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### **Information and Publicity Strategy**

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## 1. Introduction

Following a series of intensive bilateral discussions with the Commission, Ireland's RDP was formally adopted by the Commission on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The new programme contains a new suite of rural development measures and has been designed to:

- enhance the competitiveness of the agri-food sector;
- achieve more sustainable management of natural resources;
- ensure a more balanced development of rural areas.

The proposed measures in the new RDP were framed in light of the experience of the previous Programme and are based on an objective analysis of sectoral needs and priorities identified by stakeholders. The total financial allocation for the new Programme will amount to some €4 billion, of which €2.19 billion is funded by the EU.

The Commission implementing regulation (EC) no 808/2014<sup>1</sup> lays out the detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013<sup>2</sup> on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). Annex 3 of the implementing regulation sets out the legal framework for the information and publicity actions of the Rural Development Programme (RDP).

The Information and Publicity strategy must be submitted to the Monitoring Committee for approval no later than six months after the adoption of the RDP. This strategy will identify the information and publicity actions that will ensure the specific target groups have full access to the most up to date information on the 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme for Ireland.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0808&from=en>

<sup>2</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32013R1305&rid=1>

## **2. The Aims and Target Groups of the Strategy**

The aims of this Information and Publicity Strategy are to:

- provide information on all of the measures and submeasures under the 2014-2020 RDP for Ireland. This will include information on the funding made available and the eligibility criteria for each support;
- encourage participation of all eligible beneficiaries under each RDP measure and submeasure and encourage the submission of high quality applications;
- inform RDP beneficiaries of any modifications or amendments to the 2014-2020 RDP;
- increase public awareness of the Programme and promote the benefits that the RDP will bring to Ireland's agri sector, natural resources and rural areas;
- demonstrate that RDP is reflection of stakeholder feedback and public consultations;
- ensure compliance with the EU regulations on Information and Publicity outlined in implementing regulation (EC) no 808/2014;
- acknowledge the support provided by the EAFRD to Ireland's RDP and ensure that all stakeholders and target groups are fully aware of this support.

The key Target Groups for this Information and Publicity Strategy include:

- Farmers, Advisors, Trainers, Beneficiaries, Potential Applicants
- Staff within Managing Authority (MA), Paying Agency (PA) and Implementing Line Divisions
- General Public
- Government Departments, Ministers and other Politicians
- Journalists and Media
- University Institutions and Researchers
- Visiting Delegations and other Member State MAs
- EU Institutions
- LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- National Rural Network (NRN)

- Partners as referred to article 5 of EU regulation No 1303/2013<sup>3</sup>
- The Monitoring Committee
- Other Stakeholders (Farm Organisations, Environmental Groups etc.).

### **3. The Content of the Information and Publicity Actions**

#### ***3.1 Role of the Managing Authority***

As was the case in previous RDPs, Rural Development Division within the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) will act as the RDP's Managing Authority. The functions of the Managing Authority include:

- ensuring that mechanisms for the monitoring and evaluation of the programme and the collection of relevant data are in place;
- ensuring that beneficiaries under the RDP are informed of the obligations arising from support granted;
- ensuring that the relevant progress and evaluation reports in relation to RDP implementation are provided;
- ensuring publicity arrangements for the RDP are in place;
- putting in place implementation support structures for the RDP, including the establishment of a Monitoring Committee and National Rural Network.

The Managing Authority is responsible for the Information and Publicity Strategy and will act as the coordination point for all information and publicity activities across the RDP. The Strategy will be delivered by the MA in cooperation with a range of bodies and institutions including the implementing line divisions with DAFM, the appropriate divisions with the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD), the Department's

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<sup>3</sup> **Article 5 EU regulation No 1303/2013 Partnership and multi-level governance**

1. For the Partnership Agreement and each programme, each Member State shall in accordance with its institutional and legal framework organise a partnership with the competent regional and local authorities.

The partnership shall also include the following partners:

(a) competent urban and other public authorities;

(b) economic and social partners; and

(c) relevant bodies representing civil society, including environmental partners, non-governmental organisations, and bodies responsible for promoting social inclusion, gender equality and non-discrimination.

communications and press offices, the NRN and European Commission.

Annex 1 contains information and publicity actions that have been carried out to date by the MA and Implementing Line Divisions.

A summary of the actions that fall under the responsibility of the MA will include;

- press releases;
- presentations;
- informing all target groups on the role and support of the EAFRD in Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP;
- hosting and attending conferences, seminars and information meetings;
- meetings held with stakeholders both internal and external to DAFM, on creating awareness and understanding of Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP;
- publishing a summary booklet of Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP. This booklet contains a general description of each RDP submeasure as well as information on the eligibility criteria and support rates;
- informing the National Rural Network and Implementing line divisions on the appropriate use of the EU's EAFRD and Ireland's ESIF emblems and logos on all documents outlined in DPERs Information and Communication Guidelines for the European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020<sup>4</sup> and EU Regulation 821/2014<sup>5</sup>;
- providing a dedicated online portal to Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP;
- preparing and distributing an Information note on the RDP 2014-2020 Implementation and Management Structures;
- informing the National Rural Network, Implementing line divisions and the Monitoring Committee on any amendments or changes to the RDP and the Information and Publicity Strategy of the RDP.

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<sup>4</sup> <http://per.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/Information-and-communication-guidelines-2014-2020.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0821&rid=1>

### ***3.2 Role of the Implementing Line Divisions***

Implementing line divisions are responsible for the operation all of the various measures and submeasures under the 2014-2020 RDP. These divisions come from within DAFM and DRCD (LEADER Measure) and will carry out information and publicity activities for their respective measures. These activities include:

- press releases and launches;
- presentations;
- informing all target groups on the role and support of the EAFRD in Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP;
- updating the relevant areas on the Departments website;
- providing circulars, information leaflets and terms and conditions papers;
- hosting and attending conferences, seminars, information meetings and the National Ploughing Championships;
- meetings held with stakeholders such as farm bodies, environmental bodies and advisors, on creating awareness and understanding of Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP;
- farm walks;
- advertisements;
- creating awareness through newspaper articles, radio appearances and social media platforms;
- providing a dedicated helpline and contact details for each specific submeasure;
- delivering Training, Knowledge Transfer and Advisory services as part of Measures 1 and 2 of Ireland's 2014-2020 RDP;
- gaining farmer feedback on the implementation of the specific submeasures;
- ensuring that all beneficiaries are aware of their responsibilities in terms of acknowledging the support of the EAFRD.

### **3.3 Role of the Monitoring Committee**

A Monitoring Committee composed of relevant stakeholders (including, for example, farm representative bodies and environmental interests) is in place for the RDP. Annex 2 contains a list of all the members of the Committee. The Monitoring Committee will have a role in relation to monitoring the performance of the RDP and the effectiveness of its implementation.

