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European Programme Support Office Developments

Strategic Developments - Reporting:

The European Programme Support Office (EPSO) delivers a number of reporting functions in its role to implement the Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027 for the organisation. Meetings and presentations have been given to the Corporate Policy Group, The Economic Development & Enterprise's Strategic Policy Group, the EPSO Advisory Committee, along with presentations to the Finance Committee and Internal Audit and all 7 Strategic Policy Committees within Dublin City Council.

Our priorities to date were set out to include resource recruitment; tender brief development to establishment a framework of European expertise; establishment of appropriate corporate governance, procedures and protocols for the operations of the office; capacity building for the organisation, network building to showcase Dublin city and developing a communications strategy and event programme schedule for the duration of the strategy.

The European Programme Support Office's work programme for third and fourth quarters are summarised as follows:

- Analysing & Showcasing Dublin City Council involvement in European projects and Programmes
- Further developing European network connections focusing on European funding programme opportunities
- Capacity building within the organisation
- Thirty Five European project applications to date have been submitted by Dublin City Council under the current programme period 2021 – 2027 through the Horizon Europe programme, COSME programme, Just Transition, InterReg North West Europe programme, InterReg Europe programme, CEF Telecom programme, European Urban Initiative and Erasmus+ programme. Of these, eight are continuing through the evaluation process and eight have been successful. Providing a successful conversion rate of 23% (22.8%).

Strategic Objectives: EPSO Alignment

The establishment and development of the EPSO aligns to the 7 Strategic Objectives of the Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027.

1. To ensure that any participation in an EU partnership project by DCC staff contributes to the goals and policy objectives of the European Union and Dublin City Council.
2. To promote participation in EU partnership projects which will measurably contribute to the capacity of DCC to meet its mission and public obligations.
3. To cooperate with relevant bodies such as national contact points of EU Programmes, the Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and the Irish Regions European Office (IREO) that will assist with the participation of Dublin City Council staff in EU partnership projects.
4. To engage with local communities and targeted beneficiaries matching where possible intended impacts with local needs.
5. To build the international reputation of DCC and the city of Dublin through participation in EU partnership projects.
6. To use participation in EU partnership projects to promote innovation in the operations of DCC that is green and smart and that enables openness, diversity and social inclusion.
7. To ensure that participation in EU partnership projects brings additionality to the services of DCC.

Progress Overview on the EPSO: Core Deliverables

The establishment of the EPSO and development of the core deliverables of the office has continued throughout Q2 & Q3 2023.

1. Operational Developments

Recruitment:

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 6; 7

The EPSO falls under the CRES Department. Resource recruitment for the EPSO took place during 2021 and 2022. First team members joined the EU Programme Support Office in July 2021 with the appointment of two graduates on under the Local Government Recruitment drive; under the Marketing & Communications strand and under the Economic Development & Enterprise strand. A business case was developed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for sanctioning of the new EPSO roles. This followed the normal procedure within Local Government for new roles as they are established. Following the approval from the Department, a number of other roles were filled. Maura Carty joined the team in December 2021 from the Arts Office with experience of successful Erasmus+ projects and Lesley Cowper joined the team in April 2022 from the Communications Department, leading the comms development of the office. The appointment of the Head of the EPSO was completed in Q4 2022 through an external PAS competition, with Ciara O hAodha appointed as Head of EPSO. The EPSO graduates have been successful in promotion internally with Grade 5 appointments and externally with IDA in May 2023. Ciara Wallace joined the EPSO in July 2023 from the Finance Department. A digital marketing graduate will be joining the EPSO team as part of a partnership with TU Dublin in late September 2023.

CRM System: Digital Information Platform

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 6; 7

EPSO have gathered important content which is now available on CitiDesk, the City Council's intranet staff information portal and includes:

- Information about the role of the EPSO
- Dublin City Council's EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021-2027
- Advisory Committee: Terms of Reference and Members
- List of past and existing EU projects where the City Council participated
- EU Policies and Programme information (including links to relevant Commission and Programme webpages)
- Up to date Master List of all Calls for Proposals including Summary about each Call
- Upcoming Open Days
- National Contact Points
- Potential partner organisations
- Online digital Training Needs Survey to assess which areas will be a priority for EPSO to provide DCC staff with the support for improving their understanding of EU Programmes and EU Projects
- Online digital Staff self-assessment tool to assist staff aspiring to participate in EU Projects will be a self-assessment questionnaire which could help them with identifying what preparation is needed for engaging in an EU Project
- Online Template Concept Project Note

City Councillors and sectoral members can view this information on www.dublincity.ie Economic Development & Enterprise pages. There is a current review of the EPSO website content and we will update members accordingly.

