



## **Looking for Inter Territorial and Transnational Partners**

**Subject:** LEADER Partner-search in relation to Measure 421 –Implementing Co-operation projects

**Region:** Longford, Ireland

**Name of LAG:** Longford Community Resources Limited (LCRL).

The establishment of Longford Community Resources Ltd in 1995, as a company limited by guarantee, provided the first major opportunity for the community, voluntary and the state sectors to work together to identify and to plan a coordinated response to the challenges facing County Longford, Ireland.

County Longford is located within the central plain of Ireland. The total area of County Longford is 104,387 hectares and it has a population of 34,391 (Census 2006). This provides a population density of just under 32 persons per sq. km., which is relatively low in comparison to regional and national figures for Ireland.

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**From which countries are the partners being sought?**

All European Union countries.

**Special requirements:** Interested LAG partners must have both written and spoken English.

**Objective:** To re-skill/up skill workers from a rural/small farmer/ex-construction worker context to meet future challenges and opportunities (including self employment) as Ireland faces a carbon neutral economy.

**Themes:** Support for Business Creation and Training

**What kinds of joint actions could be developed?**

- Organizing joint events, seminars and training courses, particularly in relation to retraining trades people in the construction industry to avail of potential opportunities in environmentally friendly building techniques, creating local biomass supply chains and creating energy efficiency (thermal performance, passive homes, etc). Provision of business skills training.
- Creating local energy supply chains for the long term, reliable supply of economic sources of biomass to the power generating sector.
- Exchanging best practices around stimulating rural employment, including self employment opportunities on small farms, allotments, etc.
- Production of joint publications

**External target groups:** Unemployed construction workers, farmers, environmental groups and all rural dwellers.



'The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas'.



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