The Smart Community Management Manual

Chapter 44 - 3.11e) Agri / Food

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Introduction

eTownz has partnered with a number of highly respected research organisations in Ireland and the EU on research projects in the community development and health spaces over the past eight years. The Smart & Engaged Community Management framework was formed based on this research and the guidance of Dr. Maura Farrell of NUIG and Dr. Maura Adshead of UL.

The framework is designed so that it can be applied to any community and under any thematic area of community development. This manual is created using the dynamic "eTownz Knowledge Hub" database which is continually updated with new project ideas and other useful information. If you would like to contribute new ideas please contact us on info@etownz.com.
This manual can be used as a standalone document or used along with eTownz Community Management Portal.

Who is involved and what is the structure?

Coordination Team

The Coordination Team facilitates coordination and knowledge sharing between different Town Teams. Highly committed Stakeholders experienced in community development are strongly encouraged to join the Coordination Team. Town Teams should retain independence and responsibility for their own areas.

Town Teams

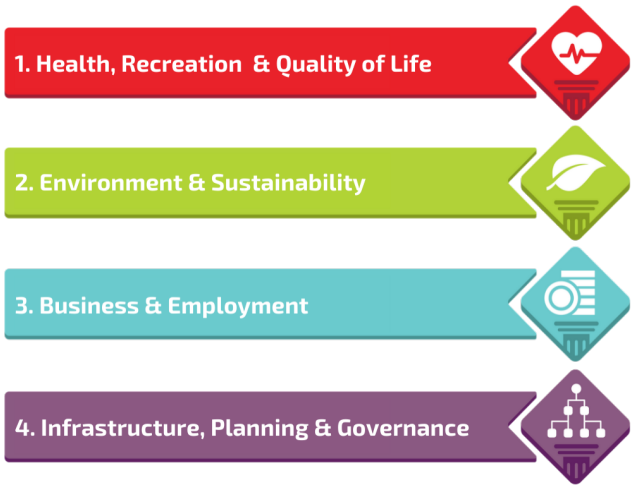
Town Teams are inclusive smart local teams focused on specific aspects of local development. Town Teams link like minded people together to develop and implement solutions to community problems.

Stakeholders

A stakeholder can be a business, club, public service provider or interested local people. A stakeholder may represent one or more of these interests. All the stakeholders are invited to join a community council.

Core Town Teams x4

Members are invited to form Town Teams related to each of the four main community development Pillars.
These are:



Every participating community should aim to have, at minimum 3 to 6 people on each of the four, top-level Town teams.

Town Teams

Specialist Town Teams are invited to form teams related to specific areas under the four main Pillars. Members of the council are invited to join the Town teams that are relevant to them.