The MA must submit the Information and Publicity Strategy to the Monitoring Committee within six months of approval and the Monitoring Committee must also approve any amendment to the strategy. The Committee will be informed annually on the progress of the strategy and on all future information and publicity events planned.

### **3.4 Role of the National Rural Network**

The RDP has been funding the running of the National Rural Network (NRN) since 2016, to support the implementation of the Programme. The NRN continues to work to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of rural development policies by engaging stakeholders, sharing information and building capacity to address specific issues identified in the preparation of the RDP. Article 54(3)(vi) of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 requires that the NRN prepare an Annual Communication Plan on information and communication activities aimed at a broader public as part of the Information and Publicity Strategy for the RDP.

The MA will have the overall responsibility of leading the communications process and will coordinate information and publicity actions with the NRN. The NRN will develop the communication plan in agreement with the MA, using the Guidelines outlined in the European Network for Rural Development NRN Guidebook<sup>6</sup> and specifically the NRN will:

- engage with the full range of stakeholders and target groups of the Information and Publicity Strategy to disseminate information on rural development policy and funding opportunities;
- collate and disseminate examples of best practice projects covering all priorities of the RDP to help in identifying and analysing transferable best practices;
- facilitate thematic and analytical exchanges between stakeholders to support the sharing and dissemination of findings;

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<sup>6</sup> [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/app\\_templates/enrd\\_assets/pdf/guidebook/nrn\\_handbook\\_webversion.pdf](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/app_templates/enrd_assets/pdf/guidebook/nrn_handbook_webversion.pdf)



- provide training and networking for LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) and in particular technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational co-operation, facilitating co-operation among LAGs;
- develop a state-of-the-art website;
- publish regular updates on programme delivery to as wide an audience as possible;
- feed the output of the network directly into the annual reports and other formal presentations of the managing authorities;
- provide a comprehensive information service to groups and organisations when requested;
- share and disseminate findings of any monitoring and evaluation activities;
- cooperating with the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) and the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) by participating at meetings and exchanges at EU level.

#### **4. The Indicative Budget of the Strategy**

A portion of the RDPs Technical Assistance will be used to fund the actions outlined in section 3 of the Information and Publicity Strategy. Some of the possible costs that will arise over the course of the RDP include:

- publication and printing of any information booklets, leaflets, newsletters;
- cost of holding and attending conferences, seminars and meetings;
- promotional materials, pull up stands etc.;
- any other additional costs that may arise.

## 5. Monitoring and Evaluation of the RDP

The MA will measure the success of the information and publicity activities by monitoring and evaluating the list of indicators in Table 1 below. The strategy may be adapted based on the results of these indicators.

<b>Table 1 Information and Publicity Indicators</b>	
Indicator	
Number of applicants to each scheme	
% of Online Applicants	
Number of hits/views on website/portal/NRN website	
Number and location of seminars, presentations, conferences, meetings	
NRN Newsletter circulation list	
Number of press releases	
Press release email circulation list	
No of DAFM Text message alerts on RDP Measures	
No of recipients of DAFM Text Alerts on RDP Measures	
Attitudinal surveys on communication of RDP Measures	
No of Circulars, Booklets and Information leaflets issued	

The MA will record all Information and Publicity actions carried out and an annual update will be presented to the Monitoring Committee. Annex 1 provides a detailed breakdown of all actions carried out up until December 2017.

The annual update on the Information and Publicity Strategy will show the progress of the implementation of the strategy and an analysis of the indicator results. It will also outline all of the Information and Publicity actions planned for the following year. Finally, it will indicate any proposed amendments to the strategy.

**Annex 1: Information and Publicity Actions on the 2014-2020 RDP for Ireland from December 2013 to December 2017.**

**Press Releases**

<b>Date of Release</b>	<b>No of Release</b>	<b>Subject</b>
19/12/2013		Update on preparation of RDP 2014 - 2020
14/01/2014		Minister announces support of more than €12.5B
14/01/2014		Draft Consultation Doc
14/01/2014		Editors Note on RDP
12/05/2014	DECLG	LEADER funding under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
13/05/2014	DAFMPR 72/14	Details on €4b RDP
03/07/2014	DAFMPR 100/14	Draft of RDP €4b plan to Commission
20/08/2014	DAFMPR 118/14	1st meeting of Commonages Implementation Committee
03/09/2014	DAFMPR 127/14	Update on Commonages
10/09/2014	DAFMPR 131/14	Further details on information meetings on Commonages
14/10/2014	DAFMPR 147/14	Coveney Announces increased budget expenditure of €1.251B in 2015
14/10/2014	DAFMPR 150/14	Min Phelan welcomes budget allocation for Rural Innovation & Development
29/12/2014	DAFMPR 206/14	Coveney Announces maximum Flexibility on Educational Requirements for Pillar 1
20/02/2015	DAFMPR 28/15	Coveney Announces €1.4BN GLAS Scheme to open Monday
02/03/2015	DAFMPR 33/15	Coveney Announces Information Meetings on Implementation of CAP Reform
10/03/2015	DECLG	Kelly & Phelan Announce County Allocations for Leader Element of Rural Development Programme
10/03/2015	DAFMPR 40/15	Coveney confirms series of Information meetings for farmers on CAP reform
10/03/2015	DAFMPR 41/15	County Allocations for LEADER element of Rural Development Programme
16/03/2015	DAFMPR 45/15	Coveney welcomes Commission announcement to amend application deadline for CAP
02/04/2015	DAFMPR 57/15	New Organic Scheme to Open Shortly
02/04/2015	DAFMR 58/15	Extension of Closing dates for applications under the 2015 Basic Payment & GLAS Scheme
20/04/2015	DAFMR 66/15	Coveney Announces Receipt of Letter of Comfort & Roll Out Of RDP Schemes

