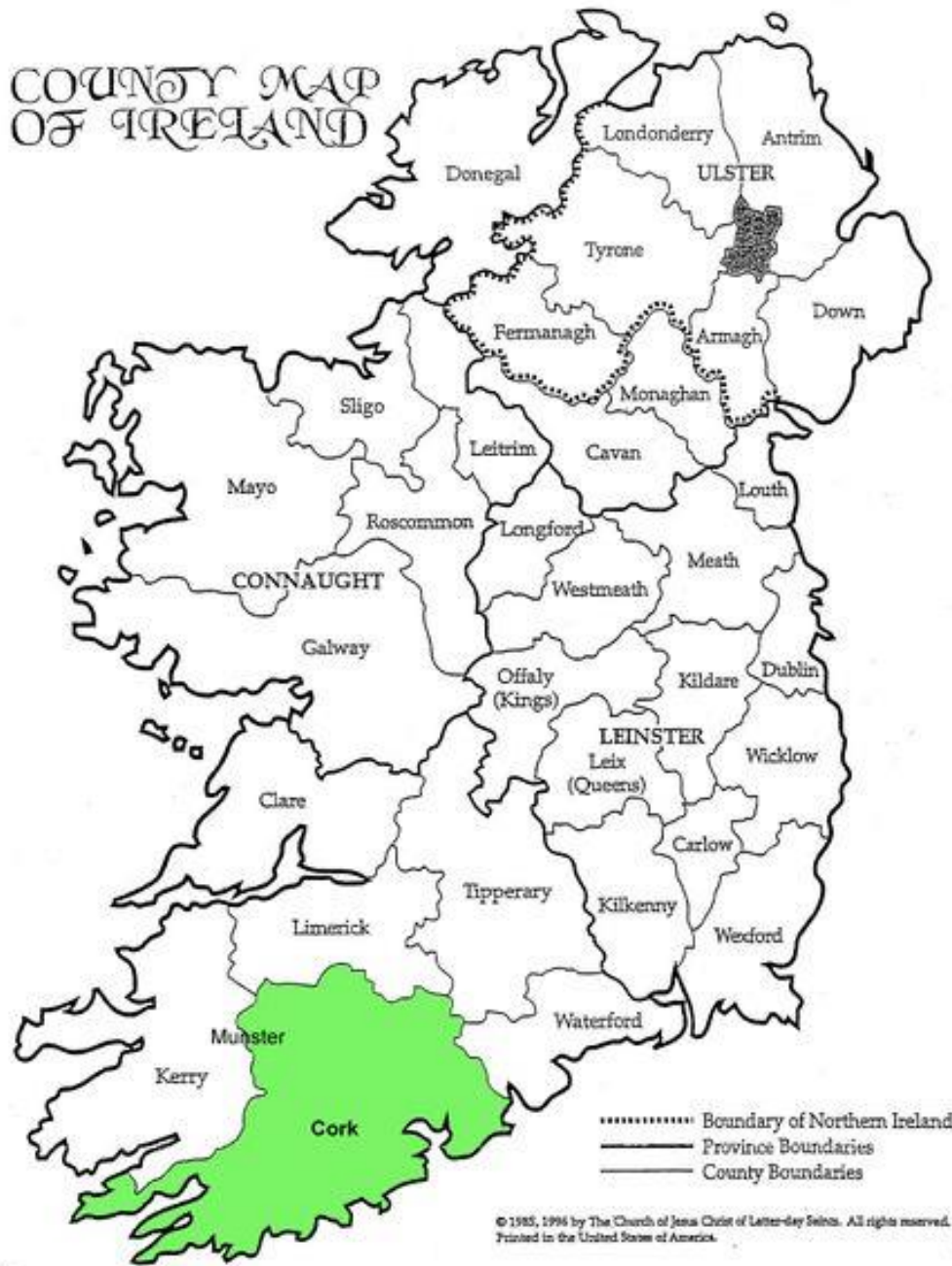
Green Transition & Lifelong Learning



Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí
Cork City Council

Lord Mayor of Cork,
Cllr Kieran McCarthy

COUNTY MAP OF IRELAND



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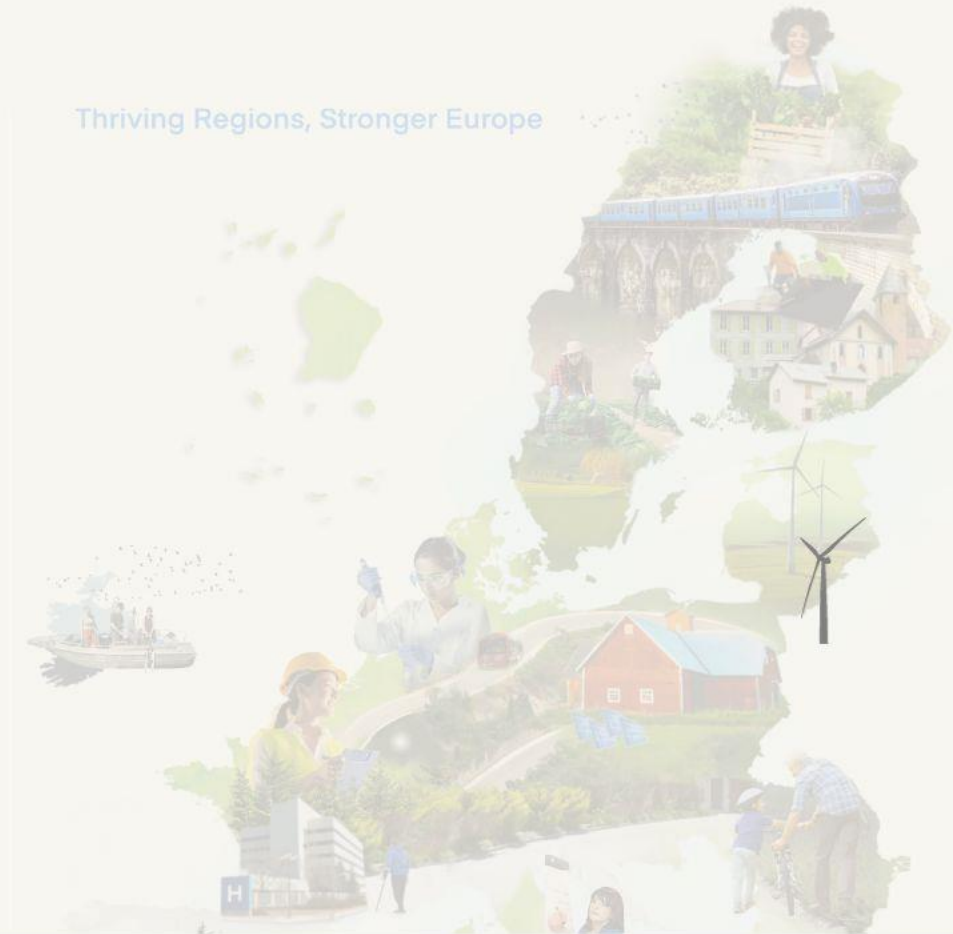
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Green & Lifelong Learning Opportunities:

- Learning City
- Lifelong Learning Festival
- Learning Neighbourhoods
- Green Spaces for Health
- Cork Healthy Cities
- University College Cork
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Ireland's Tidy Town Movement
- Climate Action Plan & Horizon Mission



What is a Learning City?

- Defined by UNESCO as 'a city which effectively mobilises its resources across all sectors to maximise the opportunities for lifelong learning for all its citizens'.
- A learning city has developed the following elements:
- Inclusive learning from basic to higher education
- learning in families and communities
- learning for and in the workplace
- modern learning technologies
- quality and excellence in learning
- a culture of learning throughout life



370 events

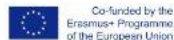
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Tree Walks

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Bike Repair





Sensory Garden



Landscape painting

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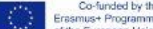
Geology & Fossil Walks



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Learning Neighbourhoods



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Learning Neighbourhoods



Cork Healthy Cities

In **January 2012** Cork City was designated by the World Health Organisation as a Healthy City WHO concept - initiated in 1986 when WHO's regional office for Europe founded the Healthy Cities movement.

Its aim is to improve and promote population health through health policy, intersectoral collaboration and community participation.



If Cork City had a population of 100 people...

Demographics

20 Children (0-19yrs)
16 Adults (65 and over)
64 Adults (20-64yrs)

23 are lone parent families
8 of whom live in consistent poverty

51 are female
49 are male

Of people aged over 16:
52 are single
37 are married
6 are widowed
6 are divorced

18 electoral divisions (EDs) are classified as 'Disadvantaged'
5 EDs are classified as 'Very Disadvantaged'

Cork Healthy Cities
a healthier city together

Who Speaks what Languages

Dia dhuit!
¡Hola!

