



Locally led Schemes

Seminar Feedback

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Four questions.....

- **What's the difference?** How might/should a locally led scheme differ from GLAS, AEOS or other agri-environment schemes?
- **Themes and Scales:** What thematic areas might the locally led schemes address? At what scale could/should these be delivered?
- **Methodology:** How should the scheme operate? Results, action-based or a combination? Capital investments? What risks/challenges do we see with these approaches?
- **Who is involved?** What range of stakeholders could/should be involved in such a scheme?

What's the difference?

- DAFM to step back
- Less bureaucracy
- Farmer-led
- Experimental
- Multi-functionality
- Additionality
- Flexibility
- Penalty regime

Themes and scale

- Multiple themes
- Multiple scales
- Single project delivering many themes
- Regional rather than theme-focused
- Farmers need information

Methodology

- Let farmers run
- Results by habitat not species
- Flexible work-plans
- Competitive call divisive
- Seed funding
- EIP linkages
- Long term commitment
- Fix mistakes, don't penalise
- Limited capital investment
- Monitor change
- Manage expectations

Who's involved?

- Farmers • fishermen
 - researchers • NGOs • farm bodies • gun-clubs • Coillte
 - NPWS • Teagasc • tourism, local heritage & education groups.
- Professional advice required to foster projects
- DAFM should foster networking
- DAFM and DAHG need to work together to win farmers' trust.

Views?