21/04/2015	DAFMR	68/15	Minister Hayes launches New Organic farming Scheme
30/04/2015	DAFMR	76/15	Coveney Announces Second Tranche for GLAS this year
30/04/2015	DAFMR	77/15	Coveney Launches Knowledge Transfer Measure under RDP
05/05/2015	DAFMR	80/15	Coveney Launches €300m Beef Data & Genomics Programme
06/05/2015	DAFMR	81/15	Coveney Announces the Opening of the 2015 Areas of Natural Constraints Scheme
07/05/2015	DAFMR	82/15	Coveney Announces the Introduction of Special Payments for Island Farming under 2015 ANC
14/05/2015	DAFMR	84/15	Coveney & Hayes open Young Farmers Investment Scheme
18/05/2015	DAFMR	87/15	Coveney issues updated Information on Beef Data & Genomics Scheme
21/05/2015	DAFMR	89/15	Coveney clarifies Beef Genomics requirements
21/05/2015	DAFMR	90/15	GLAS Deadline Extended
26/05/2015	DAFMR	91/15	Minister Coveney welcomes formal adoption of Irelands RDP by EU Commission
26/05/2015	DAFMR	92/15	Friday deadline for Beef Applications
28/05/2015	DAFMR	96/15	BDGP Deadline extended for a week
16/06/2015	DAFMR	108/15	Young Farmers Capital Investment Scheme opens for online applications
16/06/2015	DAFMR	109/15	Landmark Day for Organic Farming Sector says Hayes
23/06/2015	DAFMR	114/15	Coveney Announces the Issuing of Payts to Suckler farmers under 2014 Beef Data Programme
24/06/2015	DAFMR	116/15	Major Benefits to Environment to flow from First Tranche of GLAS
29/06/2015	DAFMR	119/15	Coveney Launches New €50m Dairy Equipment Scheme
10/07/2015	DAFMR	127/15	Two Initiatives under CEDRA for Social Farming and Local Artisan Markets
13/07/2015	DAFMR	128/15	Coveney launches €3m Grant Scheme for Collaborative Farming
17/07/2015	DAFMR	131/15	Coveney launches next stage of Knowledge Transfer Measure
23/07/2015	DAFMR	138/15	Coveney announces launch of €175m TAMS Schemes
30/07/2015	DAFMR	141/15	Minister Hayes launches €8m Organic Capital Investment Scheme
13/08/2015	DAFM	145/15	Coveney announces launch of New €17m Pigs & Poultry Scheme under TAMS 11
14/08/2015	DAFM	146/15	Coveney announces extension to knowledge transfer advisor registration deadline
26/08/2015	DAFM	147/15	Coveney Extends TAMS 1 Closing date where work has already started
22/09/2015	DAFM	162/15	Coveney announces payments worth €117m under 2015 ANC scheme & increase in protein aid
29/09/2015	DAFM	168/15	Coveney announces nationwide series of information meetings with BDGP participants
30/09/2015	DAFM	173/15	Coveney announces commencement of payments for island farming under 2015 ANC Scheme

07/10/2015	DAFM	177/15	Coveney announces further series of BDGP Participants meetings
09/10/2015	DAFM	178/15	New Burren Scheme to open next year says Coveney
13/10/2015	DAFM	179/15	Coveney secures €109m increase for Agri Food sector in budget 2016
14/10/2015	DAFM	182/15	Coveney announces advance payments of €620m under 2015 Basic Payments Scheme
19/10/2015	DAFM	183/18	Coveney Launches Second Tranche of GLAS
23/10/2015	DAFM	187/15	Coveney Outlines next steps for the Hen Harrier Locally Led Agri Environment Scheme
27/01/2016	DAFM	10/16	Minister Coveney launches the Target Advisory Service on Animal Health
28/01/2016	DAFM	11/16	Record Numbers Join GLAS
04/02/2016	DAFM	15/16	Coveney signs legislation providing for legal recognition of producer organisations in the Beef sector
17/02/2016	DAFM	19/16	Minister Coveney launches Departments Schemes & Services Booklet
03/03/2016	DAFM	22/16	Coveney announces opening of 2016 Basic Payments Scheme & Greening online applications
10/03/2016	DAFM	25/16	Coveney announces extension to deadline to complete certain GLAS actions due to wet winter
15/03/2016	DAFM	28/16	Coveney announces the commencement of training under Beef Data Genomics Programme
16/03/2016	DAFM	29/16	Knowledge Transfer Programme Expressions of Interest for Poultry, Tillage & Sheep sectors
29/03/2016	DAFM	32/16	Coveney Announces the issuing of 2015 payments under the Burren Farming for Conservation Scheme
07/04/2016	DAFM	34/16	New Traditional Farm Buildings Grants For GLAS Farmers
18/05/2016	DAFM	46/16	Minister Creed launches €100m Knowledge Transfer Group Scheme
16/06/2016	DAFM	57/16	Sheep Fencing now included in the TAMS 11 Schemes
27/06/2016	DAFM	64/16	Basic Payments Scheme Final Balancing Payments Commence
29/06/2016	DAFM	67/16	Minister Creed announces extension to KT transfer advisor Registration Deadline
20/07/2016	DAFM	84/16	First Projects approved under the GLAS Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme
16/09/2016	DAFM	112/16	Creed launches Genomic Evaluations for BDGP Participants
19/09/2016	DAFM	113/16	Minister Creed reminds all BDGP farmers of urgent need to complete carbon navigator to receive BDGP Payt
20/09/2016	DAFM	114/16	Creed Announces payments worth over €140m under 2016 ANC scheme
27/09/2016	DAFM	122/16	Creed Announces interim arrangements for commonage management plans under GLAS
07/10/2016	DAFM	129/16	Burren Programme Opens - conserving the unique heritage environment & communities of the Burren
11/10/2016	DAFM	130/16	Focus on incomes & Brexit in €150m low interest loan fund & 120m increased spend - Creed
11/10/2016	DAFM	132/16	Doyle welcomes budget 2017 allocation for Forestry, Horticulture, Organics & Greyhound sectors
12/10/2016	DAFM	133/16	Department urges TAM11 applicants to submit claims
14/10/2016	DAFM	135/16	Creed launches New fund for Innovative Partnerships between farmers scientists ,advisors and NGO's

17/10/2016	DAFM	137/16	Creed announces advance payment of €714m under 2016 Basic Payments scheme
25/10/2016	DAFM	144/16	Creed announces extension to end of November for BDGP farmers to complete their carbon navigator
02/11/2016	DAFM	150/16	Creed Launches the third tranche of GLAS
16/11/2016	DAFM	162/16	Major step forward for Hen Harrier and Freshwater Pearl Mussel Schemes
23/11/2016	DAFM	169/16	Creed appoints New Chair of the Commonage Implementation Committee
28/11/2016	DAFM	173/16	Dept reminder to submit Genotyping sample & survey data, complete Carbon Navigator to secure DEC payt BDGP
29/11/2016	DAFM	175/16	Dept reminds farmers TAMS 11 payt claim should be done online,
09/11/2016	DAFM	184/16	Dept encourages farmers & planners to submit GLAS 3 applications on time
14/12/2016	DAFM	188/16	Minister Creed announces commencement of Payments worth €36m under BDGP
16/12/2016	DAFM	194/16	Minister Creed launches open call for proposals under European Innovation Partnerships Initiative
19/12/2016	DAFM	197/16	Minister Creed launches new €25m Sheep Welfare Scheme
21/12/2016	DAFM	200/16	Creed announces €725000 payments under Traditional Farm Building Scheme
21/12/2016	DAFM	201/16	Creed announces commencement of 2016 GLAS & AEOS payments - €117m agri-environment payts being paid in Dec
26/01/2017	DAFM	10/17	Creed meets Commissioner Hogan to review Brexit & other issues imminent final approval of RDP amendment
30/01/2017	DAFM	11/17	Creed extends the closing date for the New Sheep Welfare Scheme
28/02/2017	DAFM	31/17	Hen Harrier Scheme new Project Teams in Place
09/03/2017	DAFM	43/17	Minister Creed announces the launch of the TAMS11 Tillage Measure
13/04/2017	DAFM	65/17	Creed Announces Re-Opening of Beef Data and Genomics Programme
25/04/2017	DAFM	73/17	New Hen Harrier Scheme Underway
08/05/2017	DAFM	80/17	Burren Life Programme nominated for Green Awards
14/05/2017	DAFM	84/17	EIP Initiative Creed announces selection of 22 projects for next phase
16/05/2017	DAFM	86/17	Knowledge Transfer Programme Creed announces extension of year one deadline to 31st July 17
02/06/2017	DAFM	100/17	Minister Creed congratulates Burren Project on winning EU LIFE Nature Award
06/07/2017	DAFM	127/17	Minister Creed welcomes growing interest in on-farm investment scheme, first tranche available to tillage farmers attracts large volumes
07/07/2017	DAFM	130/17	Minister Creed announces €10m in GLAS payments to issue today First phase of GLAS 2016 balancing payments issues
24/07/2017	DAFM	142/17	Creed announces extension of deadline for submission of data for farm improvement plans in KT Groups
26/07/2017	DAFM	144/17	€1.5m weather related crop loss support measure for growers announced by Minister Creed
09/08/2017	DAFM	152/17	€24m European Innovation Partnership Initiatives - Creed launches second call
26/08/2017	DAFM	156/17	Creed publishes Request for Tenders for provision of advisory services to Beef Producer Organisations
30/08/2017	DAFM	158/17	Creed announces TAM11 payments of €5m in August, Dept also issues €3.2m GLAS payments in August