- Irish 36 people
- Polish 3 people
- French 2 people
- Spanish 1 person
- Chinese 1 person
- German 1 person

51 own and live in their own home
26 rent their home from the private sector
17 rent their home from Cork City Council

Caring

18 people have a disability

4 people are providing unpaid personal help for a friend or family member with a long term illness, health problem or disability.

2,637 Bus Eireann buses travel through Cork city daily

Lifestyle

23 adults are obese
39 adults are overweight

37 eat at least 5 portions of Fruit & Veg daily

66 adults drink alcohol
58 males & 21 females binge drink

Disease

7 people have suffered from Depression in the past year

31 die from Cardiovascular Disease

29 die from Cancer-related illnesses

Cork airport is Ireland's second busiest airport with 2.4 million passengers each year

Diversity

15 people were not born in Ireland

2 people are seeking asylum

10 people are part of the LGBT community

5 people are part of a same-sex marriage

Travellers

Life Expectancy
Traveller men 15 year less than settled men
Traveller women 12 years less than settled women

A Traveller baby in Cork is 4 times more likely to die before it's 1st birthday than a settled baby.

Work & Learning

8 are unemployed
6 are unable to work due to a disability

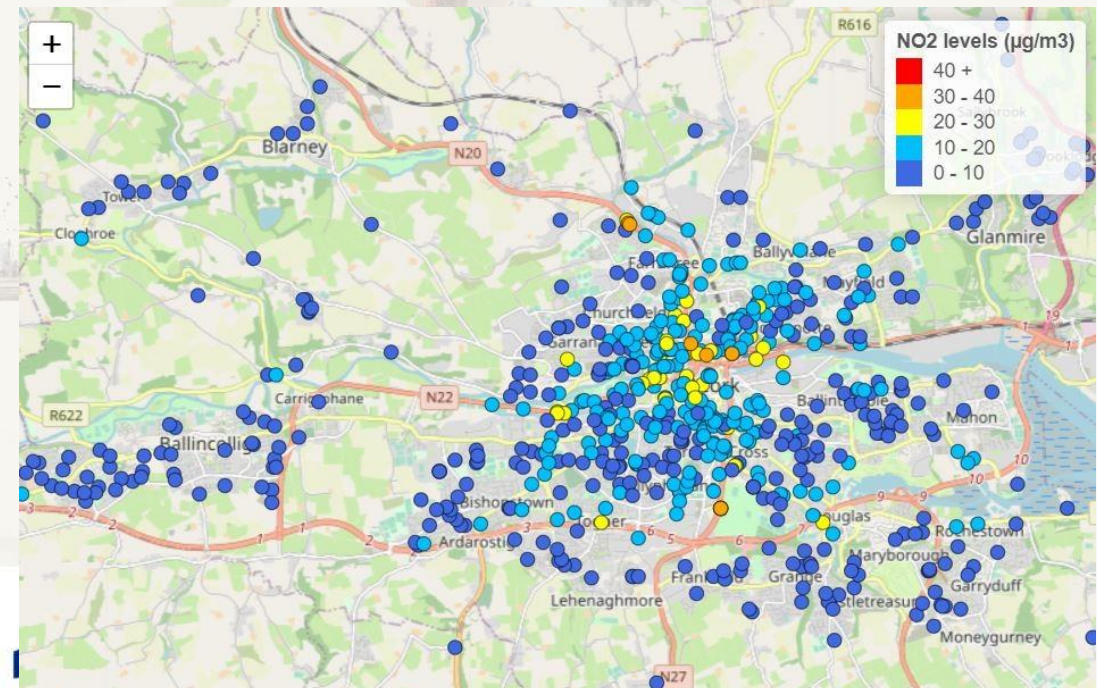
47 are working

15 are students
14 have Primary education only
16 have Junior Cert only
17 have Leaving Cert only
29 have a Third Level education

Cork City Profile

Cork Healthy Cities Project

- Climate Change & Health (Data Collection)
- Behavi-Air
- Kinship
- Clean Air Zone
- Citizen Science Projects
- Green Spaces for Health



Hollyhill Seed Library

A GROWING COMMUNITY

Join us for the launch of our exciting
New Seed Library
on
Saturday 24th of September at 11am

Take the **202** bus Northside to:
Hollyhill Library, Harbour View Rd, Knocknaheeny,
T23N250.

