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The EU Peace Plus Programme 2021 – 2027

What do you think?



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Introduction



The European Union (EU) is a group of countries whose governments work together.



We are setting up a fund of money to support projects that work for peace on the border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.



It is called the Peace Plus Programme.



This document explains the sort of projects that we want to give money to.



We want to know what you think about this fund. Please tell us by answering the questions.



We need your answers by 5pm on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.

Peace Plus



The Peace Plus Programme comes out of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement that brought peace to Northern Ireland in 1998.



There will be about 1 billion euros to fund projects between 2021 and 2027.



How we put the programme together

We worked with the governments of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.



We had meetings with local councils and many organisations in both countries.



We also looked at the main things that the EU wants to support.



What we want to achieve

We want the Peace Plus Programme to:

- build peace in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland



- make **communities** richer.

Communities are groups of people living together in the same area.



Our aim is to help:

- communities do well



- everyone to be involved, especially people who often don't have the chance to speak up.



We want the money to be used:

- in a fair way, that helps everyone



- to help improve the environment, so that there is less of the pollution that causes dangerous **climate change**



Climate change is the changes that are happening to the weather all over the world leading to worse storms, fires, droughts and floods.



- to help communities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to work well together



- to help the different communities in Northern Ireland to work well together



- to help provide work for younger people



- to help communities that are new to Northern Ireland to be involved



- to help communities in the country areas near the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

6 themes



We have split the fund up into 6 areas of work or themes.



We will be looking for projects to support that fit into one of these themes.



Theme 1: Building peaceful and growing communities

We want to support projects:

- where local councils and community groups work together to:
 - rebuild where communities have had difficult times
 - help communities to work together peacefully





- involve people from all different communities.



- that help community groups to be stronger



- that help different communities to work well together



- that improve places that all communities can share.



Question 1: Please tick a box to say how much you agree or disagree with our ideas for Theme 1:

a) local councils and community groups working together



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



b) helping community groups to get stronger



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



c) helping different communities to work well together



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



d) improving places so that communities can share space together



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Question 2: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.



Theme 2: Rebuilding and changing communities

We want to support projects that:



- help small businesses to do better



- are using **new technology** to find new ways to do things

New technology is computers, phones and the internet.



- help people to get jobs by:
 - improving their skills
 - learning new skills.



- help towns and villages make the most of new technology.



Question 3: Please tick a box to say how much you agree or disagree with our ideas for Theme 2:

a) helping small businesses to do better



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



b) using new technology to find new ways to do things



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



c) helping people to get jobs



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



d) helping towns and villages to make the most of new technology



Strongly
agree



Agree



Neither
agree
nor
disagree



Disagree



Strongly
disagree



Question 4: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.

Theme 3: Young people

We want to support projects that:



- help children and young people from different communities to learn together



- work with young people aged 14 to 24 who often don't get the chance to join in with good things



- help young people with mental health problems and improve their **wellbeing**.

Wellbeing means feeling good about yourself.



Question 5: Please tick a box to say how much you agree or disagree with our ideas for Theme 3:

a) helping children and young people from different communities to learn together



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



b) working with young people aged 14 to 24 who often don't get the chance to join in with good things



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



c) helping young people with mental health problems and improve their wellbeing.



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Question 6: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to provide an explanation for their previous selections.



Theme 4: Healthy communities that include everyone

We want to support projects that:



- help health and **social care services** to work together in a better way



Social care services support people to live independently in their local community.



- rebuild and support communities in the country areas



- help people who are still suffering because of the **Troubles** in the past.



The **Troubles** were a time of unrest and fighting in Northern Ireland between the 1960s and 1990s.

Question 7: Please tick a box to say how much you agree or disagree with our ideas for Theme 4:



a) helping health and social care services to work together in a better way



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



b) rebuilding supporting communities in the country areas



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



c) helping people who are still suffering because of the Troubles in the past



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree

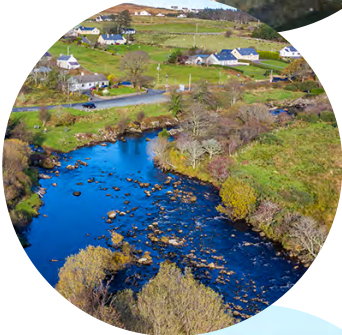


Question 8: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.

Theme 5: Better environment and transport

We want to support projects that:

- help to protect wildlife and nature
- help to protect coastal areas
- look after land so that rainwater doesn't become polluted or cause flooding
- look after the quality of water in our rivers and lakes
- use new ways to heat our homes and buildings that don't produce the dangerous pollution that causes climate change
- better and quicker train journeys between Dublin and Belfast.





Question 9: Please tick a box to say how much you agree or disagree with our ideas for Theme 5:

a) helping protect wildlife and nature



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



b) helping protect coastal areas



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



c) looking after land so that rainwater doesn't become polluted or cause flooding



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



d) looking after rivers and lakes properly



Strongly
agree



Agree



Neither
agree
nor
disagree



Disagree



Strongly
disagree



e) using new ways to heat our homes that don't cause pollution



Strongly
agree



Agree



Neither
agree
nor
disagree



Disagree



Strongly
disagree



f) better and quicker train journeys between Dublin and Belfast



Strongly
agree



Agree



Neither
agree
nor
disagree



Disagree



Strongly
disagree



Question 10: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.



Theme 6: Working together

We want to support projects that:

- help organisations on both sides of the border to plan things together
- help local people on both sides of the border to do things together.



Question 11: Please tick a box to say how much you agree or disagree with our ideas for Theme 6:

a) helping organisations on both sides of the border to plan things together



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



b) helping local people on both sides of the border to do things together



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Question 12: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.

How much money?

Question 13: Tick the boxes that show how much you agree or disagree with the amount we want to give to projects in each Theme:



Theme 1: Building peaceful and growing communities - €210 million



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Theme 2: Rebuilding and changing communities - €143 million



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Theme 3: Young people - €110 million



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Theme 4: Healthy communities that include everyone - €155 million



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Theme 5: Better environment and transport - €265 million



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Theme 6: Working together - €47 million



Strongly
agree



Agree



Neither
agree
nor
disagree



Disagree



Strongly
disagree



Question 14: Please explain why you ticked those boxes.

Making it easier to run a project



We want to make it easier to set up and run projects that use money from the Peace Plus Fund.



We want to:

- give people more support to set up projects



- help people from different communities to set up projects



- make it easier to ask for money



- give more training



- make it easier to check that the projects are going well



- make it easier to manage the money



- let people manage the projects in different ways



- think about how well things are running when we check on the projects.



Question 15: Tick the box that says how much you agree or disagree with what we want to do:



Strongly agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Question 16: Please explain why you ticked that box.



Being fair to everyone



While we set up the Peace Plus Programme we are checking that we are being fair to everyone.



We are checking that we are being fair to:

- people who have different religions, or political views



- people from different backgrounds



- people of different ages



- people who are married and not married



- people of different sexual orientations



- people of different genders



- both disabled people and non-disabled people



- people who look after other people.



Question 17: Do you think we are being fair to everyone?

Yes

No



Question 18: If you ticked 'No' please say what other things we should do.

Looking after the environment



While we set up the Peace Plus Programme we are checking that we are looking after the environment.



Question 19: Do you think we are looking after the environment properly with the Peace Plus Programme?

Yes

No



Question 20: If you ticked 'No' please say what other things we should do.

Thank you



Please now post your answers back to us at:

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We need your answers by 5pm on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.



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