13/09/2017	DAFM	165/17	Creed announces public consultation on possible role of Financial Instruments under RDP & EMFF OP
19/09/2017	DAFM	171/17	Creed announces payments worth over 160m under 2017 Areas of Natural Constraints Scheme
21/09/2017	DAFM	173/17	Creed welcomes approval of 70% advance payments of 2017 Basic Payts & 85% for RDP schemes
10/10/2017	DAFM	179/17	Budget 2018 Building competitiveness new opportunities & protecting Irish Agri Food & Fisheries Sector in the face of Brexit
10/10/2017	DAFM	180/17	Doyle welcomes Budget 2018 allocation for Forestry Horticulture Organics & Greyhound sector
12/10/2017	DAFM	182/17	GLAS Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme 2017 Opens for Applications
19/10/2017	DAFM		Topical Issue Dáil Éireann 19th Oct Update on GLAS Payments Minister of State Andrew Doyle TD
31/10/2017	DAFM	192/17	Minister Creed announces commencement of payments under the Knowledge Transfer Programme
03/11/2017	DAFM	195/17	Burren Programme - Creed announces opening of final tranche to applicants
16/11/2017	DAFM	205/17	Sheep Welfare Payments to Commence to 20,000 sheep farmers
29/11/2017	DAFM	211/17	Almost €100m issues to farmers through GLAS & AEOS payments
06/12/2017	DAFM	218/17	Min Doyle highlights growth of Organic Markets at Organic Demonstration Farm walk
08/12/2017	DAFM	218/17	Creed opens €25m Hen Harrier Programme
14/12/2017	DAFM	225/17	Creed announces commencement of payments under BDGP
22/12/2017	DAFM	231/17	Doyle announces payments commence for 2017 Organic Farming Scheme
22/12/2017	DAFM	231/17	Minister Creed announces funding of €11m for Innovation Projects

## **LEADER**

02/06/2016			Funding Agreements issue for €250m LEADER 2020 programme – Minister Humphreys
08/07/2016			€250m LEADER Programme will support jobs and investment across rural Ireland – Minister Humphreys
23/11/2016			Minister Humphreys launches new €10 million fund for LEADER Co-operation projects
10/10/2016			New LEADER selection process launched for East Galway

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28/02/2017			Minister Humphreys announces equine projects will be eligible for LEADER funding
06/12/2017			Minister Ring announces approval of 500th LEADER project
22/12/2017			Minister Ring approves over €79,000 for South Mayo and Castlebar projects through LEADER programme

## Press Articles

<b>Date</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Description</b>
09/05/2015	Irish Farmers Journal	New Suckler Scheme Explained ( JP Mulherin)
05/09/2015	Irish Farmers Journal	Welcome to the new BDGP (series from DAFM and ICBF)
24/01/2017	Irish Farmers Journal	GLAS 1 Inspections

## Circulars

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of Circular</b>	<b>Description</b>
27/02/2015	Circular 01/2015	Amended GLAS T&Cs
16/03/2015	Circular 02/2015	GLAS Application System
20/03/2015	Circular 03/2015	GLAS FAQs issued by email
02/04/2015	Circular 04/2015	GLAS Application System
08/04/2015	Circular 05/2015	System Updates
09/04/2015	Circular 06/2015	GLAS and Afforestation Scheme
10/04/2015	Circular 07/2015	Changes to Application System
13/04/2015	Circular 8/2015	Commonages
14/04/2015	Circular 09/2015	Amended GLAS Specification
15/04/2015	Circular 10/2015	LIPP and Heather
16/04/2015	Circular 12/2015	Appointment of Commonage Advisors
16/04/2015	Circular 11/2015	Mapping Multiple Actions
22/04/2015	Circular 13/2015	Clarification on the Appointment of Commonage Advisors
23/04/2015	Circular 14/2015	Watercourses
29/04/2015	Circular 15/2015	Submission of GLAS Auth Comm Forms on email
30/04/2015	Circular 16/2015	Min-Max units on Actions
01/05/2015	Circular 18/2015	Organic Farmers
01/05/2015	Circular 17/2015	Extending the Date for CMPs and COMM Auth Forms by email
05/05/2015	Circular 19/2015	Catch Crops



06/05/2015	Circular 21/2015	Farmland Birds
06/05/2015	Circular 20/2015	Updated Terms and Conditions
08/05/2015	Circular 22/2015	Submit Button
15/05/2015	Circular 23/2015	Farmland Birds
18/05/2015	Circular 24/2015	Closing Date this week
19/05/2015	Circular 25/2015	Commonage Management Plan
21/05/2015	Circular 26/2015	Closing date extension to Tuesday 26 May
26/05/2015	Circular 27/2015	Registered Farm Partnerships
04/06/2015	Circular 28/2015	Completion of Commonage Authorisation Forms
11/06/2015	Circular 29/2015	Extension to Closing Date for Commonage Authorisation Forms
23/07/2015	Circular 30/2015	Update on Commonage Advisors & Extension to Closing Date for CMP
05/08/2015	Circular 31/2015	Commonages where there is NO advisor
11/08/2015	Circular 32/2015	Guide to the Completion of the CMP/CFP
14/08/2015	Circular 33/2015	Part Year Payable Actions
19/08/2015	Circular 34/2015	Application Summary
07/10/2015	Circular 35/2015	GLAS Tranche 1 Terms and Conditions and Specifications
27/10/2015	Circular 36/2015	GLAS Tranche 2 Scheme Opening and Closing Date
06/01/2016	Circular 01/2016	First Instalment of Payments for GLAS 1
08/01/2016	Circular 02/2016	Soil Samples and NMPs for GLAS
18/02/2016	Circular 03/2016	GLAS Actions on Natura Lands
09/03/2016	Circular 04/2016	Extension of Completion Dates for Certain Actions
21/03/2016	Circular 05/2016	Amended Specification for WBC, Hen Harrier, CMPs and CFPs
23/03/2016	Circular 06/2016	Checking Commonage Container Data
13/04/2016	Circular 07/2016	Amending GLAS Area
29/04/2016	Circular 08/2016	BPS Applications for GLAS
25/05/2016	Circular 09/2016	Extension of Completion date for WBC
01/07/2016	Circular 10/2016	GLAS Farm Walks
29/07/2016	Circular 11/2016	Appointing Advisors