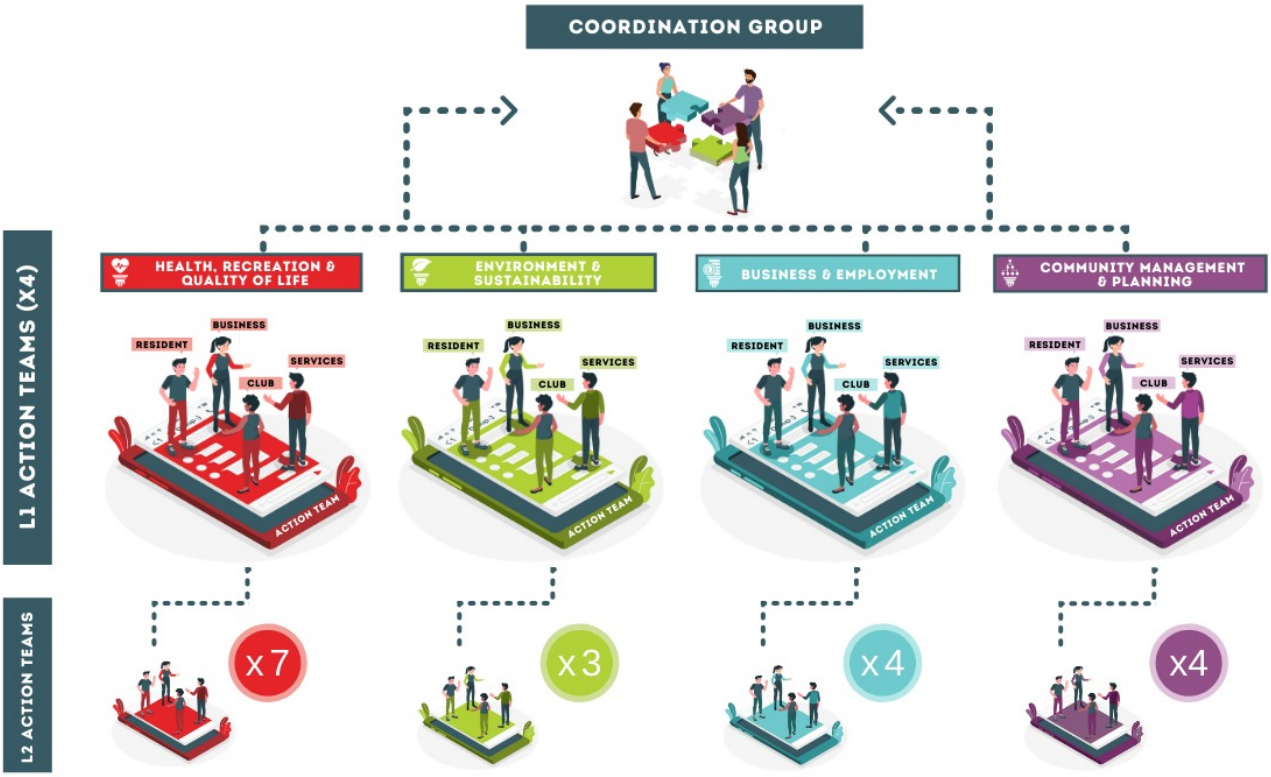
Members of the action team follow the structured format of the smart community framework. They decide their work schedule as a team, creating and implementing local action plans together.

How to use this manual to build a local action team?

The Coordination Team will introduce like-minded stakeholders who wish to form Town teams. The action team then follows a 5-step format illustrated below to compile a “Smart Community Action Plan” for their team. The then follows a 5-step format illustrated below to compile a “Smart Community Action Plan” for their team. The plans can be updated internally throughout the year.

Town teams are invited to submit their plan for the coming 12 months annually. This will be integrated into the overall community plan for the year, compiled before the community AGM.

The AGM helps align the various Town teams and encourage cross-community collaboration on implementation of the plan for the year.



Step 1: Stakeholder Review

The table below can be used by your team to help identify the stakeholders related to this theme. The stakeholders should be invited to provide their ideas, opinions and to join the local action team to help collaborate on initiatives.

Actions

- a Manage a register of local assets
- b Survey local opinions/ideas
- c Recruit & engage local action team

Outcomes

- a Top down understanding of local stakeholders
- b Bottom up understanding stakeholder perspectives
- c Expand team, increase ambitions, plan succession

	Title	Type	#	Comment
	Arable Farmer (S388)	Business		
	Caterers (S408)	Business		
	Farmers Market (S437)	Business		
	Liverstock (Dairy) Farmer (S389)	Business		

	Livestock (Beef Production) (S390)	Business		
	Livestock (Equine) (S391)	Business		
	Livestock (Pigs) Producer (S392)	Business		
	Livestock (Poultry) Producer (S393)	Business		
	Livestock (Sheep) (S394)	Business		
	Local agricultural contractors (S141)	Business		
	Organic Food Producers (S165)	Business		
	Takeaway (S606)	Business		
	Career Guidance Officer (S37)	Public Service		
	Local Enterprise Office (S148)	Public Service		
	Agri Group (S5)	Club / Group		
	Irish Farmers Group (S125)	Club / Group		
	Visitors Regional (S840)	Individual		

Step 2: Asset Review

Use the table below to help build the record list of assets in your area. Use the eTownz portal or a spreadsheet to register your local assets, discuss conditions and how the assets can be better utilised in the community.

	Title	#	Comments
	Farmers Market (A89)		

Step 3: Goals & Metrics Review

Understanding the goal for each action team and attributing relevant metrics is a key part of the Smart Community Management Framework. Below we provide suggested goals and metrics. Please use these as a support to define goals and metrics that work for your community. In the plan, the action team should define how often the goals are to be reviewed and how often the metrics collected.

