







Special EU Programmes Body Comhlacht na gClár Speisialta AE Special EU Skemes Boadie





Bringing it all together to create cross community and cross border links and build relationships.



What is the PEACE PLUS Programme?



'The overall objective of the PEACE PLUS Programme will be to build Peace and Prosperity and ensure that this Programme will leave a lasting and tangible legacy.'

Consultation Information Document – SEUPB, 2021



Special EU Programmes Body Foras Um Chláir Speisialta An AE Boord O Owre Ocht UE Projecks EU 2020-2027 Policy Objectives (1,2,3,4,5) Socio Economic Study Northern Ireland / Ireland border counties of Ireland EU Border Orientation Report Research & Sectoral reports

Stakeholders Consultation Statutory agencies, Local Authorities Public events Public survey

PEACE PLUS Programme for Government Ireland and Northern Ireland & Departmental Policy Priorities. Public Consultation – 2020 & 2021



- High level of engagement with citizens and key stakeholders in 2020-1000 citizens, 16 events and 320 responses and in 2021-415 Responses Submitted.
- Analysis of Responses overwhelming Positive Support for programme and Administrative Proposals.
- Over 50% of respondents new to Programme.



Focus of PEACEPLUS



- Support, develop, enable and engage communities.
- Development of Local Action Plan by Local Authorities, co-creation with the communities at a local level.
- Meaningful engagement new innovative approaches to delivery of services.
- Inclusion of civil society at every level= address societal and community challenges.
- Real and lasting impact especially those most affected.
- Engage those marginalised to become involved in improving their physical and social environment regenerate local areas.
- Small grants <€100k administratively more simple.
- Cross-border legal and administrative challenges.

Focus of PEACEPLUS



- Investment in our young people to improve their life opportunities
- Encourage social Economy and entrepreneurship
- Community leadership
- Investment in the economy –SMES support for research , skills, life long learning
- Investment in rural and border communities- regeneration and reimaging, access to services
- Iconic spaces new and vibrant town centres and villages
- Covid recovery actions
- Impact of Brexit
- Impact of Ukrainian War

Coordination of funding Streams



- Shared Island Initiative
- DRCD Funding Programmes
- ESF Ireland and ERDF Programmes, EU
- City Deals / Growth deals
- UK funding levelling up , shared prosperity
- IFI
- ...

Requires a formal coordinated approach for a more strategic outcome for all

What are the next steps?



- Adoption of Programme by European
 CommissionProgramme commencement 2022
 schedule of calls and PMC required to approve
 processes
- Pre-development support has commenced for those early calls
- Programme Launch September?





Thank you





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