05/08/2016	Circular 12/2016	Changes to Specification for GLAS 1 & 2
08/09/2016	Circular 13/2016	Commonages where there is no advisor
13/09/2016	Circular 14/2016	Clarification on Hen Harrier Specification
21/09/2016		GLAS presentation at the Ploughing on the Wednesday
06/10/2016	Circular 15/2016	Annual Declaration for LESS
20/10/2016	Circular 16/2016	Interim 2016 Commonage Management Plans and Interim 2016 Commonage Farm Plans for Commonages less than 10ha.
03/11/2016	Circular 17/2016	GLAS Tranche 3 Online Application System
04/11/2016		Curlew in Crisis Workshop in Tyrellspass - DAFM presentation on GLAS
16/11/2016	Circular 18/2016	GLAS Area Farmland Bird Targeting
17/11/2016	Circular 19/2016	GLAS Tranche 3 Submit Button
24/11/2016	Circular 20/2016	Revision of GLAS 3 Terms and Conditions
25/11/2016	Circular 21/2016	Commonage Eligibility for GLAS 3
28/11/2016		Monaghan Curlew Information Meeting - Knockatallon, Monaghan - organised by DAHG
05/12/2016	Circular 22/2016	GLAS3 Closing Date, Submission of Low Emission slurry Spreading (LESS) Forms and submission of 2016 Interim Commonage Management Plans
08/12/2016	Circular 23/2016	Requests for Removal of Natura Flag off Land and Requests for Update of Information on Department Commonage Container

#### **LEADER Circulars**

04/04/2016	Circular 01/2016	
20/06/2016	Circular 02/2016	LEADER Implementation
26/07/2016	Circular 03/2016	Transitional Funding
09/08/2016	Circular 04/2016	
23/09/2016	Circular 06/2016	Urgent Request for Information following on from European Commission Audit
21/10/2016	Circular 07/2016	Data Protection
02/12/2016	Circular 08/2016	Administration Costs and Public Procurement
14/12/2016	Circular 09/2016	Interim Paper Based Solution for Article 48 checks on LEADER projects (update December 2016)
15/12/2016	Circular 10/2016	Travel and Subsistence Rates

10.01.2017	Circular 01/2017	Repayment of funds for LEADER 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 Programmes
10.02.2017	Circular 02/2017	Revised Procurement Requirements - 10.02.2017
22.02.2017	Circular 03/2017	Co-operation Projects
28.02.2017	Circular 04/2017	Expressions of Interest
03.03.2017	Circular 05/2017	LEADER 2014 - 2020 funding for Ancillary services for the race and sport horse industries.
05.03.2017	Circular 06/2017	Funding for community projects that do not involve an economic activity.
15.03.2017	Circular 07/2017	Revised Travel and Subsistence Rates which will be effective from 01 April 2017.
20.04.2017	Circular 08/2017	LEADER ICT System user Policy and Data Security
21.04.2017	Circular 09/2017	Projects that require a Heritage Review
03.05.2017	Circular 10/2017	Protocol between Department of Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation and Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs (LEADER Protocol)
19.06.2017	Circular 11/2017	Monthly Administration Returns
20.06.2017	Circular 12/2017	Quorums and decision making at LAG Meetings
20.06.2017	Circular 13/2017	Project Evaluation
20.06.2017	Circular 14/2017	Eligibility of the Beneficiary
24.04.2017	Circular 15/2017	Revised arrangements for EOIs & Targeted Calls
08.08.2017	Circular 16/2017	Interaction between LEADER and other Funding Programmes
22.08.2017	Circular 17/2017	Staff Timesheets
23.08.2017	Circular 18/2017	Durability of Operations
29.08.2017	Circular 19/2017	Revised Procurement Requirements
23.10.2017	Circular 20/2017	Standard Application Form & checklists
05.12.2017	Circular 21/2017	Project Publicity and notification of award

## Presentations

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Subject</b>
28/10/2014	Agriculture House	Presentation on RDP to Korean Delegation
15/12/2014	Sandymount Hotel	Presentation on RDP to AIB Agri Advisor Team
16/12/2014	Agriculture House	Presentation on RDP to Hungarian Delegation
09/02/2015	City West Hotel Saggart	Presentation on RDP to ACA AGM
06/03/2015	Ashtown	EIP presentation to Teagasc Conference
19/03/2015	Agriculture Hse	Presentation on RDP to Chinese Delegation
21/05/2015	Bangor, Wales	EESC Hearing Wales
17/06/2015	EPA National Water Event, Galway Bay Hotel	GLAS — the potential environmental benefits
25/01/2016	Park Hotel in Dungarvan, Co Waterford	Presentation on RDP to Southern Regional Assembly Members
12/04/2016	Tullamore	Presentation on TAMS II (PPIS)
23/09/2016	Mullingar	Presentation on TAMS II at Ploughing
25/05/2106	Athenry	TAMS Stand at Suckler Event Athenry
18/02/2016	Carrick on Shannon	FARM ADVISORY SYSTEM TRAINING
25/02/2016	Charleville	FARM ADVISORY SYSTEM TRAINING
03/03/2016	Kilkenny	FARM ADVISORY SYSTEM TRAINING
05/05/2016	Bord Bia	Presentation on RDP
14/10/2016	NRN Conference	EIP-Agri in the Irish context: Overall structure and applications process
15/10/2016	NRN Conference	Locally-led Environmental and Climate Projects and the Hen Harrier and Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Projects