Title	How is this data collected	Comment	☑
The number of family run farms within the community and surrounding area (M31)	Through feedback from relevant members of the community (via surveys, interviews or other feedback mechanisms).		☐
Number of enterprise and innovation programmes available for farm and food business development (M33)	Through feedback from relevant members of the community (via surveys, interviews or other feedback mechanisms).		☐
Number of agriculture and food businesses currently operating within the community (M34)	Through feedback from relevant members of the community (via surveys, interviews or other feedback mechanisms).		☐
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	A simple brainstorm meeting to list		☐

Number of alternative farm enterprises in the area (M43)	A simple brainstorm meeting to list the various alternatives is a good start, using social media, the group can also invite the community to make suggestions on ones that may have been missed.		☐
Number of sale points for local produce? (M44)	A simple round table brainstorm exercise is best here as it can be difficult to undertake surveys to understand this		☐
The number of family run farms within the community and surrounding area (M45)	Through feedback from relevant members of the community (via surveys, interviews or other feedback mechanisms).		☐

	Title	Summary	☑	Comment
	Team Building, Management & Metrics - (G131)	Initiate & develop a local team who can coordinate activities related to this theme. Support the team in gaining a greater understanding of local challenges, opportunities and help them formulate a detailed and achievable micro plan for the future. The town team can be small or large and determine its own level of activity. The team may take on its own projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate activity among related groups. The team can be comprised of local residents, businesses, club or public service representatives. The team structure can be simple to start with and can decide how often they should meet (e.g. weekly/monthly/quarterly) as they see fit. The team should focus initially on improving the overall understanding of where the challenges and opportunities lie and then help coordinate activities and related projects. There is also a wide variety of supports available and the team can help ensure the community can take advantage of these supports when they become available.	☐	
	Awareness, Understanding & Skills - (G132)	Farm diversification can take many formats and offers a more sustainable approach to agricultural economics, reducing the reliance on volatile markets. This goal understands the need for the local farming community to research new opportunities, gain required expertise, source finance and so on.	☐	

		Another aspect of this goal is the creation of local markets for farm produce e.g. energy or food.		
	Preserve, Support & Develop - (G133)	For this goal we seek to identify ways to support the development of new and existing food enterprises in the area. ******* Support Local Agricultural Sector Improve local opportunities for businesses in the agriculture and food sectors The Irish Agri-Food sector is one of the most important industries in the country, employing in the region of 50,000 people directly. In 2014, Gross Agricultural Output (GAO) was valued at €7.06 billion (DAFM, 2015), which is largely based around 139, 860 family run farms with an average size of 32.7 hectares per holding. (CSO, Census of Agriculture 2011). As part of this goal, communities should seek to gain an understanding of the local issues and opportunities for the local agricultural sector and implement projects to support a sustainable local farm economy.	☐	

Step 4: Project Register & Planning

The action team should begin this section by taking consideration of the projects undertaken in the past 2 years, the currently active projects as well as project ideas for the future. Use the eTownz portal to conduct an online discussion on this topic. We also provide a suggested format for huddles related to this.

- a Add new & update existing projects in project register
- b Review completed projects, document learnings & celebrate successes
- c Discuss, agree, prioritise and schedule projects for the coming year

- a Continual cycle of new idea generation & team building
- b Teams learn from experience & pass on best practise to others
- c Agree, realistic actions plans to better coordinate

Goal: Team Building, Management & Metrics - (G131)

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Related Project Ideas	Rate	Comments
Collaboration between Farmers (P439): A scheme to help local farmers to share resources, workload and areas of cooperation. (Case Study: 170) Social farming in Italy		
Alternative Agri-businesses (P444): A project so that local enterprises and farmers can use locally produced foods in new ways to create businesses. (Case Study: 175) Alternative Farm Enterprises: Ice cream production		
Environmental Friendly Farming (P445): A project encouraging farmers to pool resources and knowledge on how to adopt environmental friendly farming. (Case Study: 176) Improving the Environment and the Countryside		
Support Local Artisan Food (P452): Provide suports such as training to those interested in making and selling artisan foods. (Case Study: 183) Going Big on Artisan Foods		
Increase Food Production (P501): The challenge to increase food production without harming the environment, might be solved through innovative production technics, such as aquaponics. (Case Study: 434) Aquaponics – a greenhouse for innovative food production		
Increase Farm Livestock (P517): An agricultural holding installed 42 ha of pastures which helped increase the farm's livestock while increasing carbon sequestration and offering environmental services. (Case Study: 380) Installation of biodiverse pastures in Portugal		

