

## Limerick Institute of Technology

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**Type of organisation:**

SME     School     University     Public Authority   
Training     No Profit     NGO

Other (Specify)

**Fields of action :**

SMEs     Youth     Universities     Public Authorities   
Equal opportunities     Schools     Unemployed

Other (Specify)

### Description of the organisation

Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) is an institution of higher education in Limerick funded by the Government of Ireland and set up under the IOT legislation (one of 13 such institutes in Ireland). LIT has five campuses and learning centres across Limerick, Tipperary and Clare in the Mid West Region of Ireland for a total of 610 staff members. LIT offers 120 accredited courses at QQI Level 6 (certificate EQF level 5) through Level 10 (Ph.D. EQF level 8) whilst also catering for craft apprentices and adult and continuing education. As a member of the European Association of Universities, LIT is recognised for its active learning approach, its applied research portfolio and its enterprise development and recognised nationally for its active learning approach, its applied research portfolio, social development inclusion and its enterprise development.

### Experience of the organization in previous European projects

The Development Unit is dedicated to implementing LIT's vision of supporting individuals, companies and industries in the Mid-West to achieve social, economic and environmental changes through applying its expertise in a collaborative manner. We pride ourselves on working with people to solve real problems and challenges. With our focus on sustainable energy, climate action, social enterprise, rural development and technology our team leads and partners in projects and activities while working closely with academic staff and experts across the Institute. We have a particular strength in securing funding from an array of EU programmes (H2020, Interreg, Erasmus+, COSME and others) both as coordinators and as partners/co-beneficiaries. Our dynamic team has extensive experience in proposal development and work in an agile environment to respond to specific partnership needs and requirements.

We currently are coordinating or participating in 27 EU projects across various funding streams.

### Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

LIT has a long history of working in the field of sustainable development and apply a range of teaching and education techniques appropriate to the field of complex thinking and systems thinking. LIT delivers two academic programmes in Environmental Management and Geographical Sciences and Environmental Management and Agriculture and both include a specific focus on sustainability and apply problem based learning teaching methods in a number of their modules.

LIT has a particular focus on agriculture through our academic and R&D Activities. We deliver a Level 7 (EQF) programme in Environmental Management and Agriculture and work closely with Gurteen Agricultural College. We have completed projects on Cooperative Farming (<http://www.cofarm-erasmus.eu/>) and are currently working on FARCURA project related to Social Farming. We have completed research for Macra na Feirme (the national young farmers association) and

The following lecturers will contribute to the project, if approved, at different levels

- *Mr Clifford Guest: Lecturer and expert in sustainable development*
- *Mr Kevin Healion: Environmental scientist and knowledge of problem based learning*
- *Mrs Elisha McGrance: Environmental management and coordinator of problem based learning*

Other staff within the Development Unit who will contribute include

- Dr Marie Taylor: Project officer and expert in Social Enterprise
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### Contributions that can be provided to the project

- Deep understanding and knowledge of the topic and field
- Extensive networks with relevant stakeholders
- Input from students, where appropriate

### **Reasons of involvement in the project**

LIT Thurles campus aims to develop its focus on Sustainable Development and the UN SDGs. All activities in Thurles will be focused on the SDGs and it will be at the core of the roll out of SDG and sustainability focuses and agenda across the entire LIT organisation, and with its stakeholders.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Mr. Seamus Hoyne is an experienced manager with 20 years' experience in energy, education, and flexible learning environments. Proven project manager and team leader with a systematic and structured approach to development activities. Extensive networks regionally, nationally and internationally in the sustainable energy and higher education fields. Thorough knowledge and experience of European and National funding schemes with experience of coordinating large scale multi-national projects. Seamus Hoyne was the Head of the Department of Flexible Learning from 2012 to 2017. He managed a Department with a turnover of €1.5m and coordinated 70 academic and non-academic staff across 5 locations. He is Principle Investigator for the Centre for Energy Efficiency and Deep Decarbonisation (CEEDD). He currently manages a team of 15 staff in the LIT Development Unit to identify, develop and secure funding from a range of National and EU Funding programmes. He manages programmes across H2020, Interreg, Erasmus+ and other programmes providing technical input, strategic and project management.