

# Statement of the partner

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Ireland



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Through Ecological Thinking by NGO's

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## **What is the purpose of the NGEEnvironment project and what are its benefits from the perspective of Ireland?**

NGO organisations, rooted in communities, provide an opportunity for the voices and opinions of citizens to be accurately expressed and truly heard. The work of non-governmental organisations at the basic level of society empowers communities to participate in and enhance their own development. Through NGOs, citizens are empowered to directly tackle the most pressing issues related to the environment and climate change and to try to address them from their local perspective. Irish society, comprising of highly active and involved citizens, is receptive for the opportunity offered by NGOs to have a collective impact that is stronger than the voice of an individual person.

However, there is a significant need to support the development of leadership culture in Ireland, especially in its rural areas. Building the capacity and competences that will empower citizens to implement sustainable practices and use their determination, energy, skills and talents to solve problems faced by communities is crucial.

NGEnvironment can address this need and provide tools that will contribute to building communities equipped to respond to the challenges associated with environmental issues, inequality, employment etc. on a local level.

There are already structures, functioning in Ireland, which prove the effectiveness of environmental NGOs as well as their positive impact on community development. The Irish Environmental Network works to promote the issues related to environmental, social and economic sustainability in the country. Through the exchange of knowledge, skills and experiences between its members, it contributes to gaining and demonstrating the leadership competences of individuals and communities.



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