Planning & Facilitation of Land Stewardship (P559): A farmers association provided support on planning and facilitation of land stewardship, with particular focus on grazing in Sønderup river valley.		
Agri-Environment Cooperatives (P561): Agri-environment cooperatives in the Netherlands use results-based schemes to distribute payments to farmers according to on-farm nature conservation results. (Case Study: 287) Collective approaches to results-based agri-environment schemes in the Netherlands		
Dairy Company Investment (P566): A dairy company used EAFRD to finance its investment on the production of probiotic fermented products of top quality and high nutritional value (Case Study: 284) Expansion and modernisation of a model unit for dairy products		
Innovative Farming Model (P599): An entrepreneur developed an innovative farming model by turning an old farm into a demonstration site where visitors can see and learn about husbandry and endemic game species. (Case Study: 385) Creating a game farm and demonstration site		
Old Farm is turned into an orchard (P609): An old abandoned farm through three separate investments was turned into an orchard with hail protection nets and a building to store the produce and equipment. (Case Study: 400) Setting up an organic apple orchard for direct selling		
Promote Economic & Cultural Growth (P633): Create an innovative development model to promote economic and cultural growth in rural areas. How can your community help less privileged communities. (Case Study: 305) Fair trade economic district in Lombardy		
Reducing Nutrient Pollution (P638): An advisory programme on reducing nutrient pollution, implemented at county level, helps minimise the impact of agriculture on the environment. (Case Study: 360) Greppa Näringen– Advice for preventing fertilizer runoff in Gotland, Sweden		
Create A Grow Your Own Food Group (P722): Grow your own food initiative is all about encouraging people to give food growing a try and believes that growing our own gives us a better understanding of food. (Case Study: 453) The Green Kitchen and Garden Centre		

(Case Study: 526) Rosslare Garden Project		

Goal: Awareness, Understanding & Skills - (G132)

Farm diversification can take many formats and offers a more sustainable approach to agricultural economics, reducing the reliance on volatile markets. This goal understands the need for the local farming community to research new opportunities, gain required expertise, source finance and so on. Another aspect of this goal is the creation of local markets for farm produce e.g. energy or food.

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Create a Network of Agricultural & Food Industry Experts (P120): Establish a network of individuals within the Agricultural and Food industry on a local basis for networking and training purposes.		
Food /Horticulture Sector Opportunities (P204): A committee to investigate opportunities in this important sector. There are a range of option in this area including: Hardy Nursery, Farmhouse Cheese, Strawberry Production, Fruit Preserves, Turfgrass Sod Production, Production of Yoghurt, Organic Potatoes, Chutneys and Relishes, Outdoor, Cut Foliage, Lactic Farmhouse Butter, Blackcurrant Production, Honey Production, Lavender Production, Chocolate Manufacture, Apple Production, Production of Ice Cream, Apple Growing for Cider, Growing Blueberries, Tulip, Bulb Production (Case Study: 65) The Bord Bia Consumer Insight & Innovation		
Sustainable Food Education Project (P356): A project to teach and educate people of all ages how to how to grow and consume food in an environmentally sustainable way, using sustainable land management practices. (Case Study: 441) The Edible Landscape Project		
Undertake Study on Alternative Farming (P368): A study of how to introduce alternative farming strategies, to make them more productive and sustainable. This involves studying best practice from otheer areas and nations. Such a study can be used by local farmers. (Case Study: 66) Toward Sustainable Agricultural Systems in the 21st Century (2010)		
Study on Farmers Early Retirement (P384): A study of local farmers who retired undera government scheme. Their experiences can be studied and more suports can be put in place for		

