

Next2Met Policy Learning Event #4

Good practices and experiences in the Midlands Region

26th May 2021 | 10.00-12:30 Irish Time (GMT+1) | (11.00 CET)

Agenda

<p>10:00-10:15</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Welcome and introduction to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly by Malachy Bradley, Assistant Director and Senior Planner.</p> <p>Overview of Next2Met project by Harri Kuusela, Project Manager, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme, Lead Partner of Next2Met.</p>
<p>10:15-10:30</p>	<p>SESSION 1: Showcasing Digitalisation in the Midlands across the EMRAs 3 Key Principles</p> <p>Healthy Placemaking</p> <p>'e-denderry' demonstrating smart sensors, LoRaWan radio comms, the SmartBrain and their use in public management, sustainability, environment, and business orientated case studies by partners Offaly County Council & Cellnex Ireland.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Catriona Hilliard, Offaly County Council & Paul Delaney, Sales Director, Cellnex Ireland.</i></p>
<p>10:30-11:00</p>	<p>Climate Action</p> <p>Irish Manufacturing Research is a leading Research and Technology Organisation providing a portfolio of research, training and consultancy services to Industry across 4 thematic pillars: Digitisation, Sustainable Manufacturing, Design for Manufacturing, Automation and Advanced Control.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Barry Kennedy, Irish Manufacturing Research.</i></p> <p>Economic Opportunity</p>
<p>11:00-11:15</p>	<p>COVID-19 and the Midlands: Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p><i>Speaker: John Daly, Economist for the Three Regional Assemblies in Ireland.</i></p>
<p>11:15-11:30</p>	<p>Strategy and Guidance for Developing Rural working Hubs</p>

<p>11:30-11:40</p>	<p><i>Speaker: Lorraine O'Connor, Regeneration Officer Longford County Council.</i></p> <p>The Power of Pivot: SMEs Digitalisation in the Midlands <i>Speakers: Greg Tuohy, Cantec Group & Paul Towler, SmartOffice.</i></p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
<p>11:40-11:50</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:50-12:00</p> <p>12:00-12:05</p> <p>12:05-12:10</p> <p>12:10-12:20</p> <p>12:20-12:30</p>	<p>Breakout rooms- Rural Working Hubs and Clusters – questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Remote working</u> - how do we build capacity or identify where the need is for remote working hubs? 2. <u>Clusters</u> - how do we identify clusters or define them i.e., by geographic area, type, manufacturing, ICT? <p>Feedback</p> <p>Coffee Break 2</p> <p>SESSION 2: The EU Recovery Plan: key messages from a regional approach perspective</p> <p><i>Speaker: Eugènia Lleal Fontàs, Policy Analyst – Economic policy, EU Budget and Cohesion policy, CPMR.</i></p> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
<p>12:30</p>	<p>Close</p>