



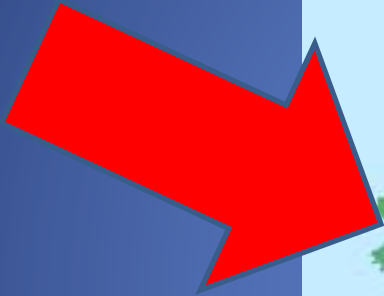
South Kerry Development Partnership CLG

Ireland

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Presentation will cover:

- What is the current situation in South Kerry, Ireland?
- Why is SKDP in ECCO?
- What does SKDP expect to achieve through ECCO?



- Rural
- Population circa 55,000 people
- 4 Main Towns – Killarney (14,500), Kenmare (2,400), Killorglin (2,100) & Cahersiveen (1,000)
- Agriculture, Construction, Tourism Related, Small Scale Manufacturing, Commerce/Professional Services
- MAJOR issue with Rural Depopulation
- Transport
- Broadband
- Services – Schools, Doctors. Shops, Post Offices etc.

- A Lot of Potential
- Strong Communities – Community Spirit
- Willing to help themselves
- Willing to undertake new initiatives

- Opportunity to sustainably exploit Natural Resources for benefit of Region
- **Provide Long Term Sustainable Income** that will lead to many multiplier effects in **Rural Communities**
- Enable Communities to Forward Plan

- Deliver Social Benefits for Rural Communities
- Reduce Dependency on Central Funding
- Increase awareness re CO2/Energy Reduction requirements

- Enabling Communities undertake such an initiative
- Finance
- Legal
- Planning

ECCO will enable us Develop a Model

What we expect from ECCO

- Learn from Experience of ECCO Partners
- Build on Partner Initiatives
- Funding to enable us develop model

- Peer to Peer Learning
- Technical/Financial/Legal Knowledge
- Establish a successful wholly owned Community Energy Co-op in South Kerry that can deliver Long Term Benefits for all in the region



Thank You

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