

Special EU Programmes Body

Project Case Study

Gobbins and Sliabh Liag

Programme:
INTERREG IVA Programme

Theme:
Tourism

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Lead Partner: North East
Partnership

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Geographical area:
Northern Ireland/ Border
Region of Ireland.

This cross-border tourism project has been designed to create two flagship coastal attractions that will act as anchor points to increase the number of tourists visiting the north of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The coastal attractions are based at Bunglas Cliffs/Sliabh Liag in County Donegal, (Ireland) and the Gobbins cliffs in County Antrim, (Northern Ireland).

The Gobbins development will restore a section of the cliff path and construct a new visitor centre with parking amenities. A new shuttle bus service will be also be established to increase access to the site with guides appointed to accompany visitors to the cliff path.

A historic tourist destination, the site the original Gobbins site was opened in 1902 following construction by Irish civil engineer - Berkeley Deane Wise.

The Sliabh Liag site in County Donegal will establish a visitor amenity centre with a new viewing platform for tourists.

Boasting some of the largest cliff faces in Europe the site will be enhanced through the provision of a visitor car park, increased road access and new interpretation and signage information.

The project has a number of partners, working together on a cross-border basis, including Ballymena Borough Council, Larne Borough Council, Donegal County Council and Ulster Garden Villages.

It will further develop the 'Causeway Coastal route' created by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, extending it into Ireland, through to Sliabh Liag.

Key Project Outputs:

- **To create two unique coastal tourism destinations.**
- **To increase tourism numbers by 90,000 in both locations.**
- **To provide local employment opportunities.**
- **To increase local economic activity.**
- **To deliver a joint marketing initiative for both sites.**
- **To increase cross-border co-operation within the tourism sector.**



Part of the original Gobbins Cliff Path.