## Information Sessions

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
30/09/2014	Kenmare Bay Hotel, Kenmare, Co Kerry	Commonages Information Meetings
30/09/2014	Knockranny House Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo	Commonages Information Meetings
01/10/2014	Peacockes Hotel, Maam Cross, Co Galway	Commonages Information Meetings
02/10/2014	The Glendalough Hotel, Glendalough, Co Wicklow	Commonages Information Meetings
02/10/2014	Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara, Co Donegal	Commonages Information Meetings
07/10/2014	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth	Commonages Information Meetings
07/10/2014	Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway, Co Cork	Commonages Information Meetings
08/10/2014	Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel, Co Tipperary	Commonages Information Meetings
16/10/2014	Grange	KT Beef meeting with Teagasc
28/10/2014	Moorepark	KT Dairy meeting with Teagasc
29/10/2014	Ballyhaise	KT Dairy meeting with Teagasc
09/03/2015	Raddison Blu Letterkenny Co Donegal	GLAS and BPS Farmer Information meetings
10/03/2015	Hodson Bay Athlone Co Westmeath	GLAS and BPS Farmer Information meetings
11/03/2015	Knightsbrook Hotel Trim Co Meath	GLAS and BPS Farmer Information meetings
12/03/2015	Keadeen Hotel Newbridge Co Kildare	GLAS and BPS Farmer Information meetings
13/03/2015	Newpark Hotel Kilkenny	GLAS and BPS Farmer Information meetings
11/03/2015	Portlaoise	TAMS information meeting with IFA Pig Committee
25/03/2015	Portlaoise	TAMS information meeting with IFA Poultry Committee
April 2015	Portlaoise	TAMS information meeting with IMCSA meeting
15/05/2015	Portlaoise	TAMS information meeting with MACRA
09/07/2015	Newry	TAMS information meeting with DARD NI
22/07/2015	Birr	TAMS information meeting with MACRA
23/07/2015	Rockwell	TAMS information meeting with Irish Farm Managers
21/07/2015	Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon	KT info, advisors applying for up to 5 groups

22/07/2015	County Arms, Birr, Co Offaly	KT info, advisors applying for up to 5 groups
23/07/2015	Woodlands Hotel, Limerick	KT info, advisors applying for up to 5 groups
28/07/2015	Talbot Hotel, Carlow	KT info, advisors applying for up to 5 groups
12/08/2015	Wexford	TAMS information meeting with IFA regional committee
14/08/2015	Kilkenny	TAMS information meeting with IFA regional committee
27/08/2015	Portlaoise	TAMS information meeting with the Agriculture Consultants Association
31/08/2015	Fermoy	TAMS information meeting with Teagasc
01/09/2015	Athenry	TAMS information meeting with Teagasc
09/09/2015	Portlaoise	TAMS information meeting with Irish Milk Quality Co-operative Society
11/09/2015	Tullamore	TAMS information meeting with IFA grain Committee
15/09/2015	Dublin	TAMS information meeting with IFA National Executive
01/10/2015	Kanturk Cork	Kanturk Mart BDGP Information Meeting
01/10/2015	Elphin Roscommon	Elphin Mart BDGP Information Meeting
12/10/2015	Gleneagle Hotel Killarney Kerry	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
14/10/2015	Silver Springs Hotel, Cork	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
15/10/2015	Brandon House Hotel, New Ross Wexford	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
20/10/2015	Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Galway	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
21/10/2015	Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar Mayo	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
22/10/2015	Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
27/10/2015	Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co. Tipperary	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
28/10/2015	Kilmore Hotel, Dublin Rd, Cavan	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
20/10/2015	Radisson Blu, Letterkenny, Co Donegal	BDGP Info sessions with participating farmers
18/02/2016	Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, co. Clare	Locally led schemes
23/05/2016	Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo	Knowledge Transfer Groups - Facilitators 2.30 - 4.30
24/05/2016	Horse and Jockey, Thurles, Co Tipperary	Knowledge Transfer Groups - Facilitators 2.30 - 4.30 EQUINE ONLY
25/05/2016	Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Tipperary	Knowledge Transfer Group - Facilitators 2.30 -4.30
26/05/2016	Mullingar Park Hotel, Dublin RD, Mullingar	Knowledge Transfer Group - Facilitators 2.30 -4.30

30/05/2016	Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co Galway	Knowledge Transfer Group - Facilitators 2.30 -4.30
31/05/2016	Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork	Knowledge Transfer Group - Facilitators 2.30 -4.30
01/06/2016	Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Rd, Carlow	Knowledge Transfer Group - Facilitators 2.30 -4.30
23/05/2016	Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar, Co Mayo	Knowledge Transfer Groups - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm
24/05/2016	Horse and Jockey, Thurles, Co Tipperary	Knowledge Transfer Groups - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm EQUINE ONLY
25/05/2016	Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Tipperary	Knowledge Transfer Group - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm
26/05/2016	Mullingar Park Hotel, Dublin Rd, Mullingar	Knowledge Transfer Group - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm
30/05/2016	Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co Galway	Knowledge Transfer Group - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm
31/05/2016	Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Cork	Knowledge Transfer Group - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm
01/06/2016	Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Rd, Carlow	Knowledge Transfer Group - Farmers 7.00 - 8.30pm
15/09/2016	Johnstown Castle, Wexford	Locally led (HH and FWPM)- for tenderers
07/10/2016	Backweston Campus	Knowledge Transfer - Info and training session for private veterinary practitioners - Beef, Dairy & Sheep
28/10/2016	Woodlands Hotel, Dunmore Rd, Waterford	Knowledge Transfer - Info and training session for private veterinary practitioners - Beef, Dairy & Sheep
14/11/2016	Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Rd, Limerick	Knowledge Transfer - Info and training session for private veterinary practitioners - Beef, Dairy & Sheep
15/11/2016	Bush Hotel, Carrick- on-shannon	Knowledge Transfer - Info and training session for private veterinary practitioners - Beef, Dairy & Sheep
19/01/2017	Hillgrove Hotel, Old Armagh Road, Monaghan	Knowledge Transfer - Info and training session for private veterinary practitioners - Poultry
10/01/2017	Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway, Cork	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
11/01/2017	Glen Eagle, Killarney, Kerry	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
12/01/2017	Clonmel Park, Clonmel, Tipperary	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
16/01/2017	Breaffy House, Castlebar, Mayo	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
17/01/2017	Peacocks, Maam Cross, Galway	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
18/01/2017	Hudson Bay, Athlone	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
19/01/2017	Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
23/01/2017	Lawless Hotel, Auhtrim	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
24/01/2017	Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
25/01/2017	Nesbitts, Ardara, Donegal	Animal Welfare Scheme (Sheep)
12/07/2017	Tullamore, Co Offaly	TAMS 11 Agriculture Advisor Training

06/09/2017	Bush Hotel, Carrick on Shannon	GLAS Information Training
07/09/2017	Castletroy Park Hotel limerick	GLAS Information Training
12/10/2017	Mullingar Co Westmeath	Farm Advisory Training FAS
25 & 26/10/2017	Charleville Co Cork	Farm Advisory Training FAS
8&9/ 11/2017	Cavan	Farm Advisory Training FAS

