



OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME

2024/2025

Measure 1 - Project Expression of Interest Form - Laois

Local Community Group Information

Community Group:	
Contact Person:	
Position:	
Email:	
Telephone No.:	
List all other stakeholders involved in this application:	

Project Information

Project Name:	
Total Project Costs: Must be consistent with Detailed Costings for Proposed Project below	€
Funding Requested: Must be consistent with Detailed Costings for Proposed Project below	€
Match Funding: NOTE: A minimum cash contribution of 10% of the overall project cost is required.	€
Please provide a clear and concise description of the proposed project: This will be used for a Press Release, if approved,	



<p><u>max. 30 words.</u> Detailed description requested below.</p>																									
<p>List which Strategic Objectives of Embracing Ireland's Outdoors this project meets: Further detail requested below</p>																									
<p>Has this project, or part of, previously received funding under ORIS? If so, please provide details of previous funding</p>																									
<p>Location of proposed works:</p>																									
<p>Please provide the Eircode or XY (ITM format) Co-ordinates of the project: XY coordinates should be captured in Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM) formats. Coordinates can be converted to ITM format here: https://gnss.osi.ie/new-converter/. This data will be used to geo-map all successful projects</p>	<p>EIRCODE</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="505 1003 878 1066"> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <p>XY (ITM)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="505 1262 841 1325"> <tr> <td>E</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="881 1262 1276 1325"> <tr> <td>N</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </table>									E								N							
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<p>Please provide a map (if applicable) showing the location of the project and the works that are to be completed:</p>																									
<p>Exact length of proposed works to be funded under <u>this application</u> (if applicable): Note: Please identify start and end point on map</p>																									



<p>Outline the consultation which has taken place to date with stakeholders/ beneficiaries: e.g. sectoral authorities/agencies, business community, local community groups, residents etc. in relation to the proposal. Specifically highlight any issues which arose on foot of consultation and how these have been, or are being, addressed</p>	
<p>Please confirm that the planning consents are in place e.g. planning permission/Part 8 planning consent (if applicable): Please provide Planning Reference Number</p>	
<p>Do you own or have the written consent of the landowner? If on Coillte land or within 200m of NPWS lands please provide evidence of consent from the organisation</p>	
<p>Is project located in a Natura 2000 site (SAC/SPA)? Click here to check</p>	
<p>If it is within, or impacts, a Natura 2000 site, has screening for Appropriate Assessment and/or other ecological</p>	



<p>assessments been completed? If so, what is the result?</p>	
<p>Confirm how the project is being delivered as per the relevant guidelines e.g. Leave No Trace - Resources Trail Development - Sport Ireland Great Outdoors - A Guide for Accessibility Blueways Ireland – Blueway Management & Development Guide Fáilte Ireland - Greenway Visitor Experience and Interpretation Toolkit Helping the Hills - Guiding Principles for the Management of Path Erosion in Upland Areas Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas</p>	
<p>Are these works part of a larger project: If yes, what are the objectives of the larger project, and give details of funding approved, applied for and planned for the other phases: Include details of previous funding applied for or granted under ORIS or any other scheme (RRDF, Sports Capital etc.)</p>	



Please provide a full and concise description of the proposed project and the works involved (max. 500 words):

Describe how the applicant will provide for the ongoing maintenance of the project:

Describe in detail how the proposed project supports outdoor recreation with particular reference to the Strategic Objectives of [Embracing Ireland's Outdoors](#):

Outline how the project will support an inclusive approach, or incorporate disability friendly and age friendly measures:

Outline how the project supports climate action and/or promotes biodiversity:

Outline how the proposed project addresses an identified need:

**Does the project have clear positive health impacts or benefits for local communities?
Please outline:**

Describe how the project will support tourism and/or economic development in the local area:

Outline any other impacts the project will have on the local area:



Outline how the intended project outcome will be measured (2 bullet points):



Detailed Costings for Proposed Project:

Please provide detailed breakdown of all elements of the proposed works including any administration/other fees/costs:

Project Elements* (provide details of each element)	Cost (inc. VAT)	
1.	€	
2.	€	
3.	€	
4.	€	
5.	€	
6.	€	
7.	€	
8.	€	
Local authority costs (if applicable)		
1.	€	
2.	€	
3.	€	
4.	€	
Professional fees (e.g. architectural, engineering, survey costs)	€	% of total project costs
Total Project Cost (sum of project elements costs)	€	<i>Must equate to the 'Total Project Cost' field below</i>
Grant Aid amount sought (Max. 90% of total project costs)	€	% of total project costs
Match Funding: (Min. 10% of total cost) Included in project elements listed above	€	% of total project costs
Total Project Cost (Grant aid + Match Funding)	€	<i>Must equate to the 'Total Project Cost' field above</i>

*Failure to provide adequate detail and costings will result in the project receiving lower marks

Timelines:

Projects funded under Measure 1 should be completed within 18 months of approval. It is expected that these projects will be approved in Quarter 1, 2024. Please provide a timeline for commencement and completion dates, and an indicative time frame for completion of the project (additional lines can be added as required):

	Proposed date:	Indicative time frame (days/weeks):
Commencement date:		
Completion date:		



Use of Data

The information on this Expression of Interest Form will be used by the Department of Rural and Community Development for the purposes of processing the application. Further information may be sought by the Department to clarify aspects of the project proposal. The application form will be shared with Fáilte Ireland for assessment purposes. The Department may draw on broader, more specialist expertise where required, and such information as considered necessary to complete an assessment of your application may be shared with those experts

The Applicant and the Department are subject to the data protection and privacy laws of Ireland and the EU, in particular the Data Protection Act 2018 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679, known as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”). Any personal information which you provide as part of the application process will be obtained and processed in compliance with Data Protection legislation.

The Department retains the right to disclose for the purposes of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 or otherwise, in connection with the funded project(s) –

- i. any information supplied by the Applicant to the Department, and
- ii. any relevant data gathered by the Department in administering grant aid to the project, except where the information is considered to be personal or commercially sensitive.

Declaration by Applicant

I confirm that I have read and understood this document and declare that the particulars supplied in this application are true and correct and that –

- This project is eligible under the ORIS criteria and *Embracing Ireland's Outdoors*.
- The costings are accurate and reasonable.
- Match funding is available for the project, provided by the community group and/or philanthropic contributions.
- All necessary permissions are in place: planning permission/Part 8 planning consent (if applicable) etc.
- All relevant ecological survey work has been undertaken e.g. Appropriate Assessment screening, bat surveys etc.
- There is evidence of ownership (if applicable) or the consent of the landowner.
- The project will comply with Public Procurement Guidelines.



- The project conforms to the LECP and other local or regional plans.
- No funding has been allocated for the same works from any other sources.

Proof of the above is not required at the time of application but must be available to the Department or its agents on request.

I acknowledge the information regarding the use of data set out above and give consent to the Department of Rural and Community Development for the sharing of all information, personal or otherwise, contained in this application and any attachments accompanying it, in accordance with the uses of the data and information provided above.

Signed on behalf of _____ (Lead Applicant Organisation)

Signature _____

Name in Block Capitals _____

Position _____

Date _____

Completed Expression of Interest forms must be returned by email only to sports@laoiscoco.ie before **4.30pm Friday, 10th January 2025**

Expressions of Interest received after this date and time will not be considered for the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

All applications will be subject to a selection process using National Criteria.

Selected Expression of Interest applications will be developed into detailed bids for consideration for the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

For enquiries email: sports@laoiscoco.ie