

EURI¹ Programme 2021-2022 Summary

Relevant Dates

- Start date 30 July 2021
- Final date for allocation of budget 31 December 2022
- Final date for projects to be completed 31 December 2023
- Final project claims must be paid by 30 June 2024

About EURI

EURI funding is being provided to support local communities and enterprises with an opportunity to:

- Respond to emerging challenges
- Support measures that encourage employment and job creation
- Communities and community groups to respond, recover and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EURI Funding can be used to support the following areas (which are not exhaustive):

1. Supports to rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate or diversify in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Community based projects that seek to address emerging challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, promoting greater social inclusion.
3. Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green, bio and circular economy within the LAG area.
4. Maximising the potential of broadband and the digital economy in communities, including through skills development and building awareness and usage of available remote working facilities. (This must be in line with “LEADER funding for Broadband Infrastructure and Broadband Connection Points” of the LEADER Operating Rules – speak to your Project Officer for more details).

EURI Rules

The current LEADER Operating Rules, EU Regulations and any subsequent circulars apply to the delivery of the EURI Programme. The ***rate of aid for businesses has been increased from 50% to 75%***. Mayo LAG has confirmed that private promoters must prove that they need the higher rate of aid, otherwise the 50% rate of aid will apply.

Maximum Grant Amounts that apply in County Mayo (as at 24/03/2021)

- €150,000 for private businesses
- €50,000 for tourism accommodation projects (€62,500 on the off-shore Islands)
- €200,000 for community projects (reduced from €300,000 under LEADER 2014-2020)
- €75,000 for playgrounds

¹ EURI = European Union Recovery Instrument Fund