farmers who retire early. (Case Study: 114) Facilitating and Encouraging Older Farmers to Retire		
Study on Social Farming (P438): A study to determine if a social farm that suport social service providers is feasible (Case Study: 169) Social Farming in Ireland		
Publicize social farming (P442): A community meeting to promote social farming and what it can do for local farmers and the community. (Case Study: 173) What is Social Farming?		
Study on Technology and Farming (P450): A study in conjunction with agencies on how local farmers can adopt technologies that would allow them to become more productive. (Case Study: 181) Electronic Poultry Weighing Project		
Workshop For Women On Local Farms (P455): Organise a workshop to train the many women who work on local farms. Information on health and safety etc. (Case Study: 186) The Role of Women on Wicklow Farms		
Training for Bovine Breeders (P496): A project offering training modules targeting bovine breeders to promote alternative methods to maintain healthy livestock and decrease the use of antibiotics (Case Study: 410) ALTIBIOTIQUE – campaign to decrease the use of antibiotics on animal livestock		
Knowledge-Transfer Activities (P500): A series of knowledge-transfer activities to increase knowledge and skills on organic plant and animal production, processing and marketing. (Case Study: 436) Knowledge transfer programme on organic farming		
Precision Farming (P516): EAFRD support was used by a farmer to invest in precision farming and become more productive and comply to the needs of his long term client, a research institute. (Case Study: 379) Acquiring machinery for research trials and precision farming		
Mobile Hen House (P520): A family farm turned into free range egg production and used RDP support to set up a mobile henhouse. (Case Study: 269) Mobile henhouse		
Innovation Among Sheep Farmers (P532): Development competition inspires innovation among young sheep farmers. Welsh rural development		

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Promote Local Food (P547): Food producers and providers used funds to promote local food through short supply chains via a coordinated system of local and online outlets across an area larger than the Netherlands. (Case Study: 317) Put Aragon on Your Table		
Visitor Centre on Farm (P557): Using EAFRD support to develop a visitor centre, helping boost direct sales and educate citizens on farm production and processing. (Case Study: 341) Expanding the visitor centre on a hazelnut farm		
Dairy Company Investment (P566): A dairy company used EAFRD to finance its investment on the production of probiotic fermented products of top quality and high nutritional value (Case Study: 284) Expansion and modernisation of a model unit for dairy products		
Help Diversify Farms (P594): On farm care is a new type of service which can help farms diversify while significantly contributing to a more natural rehabilitation process for people in need. (Case Study: 371) Green arena		
Innovative Farming Model (P599): An entrepreneur developed an innovative farming model by turning an old farm into a demonstration site where visitors can see and learn about husbandry and endemic game species. (Case Study: 385) Creating a game farm and demonstration site		
New Farm Equipment (P600): A farm producing flowers used RDP support to purchase new equipment and a tractor, thus achieving its goal to enhance and diversify its production. (Case Study: 387) 'Darzini-2' – modernisation of a farm specialised in floriculture		
A Study Tour (P604): A study tour in Italy and Austria enabled representatives of sanitary and epidemiological stations to gain new knowledge and exchange experiences on how to best supervise small-scale local food production. (Case Study: 394) Exchanging experiences on food hygiene and safety for small scale food processing		
Study Tour for Members (P605):		

Organise a study tour for residents to raise awareness and improve their skills on organic farming. (Case Study: 393) Using the technical assistance measure to organise a study tour on organic farming		
Peer-to-peer Farmer Programme (P615): An educational peer-to-peer programme for farmers that are engaged into innovative practices, facilitated through participative techniques and scientific expertise. (Case Study: 413) The Innovation Route of the Walloon rural development network		
Slow Food Movement (P727): Connect the pleasure of food with a commitment to your community and environment. The Slow Food movement reconnects consumers to the source and quality of their food, as well as to its wider implications in the global food chain. Slow Food helps small producers access bigger markets and build sustainable businesses, it helps build profile for producers and informs consumers of alternatives to processed and unseasonal foods, and regularly organises events and education initiatives (Case Study: 540) Slow Food		
Promote Bee Friendly Farming (P729): Take action to provide a pollinator friendly habitat in your farm, as this helps support healthy and sustainable agricultural economies, food supplies and landscapes. (Case Study: 525) Poliinator Project (Case Study: 539) Bee Friendly Farming		

