



AGENDA
Unlocking LEADER
Programme Opportunities
Capacity Building Workshop
 Bridge House Hotel
 21 May 2026



An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe
 agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta
 Department of Rural and Community
 Development and the Gaeltacht

09:30-10:15	Registration, Tea and Coffee	
10:15-10:20	Welcome Remarks from CAP Network Ireland	James Claffey, CAP Network Ireland
10:20-10:30	2023-2027 LEADER Programme Update	Marie Duffy, Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG)
Session 1 – LEADER & Climate Action		
10:30-10:45	Thematic Introduction	Oliver Wynne, Leitrim County Council
10:45-10:55	LEADER Project Example: Climate Change Training Initiative	John Toland, Cavan County Local Development
10:55-11:05	LEADER Project Example: Lahinch Seaworld Renewable Energy Project	Siobhan Normoyle, Clare Local Development Company
11:05-11:15	Panel Q&A	
11:15-11:20	Introduction to the Interactive Activity	
11:20-11:40	Rolling Coffee	
11:40-12:25	Interactive Activity	
12:25-13:10	Lunch	
Session 2 - LEADER & Agricultural Diversification		
13:10-13:25	Thematic Introduction	Bernard Doorley, Teagasc
13:25-13:35	EU Insights on LEADER & Agricultural Diversification	Alistair Prior, EU CAP Network
13:35-13:45	LEADER Project Example: Baine Blasta	Mary Stack, North, East and West Kerry Development (NEWKD)
13:45-13:55	LEADER Project Example: Kildare Agri Tourism Glamping and Cycling project	Susan Bookle, Kildare LCDC and James O Dwyer, Kildare Agri Tourism Glamping and Cycling project
13:55-14:05	Panel Q&A	
14:05-14:10	Introduction to the Interactive Activity	
14:10-14:30	Rolling Coffee	
14:30-15:15	Interactive Activity	
15:15-15:20	Closing Remarks	Marie Duffy, DRCDG