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Just Transition Fund: MRTT 89 Clontuskert Visitor Centre

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MRTT 89: Clontuskert Visitor Centre

- Cessation of BNM operations in 2020
- RCC seeking to replace revenues and jobs
- Tourism seen as key economic opportunity
- Clontuskert depot considered for visitor centre – edge of bog location
- RCC applied to JTF for Feasibility Study, committing matching funding
- Strand 1 feasibility funding of €249.4k provided comprising:
 - €212k from JTF (85%)
 - €37.4k from RCC (15%)
- Procurement process seeking Tenders from suitable Feasibility Study providers has taken place
- Preferred provider selected, contracts being drawn up
- Final Report due end 2021
- Study review and input from key stakeholder ie BNM Q1 2022
- Yes/No decision on Phase 2 dependent on study and input from BNM
- Yes/No Decision no later then Q2 2022

MRTT 89 Clontuskert: Overview

- The Clontuskert Bord Na Mona Machinery works, located just north of Ballyleague, is a collection of industrial buildings on the edge of the bog which formed a machinery repair and storage depot
- In addition, accommodation blocks dating back to the original development of the site in the first half of the 20th century serve as a reminder of workers who came to work and live on the bog in those early years.
- This project envisages creating an educational and interactive, audio visual, and virtual reality visitor experience which will bring the visitor back in time to origins of monastic settlements, to the first trackways across the bogs, to the eventual industrial development of the bogs as Ireland's main energy natural resource.
- It will also educate visitors on the programme to return the bogs to their medieval wetland, wildlife habitat.



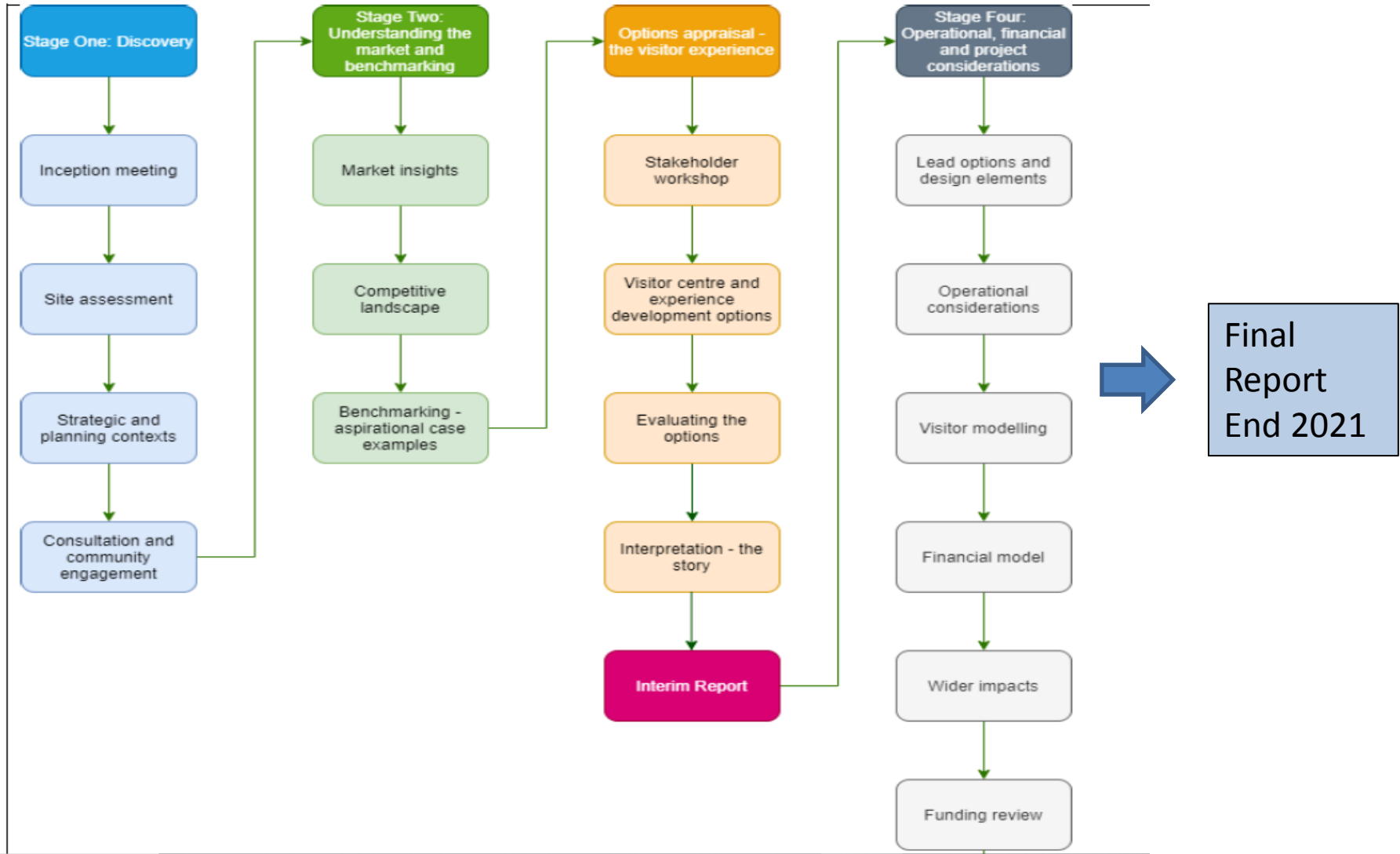


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MRTT 89 Clontuskert: Site Photo & Hut sample



MRTT 89: Feasibility Study Delivery Methodology





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