

Special EU Programmes Body

Project Case Study

Programme:
INTERREG IVA

Border Uplands

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Tourism Theme

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Lead Partner:
ICBAN

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Geographical area:
**Fermanagh, Cavan,
Leitrim and Sligo**

The Border Uplands Project is a cross-border, tourism development project, which is funded under the European Union's INTERREG IVA programme and managed by the Special European Union's Programme Body (SEUPB).

The Lead Partner for Border Uplands is the Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN). The project will be delivered through close cooperation between Cavan County Council, Fermanagh District Council, Sligo County Council and Leitrim County Council.

This project, in receipt of **€3,183,804** in funding from the INTERREG IVA Programme will provide sustainable

tourism in remote cross-border locations, which would not otherwise attract significant visitor numbers.

It also aims to increase the geo-tourism and recreational potential of the region

through the increased sustainable tourism and social use of the countryside, which would have significant economic and social benefits for rural development within the region.

Furthermore, the project is co-ordinating the development and refurbishment of strategic walking routes, trails and other countryside recreational opportunities such as the 25 Walks in Fermanagh, the Ulster Way, the Cavan Way or the Miner's Way.

In addition to its tourism focused objectives, Border Uplands also seeks to further enhance the geo-diversity, biodiversity and natural environments of the region including measures to improve natural habitats or geo-sites, where appropriate.

Key project outputs:

The Border Uplands project will create much needed outdoor access, recreational and amenity infrastructure in the scenic uplands of Fermanagh, Cavan, Leitrim and Sligo.

The main aims of the project are:

1. To use cross-border co-operation approaches to strengthen and develop the region as a world class tourism destination.
2. To upgrade and enhance aspects of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark.
3. To put in place joint marketing, education and management structures in the proposed area.



Cladagh Glen National Nature Reserve. Photo Courtesy of Fermanagh District Council.