

Partners

The project, which is 60 months in duration, has a partnership of eight from Ireland and Northern Ireland. Academic partners include Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI) and University of Ulster (UU). Council partners include Donegal County Council (DCC) and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (ABC). Specialist partners include Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) and British Geological Survey (BGS). State agency partners include Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and the Loughs Agency (LA).

The actions selected will address water quality issues related to hydromorphology, point and diffuse sources of pollution, farm nutrient management practices, characterisation and monitoring of groundwater quality, lag times in response to the implementation of measures and an economic analysis of the cost of achieving the objectives of the Water Framework Directive in the three catchments.

The partners each have key expertise and will focus on the following aspects of water quality improvements as part of **CatchmentCARE**:

Hydromorphology, Water Quality, Catchment Management, Stakeholder Engagement and Groundwater.

- Donegal County Council
- Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Loughs Agency of the Foyle, Carlingford Irish Lights Commission
- University of Ulster
- Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council
- British Geological Survey
- Geological Survey Ireland



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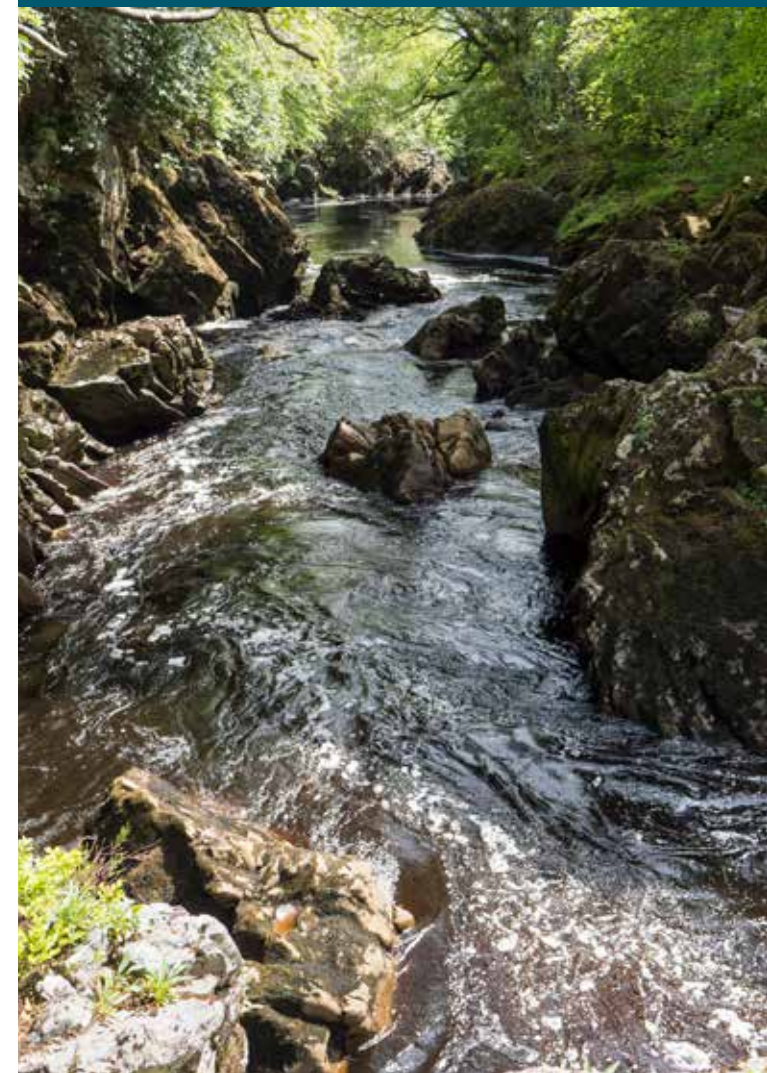
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Introduction

Donegal County Council as the Lead Partner received approval from the 'Special EU Programmes Body' (SEUPB) in October 2017 for the **CatchmentCARE Project**. The project will be funded under the Environment measure of the EU Interreg VA programme with an approved budget of €13,792,432m, including match funding of €2,068,865.37 provided by the Irish Government and the Northern Ireland Executive.

The objective of the programme is to establish three cross border river restoration projects which will contribute to achieving good water quality status through the implementation of catchment restoration actions, capacity building in conjunction with local communities and the provision of a platform for cross border knowledge exchange between community, regional and national stakeholders.

Project Objectives

The CatchmentCARE Project will aim to establish 3 water quality improvement projects in the **Finn** (Donegal-Tyrone); **Arney** (Fermanagh-Leitrim-Cavan) and **Blackwater** (Armagh-Tyrone-Monaghan) Catchments and install 51 boreholes across the region. This will be achieved through a combination of policy actions, catchment actions and community actions.

The Project will ensure the following criteria remain in focus throughout:

- Measurable impact on water quality;
- Transferable beyond the three catchments;
- Contribute to a project legacy.

Catchment Areas



Catchment areas the Finn, Arney and Blackwater