



CAP Network Ireland

CSP Implementation Subgroup Meeting
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What is CAP Network Ireland?



What does CAP Network Ireland do?



Within Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan, we support farmers and rural communities to create a sustainable future for all.



CAP Network Ireland is managed by three organisations



Irish Rural Link
Nasc Tuaithe na hÉireann

Irish Rural Link is a non-profit, rural Irish advocacy cooperative campaigning for sustainable rural development in Ireland and Europe.



ERINN
INNOVATION

ERINN Innovation is an Irish SME that specialises in bridging the gap from science to policy, industry and society.



MTU

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta na Mumhan
Munster Technological University

Munster Technological University is a multi-campus technological university with expertise in agricultural and rural development.

Our Work Covers Four Key Areas:



Research



Communication
& Marketing



Management &
Implementation



Innovation
Hub

Irish Examples



1) BISS Clinics

2) Knowledge Transfer Workshops

3) EIP-Agri Capacity Building Workshop

Basic Income Support for Sustainability (BISS) Clinics



Targetting “Hard to Reach”

- The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine are delivering a nationwide rollout of face-to-face Farmer Clinics aimed at aiding farmers in completing their online applications for the [Basic Income Support for Sustainability](#) (BISS) and other relevant area-based schemes.
- These BISS Farmer Clinics feature Department personnel offering personalised assistance to farmers, ensuring their scheme applications are submitted ahead of Wednesday the 15th of May 2024 deadline.
- These clinics are especially beneficial for farmers lacking a [FAS-approved advisor](#) to aid them in their application process.

BISS Clinic



2023 Figures

Location BISS Clinics	Total Number
Adare	55
Trim	41
Monaghan	17
Donegal	15
Ennistymon	69
Oranmore	155
Westport	72
Drumshanbo	154
Skibbeeran	43
Dunmanway	104
Kenmare	34
Cavan	120
Carndonagh	29
Enniscorthy	81
Clonmel	169
Athlone	151
Baltinglass	68
Tralee	182
Ballina	151
Cavan	35
Drumshanbo	77
Tuam	143
Mitchelstown	92
Nenagh	80
Kilkenny	42
TOTAL	2179

- Provides the “hard to reach” group with a communication channel
- Provides assurance to the farmers.
- Reduces the demands placed upon the advisory services at a busy time of year.
- Positive interactives with the farming community.

**KT
Programme
Webinars**



Webinar Series

**Knowledge Transfer
Programme 2024-2026**



Regional Webinars



- CAP Network Ireland, in conjunction with [DAFM](#), facilitated four online regional webinars in order to provide guidance and additional information about the KT programme. Each of the four events included presentations from CAP Network Ireland, DAFM and guest experts.
- 280 farm advisors participated in the events. The webinars were also uploaded to Youtube for people who couldn't attend.
- The events assisted advisors to identify “the local need” in consultation with their clients. The identification of local needs is a new concept.
- We provide instructions and resources on how to assist the advisors.

EIP-Agri Capacity Building Webinars



Building Capacity and Managing Managing Expectations

- CAP Network Ireland will host a capacity building webinar for potential EIP-Agri Operational Groups later this month.
- Learnings from the previous programme tell us that groups need support and advice in writing their applications. Given the success of EIP-Agri in Ireland, we envision a high volume of applications under many calls.
- This webinar aims to increase the standard of applications received while also reducing the administrative burden on the MA.
- After the webinar, attendees will be sent a pack including a partner search form, application resources and evaluator guidelines.
- The CAP Network will also deliver capacity building workshops with the successful applicants.

Final Thoughts



- Farmer engagement is complex and resource-intensive but worthwhile in delivering better outcomes for both the administrations and farmers.
- To reduce administration burden on farmers and advisors, they must be provided them with the tools and confidence to participate.



Thank you

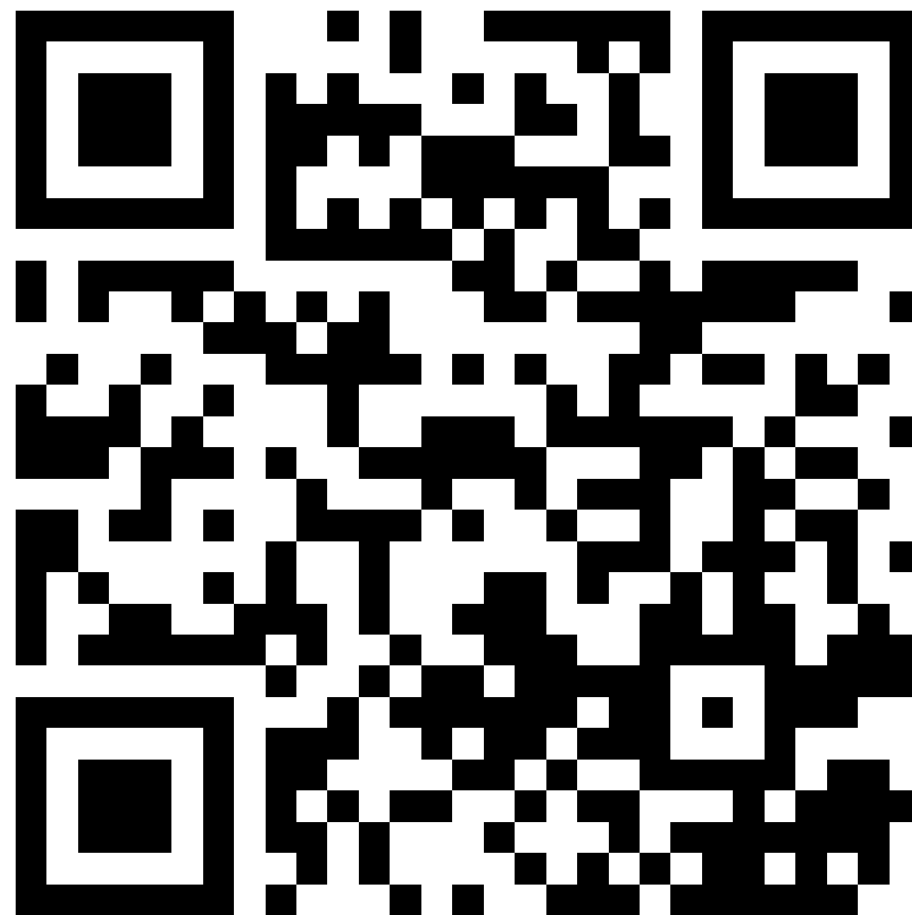
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