- Seed saving workshop by horticulturist Ellie Donovan.
- Opportunities to take and swap seeds on the day.

Green Spaces for Health

- Green Spaces for Health is a city-wide, community led initiative.
- We are an Eco Social Group;
- one of the most important aspects of our work is fostering a reverence for nature.
- When we reconnect with the natural world we reconnect with something deep within ourselves, this reconnection has profound benefits for our physical and mental health.
- We further recognise the transformative power of coming together with others to build a resilient, inclusive community. This informs all the work we do.



GSPFH - Activities

- [Eco Social Approach](#)
- [Parkowen](#)
- [Bee Hives](#)
- [Reconnecting With Nature](#)
- [St. Finbarr's South Chapel Eco Congregation](#)
- [Paper Recycling](#)
- [South Parish Tree Audit](#)
- [Re-Imagining South Parish](#)



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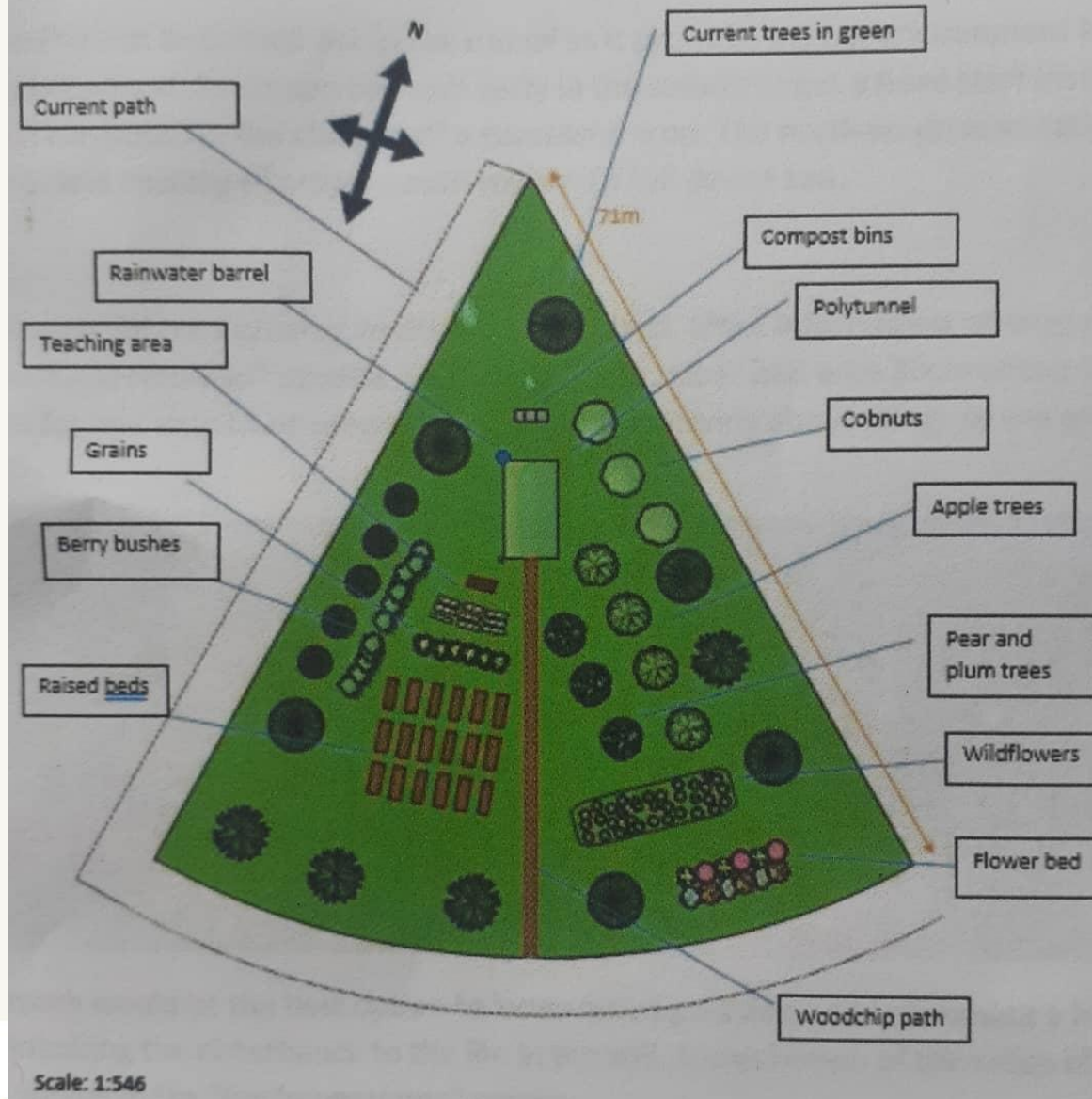
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Help from Men's Sheds