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Research agri-business opportunities (P70): Ascertain business opportunities in the local agricultural and food industry.		
Identify Agri-Business Training Opportunity (P71): Liaise with local and national Agricultural and Food organisations (Teagasc, Bord Bia etc.) to determine if they provide local/community training programmes.		
Agri-business network (P72): Establish a network of individuals within the local agricultural and food industry for networking and training purposes. (Case Study: 72) Australian Food Hubs Network		
Local Campaign for Food (P73): Consider a local branding campaign in relation to local agricultural and food products. (Case Study: 73) Case studies in local food initiatives		
Determine interest of business opportunities relating to agriculture and food (P118): Ascertain the level of local interest in business opportunities/development in the agricultural and food industry.		
Community Agriculture Training Programs (P119): Liaise with local and national Agricultural and Food organisations (Teagasc, Bord Bia etc.) to determine if they provide local/community training programmes.		
Develop Local Food Brands (P121): Consider a local branding campaign in relation to local agricultural and food products.		
Develop Local Food Academy (P281): Bring together local food companies and develop a food academy to support the ongoing professional development of the sector locally. (Case Study: 25) Food Academy to support jobs in the South East Region		
Develop Sustainable Farms (P434): Develop projects to help farmers to develop sustainable farms. (Case Study: 165) Western Poultry Renewable Energy Cluster		
Farm Diversification Scheme (P437): Help farmers to diversify and to secure new streams of revenue. This could involve identifying opportunities in sectors such as organic farming and tourism. (Case Study: 168) Farm Diversification		
Supported Employment in the Social Farm (P441):		

An employment scheme where local unemployed people can work on a social farm. They can work the farm and meet the needs of visitors. (Case Study: 172) Social Farming in Flanders, Belgium		
Alternative Farming Strategies Forum (P443): A forum where farmers and others can jointly develop strategies that would help farmers to diversify their business and to enter into new markets. (Case Study: 174) Alternative Farm Enterprises: Cheese making		
Create Local Organic Farming Brand (P451): Develop an organic food brand for local producers. This could be used to boost organic food production and to market their products nationally and internationally. (Case Study: 182) Developing and branding Organic Farm Produce		
Build Website for Local Food Promotion(P478): Create an online preence which can be used to help promote the various food retailers, restaurants and producers in the region. (Case Study: 248) Taste Leitrim Branding		
Promote Locally Produced Food (P491): An organisation to promote locally produced high quality fresh food for public schools. (Case Study: 300) Sustainable local food 2013		
Network to Support Organization of Farmer's Markets (P493): The National Rural Network of Slovakia used RDP funds to support the organization of farmers´ markets in different Slovak regions. (Case Study: 283) Promotion and sale of Slovak traditional products on farmers´ markets		
Help Farmers Exchange Ideas (P499): My Farm, My Way" is a web platform that allows farmers to exchange ideas and innovative practices and get to learn from each other. (Case Study: 420) Mein Hof, Mein Weg - My Farm, My Way		
New Equipment for Meat Processing (P505): Use funds such as EAFRD funds to invest in new equipment in order to enhance the quality of local produce and increase its production volumes. (Case Study: 278) Adding value to the traditional local produce of Pomurje		
Raise Awareness & Sales of Organic Products (P523): Awareness raising and sales promotion for organic crops and products		

crops and products (Case Study: 288) Joint work for organic market development		
Setup a Mobile Slaughterhouse (P526): A group of farmers in Latvia used EAFRD support to set up a mobile slaughterhouse for common use. The investment enabled farmers to respond to the increasing demand for certified slaughterhouse services at a competitive price. (Case Study: 297) Setting up a mobile Slaughterhouse for Common Use in Latvia		
Development of Distribution Systems (P537): A series of different LEADER supported projects helped the development of distribution systems for producers as to improve market access and local food awareness. (Case Study: 328) Short Supply Chains in the Heart of Slovenia (Case Study: 368) 3.EVA - Experimenting and Initiating Together in the Aude Valley		
Competitiveness In The Food Industry (P544): A project to enhance the competitiveness and low carbon economy in agriculture and the food industry, through the analysis of alternative future scenarios. (Case Study: 432) A foresight into the future of the food industry in South Savo		
Support Of Land Stewardship (P558): A farmers association provided support on planning and facilitation of land stewardship, with particular focus on grazing in Sønderup river valley. (Case Study: 342) Promoting land stewartship at Sønderup Stream Valley		
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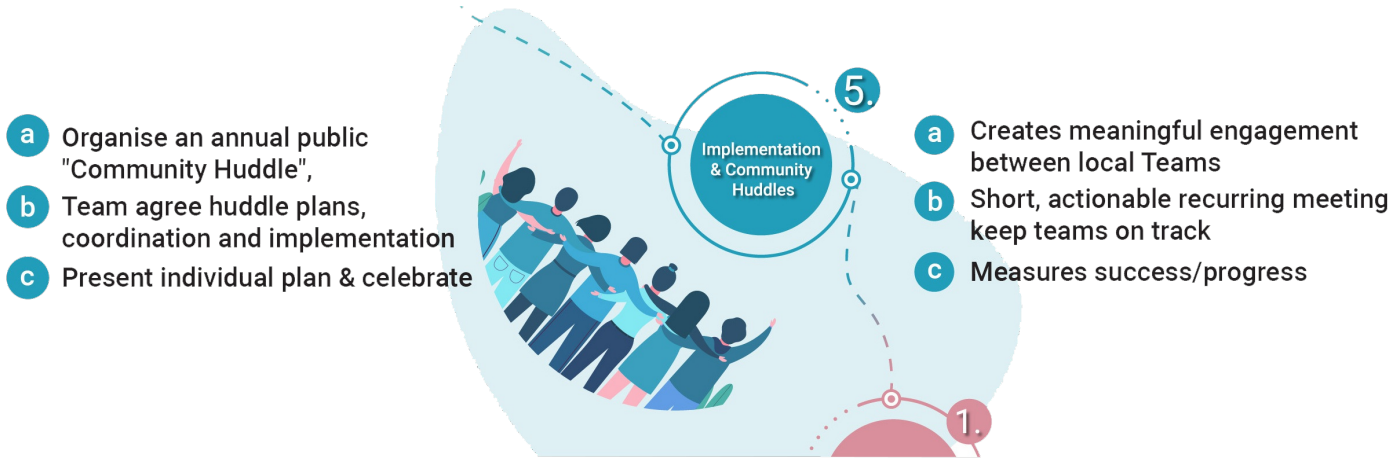
Test & Develop Niche Product (P587): Local farmers and agro-processors came together to carry out this research project to test and develop a niche product. (Case Study: 275) Added Value to create a Niche Product		
Old Farm is turned into an orchard (P609): An old abandoned farm through three separate investments was turned into an orchard with hail		

