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**From: LEADER Policy & Operations Unit**

**To: All LAGs and Implementing Partners**

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**Subject: (i) Updated Transitional LEADER Programme,  
(ii) Increase in funding for LEADER Co-operation  
Measure  
(iii) Carry-over of unallocated LEADER 2014 – 2020  
funding by the LAG**

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys, T.D., has today announced details of the €70 million Transitional LEADER Programme. €45 million funding for the Transitional LEADER Programme (increased by €25 million from that launched in December 2020 per Circular 15 – 2020) of which will come into effect from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2021** and the €20 million for the EURI Programme which will come into effect after approval is granted by the EU Commission.

The Minister also advises an additional €3 million is being allocated to the €10 million Co-operation Measure Call, which comes into effect for Co-operation projects approved for funding by the Department from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**.

Where LAGs do not have all of their LEADER 2014 – 2020 project funding allocated by 31st March 2021, this funding can be carried forward to the Transitional LEADER Programme. The LEADER IT System will take account of this carry-over of project funding in due course.



The attached document provides full details of all the changes announced including the effective dates for their implementation.

The Press Release which issued today in relation to this announcement is available on the Department's website at the following link

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/779fc-minister-humphreys-announces-transitional-leader-programme-now-open-for-applications/>

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