### Seminars

Date	Location	Subject
12/11/2014	Bush Hotel, Leitrim	GLAS Training Seminar
25/11/2014	Johnstown House Hotel, Enfield	GLAS Training Seminar
26/11/2014	Castletroy Park Hotel, limerick	GLAS Training Seminar
11/02/2015	Mullingar park Hotel	GLAS Training Seminar
21/04/2015	Abbeycourt Hotel, Nenagh	Launch of LEADER
22/04/2015	Bridge House, Tullamore	Launch of LEADER
23/04/2015	Great Southern, Sligo	Launch of LEADER
29/07/2015	Longford Arms, Longford	Capacity Building (Tourism)
24/08/2015	Great Southern, Sligo	LEADER Information Seminars
26/08/2015	Clane	LEADER Information Seminars
27/08/2015	Mallow	LEADER Information Seminars
02/09/2015	Bridge House, Tullamore	Capacity Building (Enterprise and Broadband)
21/09/2015	Bridge House, Tullamore	Capacity Building (Environment and Social Inclusion)
30/09/2015	Bridge House, Tullamore	Capacity Building (Towns and Aspects of Tourism 2)
11/09/2015	Bridge House, Tullamore	Operating Rules Focus Group
16/10/2015	Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise	Locally led schemes under the RDP 2014-2020
21/10/2015	Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise	Locally led schemes under the RDP 2014-2020
23/10/2015	Burren Winterage Weekend, Co. Clare	Locally led schemes under the RDP 2014-2020
30/10/2015	Tullamore, Bridge House	Operating Rules Focus Group
16/09/2015	Johnstown Castle	Seminar for potential tenderers for HH and FWPM



19/01/2017	Navan, Co. Meath	NRN Seminar on EIPs
20/01/2017	Horse and Jockey, Co. Tipperary	NRN Seminar on EIPs
05/05/2017	Athens, Greece	Seminar on EIPs in Athens
31/05/2017	Sheraton Hotel, Athlone	Workshop of EIP teams moving to stage 2
12/09/2017	Backweston, Co. Kildare	Presentation to Mon Com on Hen Harrier Scheme
28/10/2017	Burren Winterage Weekend, Co. Clare	Locally led schemes under the RDP 2014-2020

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12/04/2016	Bridge Hotel, Tullamore, Co Offaly	Operating Rules Focus Group
29/09/2016	Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co Westmeath	LEADER 2014 – 2020 Consultation Group
07/11/2016 and 08/11/2016	Newry	Launch of Co-operation Projects
24/01/2017	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone	Procurement and Article 48 Checks
04/05/2017	Sheraton Hotel, Tullamore	Tourism Capacity Building Event
17/05/2017	National Concert Hall, Dublin	LEADER Forum
23/11/2017	Bridge House, Tullamore	Leader evaluation training

#### **Farm Walks**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Subject</b>
02/12/2014	Booleybrack, Leitrim	Commonage Walk
13/02/2015	Castlemaine, Tralee, Co. Kerry	Commonage Walk
14/07/2015	Herbertstown, Co Limerick	Teagasc Farm Walk (incl Information on BDGP and TAMS II)
23/08/2015	Ballinagall, Co. Monaghan	Teagasc Organic Demonstration Farm Walk
01/09/2015	Claremorris, Co. Mayo	Teagasc Organic Demonstration Farm Walk
10/09/2015	Carragaline, Cork	Teagasc Farm Walk Information on BDGP
11/09/2015	Portlaoise, Co. Laois	Teagasc Organic Demonstration Farm Walk
16/09/2015	Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow	Teagasc Organic Demonstration Farm Walk
30/09/2015	Carrundulla, Co. Galway	Teagasc Organic Demonstration Farm Walk
20/10/2015	Navan, Co. Meath	Teagasc Organic Demonstration Farm Walk

25/05/2016	Athenry , Co. Galway	Newford Suckler Farm Demonstration Day
06/07/2016	John Boyd Bryce, Donegal	Grey partridge
07/07/2016	Hugh Gavigan, Ardara, Donegal	Twite
07/07/2016	Brian McGill, Maghera, Donegal	Twite
12/07/2016	Matthew Merrick, Crossmolina, Mayo	Twite
12/07/2016	Padraig Reilly, Belmullet, Mayo	Twite
12/07/2016	Brendan Lynskey, Belmullet. Mayo	Corncrake Open day
12/07/2016	Henry Barrett, Belmullet, Mayo	Corncrake Open day
13/07/2016	Joseph & Paul Molloy, Tullamore, Offaly	Grey partridge
10/10/2016	Oliver Kelly, Ballinroan, Kiltegan, Co Wicklow	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
19/10/2016	Paul Kelly Castledargan, Ballygawley, Co Sligo	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
26/10/2016	Ken Gill, Clonbullogue, Co Offaly	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
02/11/2016	George Stanley, Portlaoise, Co Laois	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
09/11/2016	Mentons Organic Farm, Banagher, Co Offaly	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
10/10/2016	Gusserane, New Ross, Co. Wexford	Traditional Farm Building Demonstration
25/01/2017	Eugene Kirrane, Claremorris, Co Mayo	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
23/02/2017	Grennans Organic Farm, Clara, Co Offaly	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
10/05/2017	Mark Gillanders, Ballinagall, Monaghan	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
25/05/2017	Harry O Grady, Adare, Co Limerick	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
22/06/2017	Upper Forrest Farm, Farnanes, Co Cork	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
29/06/2017	Kildinan Farm, Ballyhooly, Co Cork	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks
05/07/2017	Green Earth Organics Farm, Corrandulla, Co. Galway	Organic Demonstration Farm Walks

### Draft Rural Development Programme, Summary of Measures Booklet

<b>Date Produced</b>	<b>Supplied to</b>
Sep-14	National Ploughing Championships 2014
Sep-14	Depts. Regional Offices Navan, Naas, Drumshambo, Raphoe Castlebar, Cavan, Cork, Galway Portlaoise
Sep-14	Comhairle Ceantar na nOileán
Nov-14	David Buckley GLAS Planner training
Nov-14	T Kelly, Clara Bog Visitor Centre, NPWS
Feb-15	David Buckley GLAS Planner training
Feb-15	Reception Desk, Ag House

### Summary of Rural Development Programme Booklet

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Sep-15	National Ploughing Championship 2015
Sep-15	Depts Regional Offices Navan, Naas, Drumshambo, Raphoe Castlebar, Cavan, Cork, Galway Portlaoise
Sep-15	Gordon Conroy, Portlaoise
Sep-15	Monitoring Committee
Oct-15	Reception Desk Ag House
Sep-16	National Ploughing Championship 2016
Sep-16	Barry Caslin, Teagasc, Longford
Sep-16	James Claffey National Rural Network Moate
Oct-16	Ronan O Flaherty Johnstown Castle Wexford
Oct-16	Fintan O'Brien Main office Portlaoise, Co Laois
Sep-17	National Ploughing Championship 2017

