



**LONGFORD COMMUNITY RESOURCES LTD.  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Abbreviations:**

<b>LCRL</b>	Longford Community Resources Ltd.
<b>RDP</b>	Rural Development Programme
<b>EAFRD</b>	European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
<b>DCGRA</b>	Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs
<b>DAFF</b>	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food
<b>LEADER</b>	'Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l'Économie Rurale', <u>meaning</u> 'Links between the rural economy and development actions'.
<b>NDP</b>	National Development Plan
<b>NRDP</b>	National Rural Development Programme
<b>NRN</b>	National Rural Network
<b>NSS</b>	National Spatial Strategy
<b>LAG</b>	Local Area Groups
<b>LDSIP</b>	Local Development Social Inclusion Programme
<b>VAT</b>	Value Added Tax
<b>OPLURD Programme</b>	Operation Programme for Local, Urban and Regional Development
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>RDPEC</b>	Rural Development Programme Evaluation Council

**Definitions of terms:**

<b>EU Rural Development Division</b>	The Division, under the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, which administers the RDP Programme.
<b>Leader activities / Leader approach</b>	A "bottom up" approach; consultative and democratic style of leadership in which participation is encouraged at all levels of an organisation.
<b>National Exchequer</b>	Treasury for government funds
<b>National Community Grants</b>	Grants which are given to locally -based projects operating in the areas of recreational sports, culture and knowledge.
<b>LAG</b>	refers to the Local Action Group administering the Rural Development Programme (i.e. Longford Community Resources Ltd.)
<b>Programme</b>	refers to the Rural Development Programme
<b>Applicant/the promoter</b>	shall mean the person, community group, company, etc. who has applied for assistance from the Rural Development Programme
<b>Project</b>	shall mean the work for which assistance is sought and as is described in the Contractual Agreement
<b>Beneficiary</b>	shall mean an applicant whose application has been approved for grant assistance
<b>Axis 1</b>	aimed at improving the competitiveness of farm enterprises

	through support for restructuring, development and innovation.
<b>Axis 2</b>	Directed at preserving and, where possible, enhancing the environment, biodiversity and the amenity value of the countryside.
<b>Axis 3</b>	The broad objectives of Axis 3 are to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas including supports for non-agricultural activities.
<b>Axis 4</b>	The measures under Axis 3 will be implemented using the LEADER approach under Axis 4, which emphasises a “bottom up” approach comprising area based local development strategies implemented by local action groups.
<b>Measures</b>	A range of different sectoral categories under which funding is available.
<b>Deadweight</b>	Deadweight exists where a project has the ability to proceed without funding assistance.
<b>Displacement</b>	Refers to the situation where a project may cause a negative effect / competitiveness with another like project.
<b>De-minimis</b>	De Minimis Aid is small amounts of State Aid given to an enterprise which cannot exceed €200,000 (from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007) over any three fiscal years, to any company irrespective of size of location. De Minimis Aid can come from any state body agency or department  This rule also applies to Community based projects with economic activity.
<b>Viability</b>	Viability refers to the financial well being of a project – will the funding ensure that the funded project thrives and prospers or will the project cease to exist in the near future due to a lack of capital?
<b>Sustainability</b>	Sustainability refers to the legacy of the project – will the benefits of the project be long term – i.e will the funding ensure benefits for the community into the future?
<b>Capital projects</b>	Projects that involve expenditure on physical goods and services – ie. Projects that are visible in the community.
<b>Micro Enterprises</b>	A micro enterprise is one which employs less than 10 people and has an annual turnover and / or annual balance sheet of not more than €2 million.
<b>Voluntary Labour</b>	Labour that is provided to a community project that did not cost any money as it was provided free of charge. An allowance can be made for this in the context of the overall cost of the project. It must be certified an appropriately qualified third party, e.g. Engineer etc.
<b>De-commitment</b>	Project can be de-committed if contract has been breached, prior to payment being made to project promoter by LCRL. .
<b>Grant Clawback</b>	Any grant payment that is not in accordance with the RDP Operating Rules will become immediately repayable and LCRL must take all necessary steps to secure the return of such grant aid from the promoter.