



Better Alignment of Local Government & Local Development

*Presentation to the
Local Authority Members Association*

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Overview of Key Points in Presentation

- *Putting People First* & the Alignment Process
- Progression of Alignment since *Putting People First* launch in October 2012
- Overview of some Key outputs of Local Development Companies
- Outline of Key Opportunities for the period 2014-2020

Putting People First & The Alignment Process

- Better Alignment centres on achieving a more joined up approach by Local Government and Local Development
- Project overseen by Department led Alignment Working Group
- Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) will take over role of County/City Development Boards from 2014 onwards
- 10 Frontrunner LCDCs established in late 2013 with national rollout from July 2014
- LCDCs core function will be to develop and implement a six year strategic plan for Local and Community Development funding in each Local Authority area.

Progression of Alignment

- Alignment Working Group(AWG) issued guidelines for the focus/scope and membership of LCDCs in July 2013
- Planning Template for LCDC Strategic Plans to be completed be finalised in February
- Funding for Local & Community Development Programmes to be channelled though LCDCs
- AWG due to review progress shortly and address any outstanding issues prior to conclusion of the process

Example of some key outputs of Local Development Companies

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- Back To Work Enterprise Scheme: In 2012 **5,684** people supported into self employment via LCDP.
- TÚS: **7,123** in work placement in 2014.
- Local Employment Service: **42,505** clients assisted up to for first seven months of 2013 which included **5,741** placed in employment.
- LEADER Programme: **€370** million fully committed for 2007-2013 period.

Opportunities for 2014-2020

Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Model for use across all EU Funds:

- Financial Incentive provided by EU to adopt this bottom up local development model
- Adds Value and Facilitates integrated development
- Will enhance delivery of EU 2020 targets across areas such as employment, education and social exclusion