### LEADER Factsheet

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Sep-15	National Ploughing Championship 2015
Sep-15	Monitoring Committee
Sep-16	National Ploughing Championships 2016
Sep-16	National Ploughing Championships 2016 (Irish Version)
Sep-17	National Ploughing Championships 2017
Oct-17	National Ploughing Championships 2017 (Irish Version)

### Locally led Schemes Seminar Flyer

Oct-15	Attendees at Seminar on 16th October 2015
Jan-17	Guidelines for applicants to EIP schemes OC1
Jul-17	Guidelines for applicants to EIP schemes OC2
Dec-17	Terms & Conditions of Hen Harrier Project

### Websites

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Address</b>
Oct-14	DAFM	<a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/ruralenvironment/ruraldevelopmentprogrammerdp2014-2020/">http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/ruralenvironment/ruraldevelopmentprogrammerdp2014-2020/</a>
Jan 15 to June 16	DECLG	<a href="http://www.environ.ie/en/Community/RuralDevelopment/EURuralDevelopment/RuralDevelopmentProgrammeLEADER2014-2020/">http://www.environ.ie/en/Community/RuralDevelopment/EURuralDevelopment/RuralDevelopmentProgrammeLEADER2014-2020/</a>
Jul-16 to Jul-17	DAHRRGA	<a href="http://www.ahrrga.gov.ie/rural/rural-development/leader/">http://www.ahrrga.gov.ie/rural/rural-development/leader/</a>
Jul-17	DRCD	<a href="http://drcd.gov.ie/about/rural/rural-development/leader/">http://drcd.gov.ie/about/rural/rural-development/leader/</a>
Aug-17	DCHG	<a href="http://www.chg.gov.ie/rural/rural-development/leader/">http://www.chg.gov.ie/rural/rural-development/leader/</a>
Feb-16	NRN	<a href="http://www.nationalruralnetwork.ie/">http://www.nationalruralnetwork.ie/</a>

## Social Media

Date	Platform	Description
22/05/2015	Irish Farmers Journal TV	Podcast with Brendan Gleeson & Gordon Conroy on Beef Data Genomics Programme
Continuous	Twitter	All Press releases on Departments Twitter account ( <a href="http://www.twitter.com/agriculture.ie">www.twitter.com/agriculture.ie</a> )
30/07/2015	Online seminar	Online seminar on Knowledge Transfer with DAFM and Teagasc
Continuous	Twitter	All National Events under the Knowledge Transfer Programme for 6 sectors on Departments Twitter account ( <a href="http://www.twitter.com/agriculture.ie">www.twitter.com/agriculture.ie</a> )

## KT Online System - News & Broadcast Page

Continuous	KT Online System	All National Events under the Knowledge Transfer Programme for 6 sectors on Departments Twitter account
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## Public Notice of Adoption of Plan

Date	Location	Description
17/06/2015	Irish Independent	Public Notice of adoption of Irelands national RDP 2014 -2020
23/06/2015	Depts. Website	Public Notice of adoption of Irelands national RDP 2014 -2020
July 15	Agriculture House	Copy on display and available to the public
July 15	Portlaoise office	Copy on display and available to the public
July 15	Johnstown Castle. Wexford	Copy on display and available to the public
19/10/2016	Tuam Herald	Rural Development Programme for Ireland 2014-2020 LEADER Local Action Group: Expressions of Interest (EOI) East Galway
21/10/2016	Connacht Tribune	Rural Development Programme for Ireland 2014-2020 LEADER Local Action Group: Expressions of Interest (EOI) East Galway

## DAFM Text Message Alerts

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
23/03/2015	CAP Information meeting in Cork
24/03/2015	CAP Information meeting in Kerry
25/03/2015	CAP Information meeting in Galway
26/03/2015	CAP Information meeting in Mayo
30/03/2015	CAP Information meeting in Cavan
26/05/2015	Reminder on Organic Farming Scheme closing date
27/05/2015	Reminder on BDGP closing date
17/08/2015	Reminder on TAMS deadline
08/10/2015	A series of messages regarding Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP) information meetings around the country
09/10/2015	A series of messages regarding Beef Data and Genomics Programme (BDGP) information meetings around the country
19/10/2015	A message regarding the return of samples and survey forms for BDGP
19/01/2016	A message to BDGP Participants to return samples & surveys for payment
23/03/2016	A message on GLAS 1 Action Completion Deadlines
05/05/2016	Wild Bird Cover & Environmental Management of Fallow Land must be sown in the approved location
20/05/2016	Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer Groups. Monday May 23, 7pm. Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar
25/05/2016	Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer. Wed, May 25, 7pm. Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction
26/05/2016	Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer. Thurs, May 26, 7pm. Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar
26/05/2016	Extension of deadline for sowing Wild Bird Cover in GLAS 1 & 2
29/05/2016	Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer. Wed, June 1, 7pm. Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Co. Carlow.
30/05/2016	Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer. Tues, May 31, 7pm. Silver Springs Hotel, Tivoli, Co. Cork.
31/05/2016	Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer. Mon, May 30, 7pm. Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry, Co. Galway.

21/06/2016 Information session for farmers interested in Knowledge Transfer Poultry. Tues, Jun 21, 7pm. Hotel Kilmore, Cavan.

05/07/2016 Upcoming GLAS Farm Walks covering Twite, Corncrake & Grey Partridge in Co. Donegal, Mayo & Offaly

08/07/2016 Upcoming GLAS Farm Walks covering Twite, Corncrake & Grey Partridge in Co. Donegal, Mayo & Offaly

11/07/2016 Upcoming GLAS Farm Walks covering Twite, Corncrake & Grey Partridge in Co. Donegal, Mayo & Offaly

25/07/2016 TAMS II payment claims must have evidence of safety course or equiv and register Tax Clearance (now eTC) with Local AES Office

21/09/2016 BDGP Carbon Navigator must be completed by 31 Oct 16.

11/10/2016 Reminder to complete and return GLAS Slurry Declaration form before 15/11/2016

14/11/2016 Further to your approval under TAMS II, do you intend to submit a claim for payment before November 30th 2016? Reply Y/N.

17/11/2016 BDGP Carbon Navigator must be completed by 31 Oct 16

22/11/2016 To be paid in December your carbon navigator must be completed by 30 Nov

03/11/2017 Message to farmers in Burren Region alerting opening of 3rd tranche

**Annex 2**

**Membership of the Monitoring Committee**

**For the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020**

<b>Member Organisation</b>	<b>Nominee name</b>
<b>Central Government</b>	
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Irish Co-operative Organisation Society Ltd	<i>Vacant</i>
Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association	Aine O' Connell /Patrick Rohan
Irish Local Development Network	Joe Saunders
Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association	Gillian Westbrook
The Organic Trust Ltd	Gavin Lynch
Macra Na Feirme	Derry Dillon
Irish Rural Link	Seamus Boland
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Association of Irish Local Government	TBC
Irish Universities Association	Prof Jim Walsh
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