protection nets and a building to store the produce and equipment. (Case Study: 400) Setting up an organic apple orchard for direct selling		
Consumption of Local Beef (P611): A cooperation project to promote the consumption of locally produced beef and create economic and environmental benefits. (Case Study: 430) Sobrarbe, Autochthonous and Sustainable beef production		
Promote Economic & Cultural Growth(P633): Create an innovative development model to promote economic and cultural growth in rural areas. How can your community help less privileged communities. (Case Study: 305) Fair trade economic district in Lombardy		
Develop Local Sales (P640): A Finnish University used EAFRD funding to organise information days, pilot projects and professional tours to enable food processing companies to develop their local sales. (Case Study: 357) Developing local food sales through knowledge and skills		

Step 5: Community Huddles & Implementation

Community Huddles cover a variety of different meetings types that take place throughout the year. This includes remote meetings, project planning or project implementation meetings. We provide a suggested one hour format for the main meeting types to help make best use of people's time.



Relevant/Supporting Organisations

Title	Comment

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Red Stables Market 10-4pm every Saturday in St Anne's Park. A wide variety of foods, local produce and crafts.	
Friday at the Milk Market Friday at the Milk Market is all about unique gifts & delicious food in a a relaxing & friendly atmosphere	
Cavan Country Produce www.cavancountryproduce.ie Menus for Cavan Country Produce are available on our website, cavancountryproduce.ie	
Ballymote Country Markets Ltd. Market open Every Saturday 10-12pm . Only All local homemade,Homegrown and Home baked Produce. Tea & Coffee Corner too.	
Newmarket on Fergus Craft & Food Market A local community arts and crafts market allowing local and national small businesses a welcoming place to showcase and sell their work. Once a month. 11-4	
Cloughjordan Community Farm A community owned farm on the Tipperary/Offaly border.	
Leitrim Organic Farmers Est. 1998. Contact details: T. 353 (0)71 9640868 F. 353 (0)71 9640869 leitrimorganic@eircom.net	
Borris Market Borris Market	
Thurles Farmer market Thurles Farmer MarketSaturday from 9:30am - 12:30	
Laois Farmers Market Producers of Fine Foods including: Fresh Fish, Vegetables, Home Baking and Preserves. Shop local at Market Square every Friday morning	
Irish Village Markets www.irishvillagemarkets.ie Bringing the headiest aromas and tastiest food to lunchtime and events across Dublin and beyond www.irishvillagemarkets.ie	
Urban Farm Project www.urbanfarm.ie Urban Horti-Cultural Projects www.urbanfarm.ie	