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Sullivan's Quay Parklet Official Opening

Friday 2nd July
12pm-2pm

parklet

/'pärklət/ /'parklət/ noun

A small seating area or green space created as a public amenity on or alongside a sidewalk, especially in a former roadside parking space.

Join the Quay Coop, Creativity & Change and Green Spaces for Health next Friday to celebrate the launch of one of Cork's new parklets. It will be officially opened by Green Party Councillor Dan Boyle and we will have coffee, seed planting and street art activities on the day. Family friendly, covid-conscious event.



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Corporate Social Responsibility



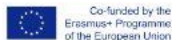
Tidy Towns Movement



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An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
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BIODIVERSITY IN ACTION

Community Biodiversity Action Plans and Programmes



Conference

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Improving the policy roadmap



The recommendations

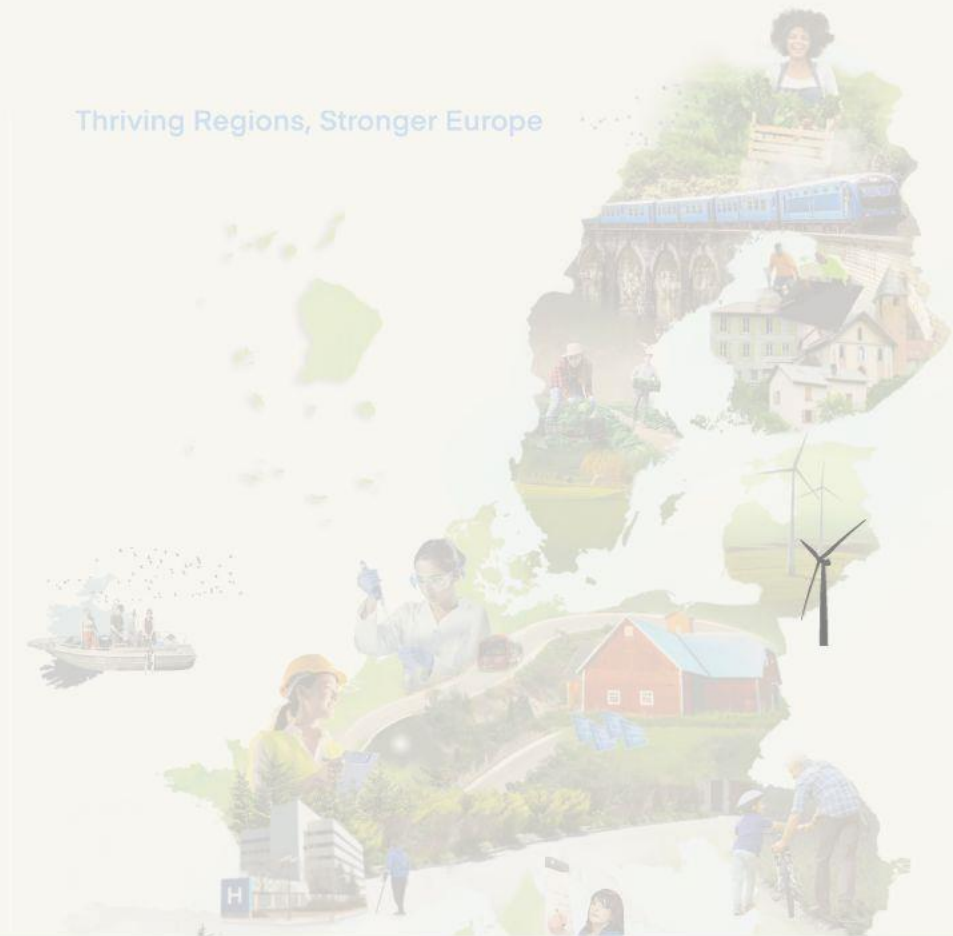
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