



SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

Project Case Study: Carlingford Lough Greenway

THEME:

Sustainable Transport

FUNDING (ERDF+MATCH):

€3,469,695.00

MATCH FUNDERS:

Department of Infrastructure,
and the Department of
Transport, Tourism and Sport

LEAD PARTNER:

Louth County Council

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Newry, Mourne and Down
District Council and East
Border Region Ltd

Start Date: 01/01/2017

End Date: 31/12/2022



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The Carlingford Lough Greenway will create 10.1Km (6 miles) of cross-border greenway, linking Newry City to Carlingford via Omeath Village.

The new stretch will link with the previously completed Portadown-Newry element resulting in a total length of 52km of cross-border Greenway along the East coast of the island of Ireland.

The project will enable more sustainable mobility on a cross-border basis, resulting in reduced energy consumption and carbon emissions.



“The Carlingford Lough Greenway Project is a fantastic project to be involved in. The cooperation, support and hard work of both Louth County Council and Newry Mourne & Down District Council has been instrumental in developing this cross border Greenway. It shows their commitment and drive in promoting and developing a more sustainable transport system as well as encouraging rural development and regeneration. It is encouraging to see the number of cyclists and pedestrians already using the existing sections of Greenway and this project will certainly pave the way to lowering carbon emissions and inspiring active travel!”

Adrian Kerley, Project Coordinator



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The project will be implemented on a joint basis between Louth County Council and Newry, Mourne & Down District Council, with the support of East Border Region.

In addition, it will recruit businesses that employ significant numbers of cross-border workers and third level education institutions to utilise the Greenway for cross-border commuting.

Furthermore, the local population and schools will be encouraged to utilise the greenway. The project intends to roll out a Greenway Activity Programme, helping promote cycling/ walking cycle and encouraging behavioural change, resulting in lower carbon emissions.

“This project represents one of the core objectives of the EU’s INTERREG VA Programme which is to promote environmentally friendly cross-border sustainable mobility. Upon completion it will encourage more people to leave their cars at the door, and make their journeys either on foot or by bicycle. All of these small steps will help to reduce carbon emissions and connect people to places in a more eco-friendly way that will help protect the environment now and in the future.”

Chief Executive Officer of the SEUPB, Gina McIntyre



Key outputs:

- 10.1km of new cross-border greenways to facilitate cross-border mobility.