2. Corporate Governance

Strategic Objective Alignment: 5; 6; 7

Dublin City Council has consulted with a number of EU offices located in local authorities around the country and considered it best practice to adopt a cross-departmental strategic approach to the development of projects and the sourcing of funding to achieve the objectives as set out in the Dublin City Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024. This cross-departmental approach to working together and sharing information is ensuring that all teams are aware of new and existing projects and funding opportunities in the wider organisation with a view to increasing efficiency. This approach is avoiding duplication of work and ensuring resources are leveraged most effectively; allow for prioritisation of projects where funding is limited; facilitate projects feeding into each other and allow teams to be aware of the wider scope of work happening internally.

An EPSO Advisory Committee; established in 2022 guides the work of the EPSO. The Committee members are the Executive Managers/Director of Services of the Departments and holds a minimum of 4 meetings per year; with agreed Terms of Reference for the Committee in place. This Committee is supported and resourced by EPSO through direct collaboration with each of the heads of Departments. Three meetings have been held with date with the Q3 mtg scheduled for 28th September 2023. On the agenda at the Advisory Committee is a detailed progress report from the office along with outlined proposals for upcoming open calls for EU Funding opportunities; upcoming event schedule and continued developments of Corporate Governance.

3. EPSO Project Participation Appraisal Process

Strategic Objective Alignment: 1; 6; 7

An evaluation process has been developed to examine participation in various EU Programme opportunities. The evaluation process is in line with the Dublin City Council Objectives 2020 – 2024; the Dublin City Council EU Programme Participation Strategy 2021 – 2027 and the EU Goals 2021 – 2027.

Funding Needs Analysis

A Funding Needs Analysis has been carried out by the EPSO to identify key priority funding areas and potential sources of funding for each area and scope out project ideas / foundations of proposals and will create summary documents for each proposal. Based on the analysis, a portfolio of project proposals can be developed with a variety of cross-departmental themes. The current focus within the 12 competitive programmes identified in the EU Programme Participation Strategy focus on The EU Programme below:

- Horizon Europe
- InterReg (North West Europe, Europe, Atlantic)
- LIFE
- Erasmus+

- CEF Telecoms
- CERV
- CIVITAS
- Creative Europe
- ESPON
- European Urban Initiative
- URBACT
- Urban Agenda for the EU

EPSO will have a key role to play in targeting and securing external funds that will contribute to the delivery of this Plan and in achieving the objectives and will align all of its activities towards achieving the strategic objectives set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024.

4. European Funding Opportunities

Dublin City Council European Applications (2021 – 2027)

Under the current European funding programme (2021 – 2027), Dublin City Council has submitted 35 European Funding proposals. These projects fall under a number of European programmes, including Horizon, COSME, Just transition, Erasmus+, InterReg North West Europe, InterReg Europe, CEF Telecom, and European Urban Initiative. An overview of the evaluation process of the 35 applications is outlined in Appendix 1 attached. To date 19 have been unsuccessful. 8 continue through the Evaluation process and 8 have been successful. Providing a current successful conversion rate of 23% (22.8%).

The 35 projects cover a range of themes and topics across the EU Agenda focus of Green, Digital and Inclusion. The EPSO continues to review and evaluate all unsuccessful projects to support the development of our capacity building for the organisation and the conversion rate to successful projects.

5. Communications

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 3; 5; 6

Research, analysis and communication development continues to examine best practice approaches for EPSO communications. The Communication Strategy & Action Plan continues to be developed. EPSO continues to communicate its role and services and in particular will enhance its relationship with the Irish Regions European Office (IREO) to ensure the Council is fully informed on forthcoming calls and is engaged in EU policy issues and appropriate funding opportunities. The Communication Plan includes engagement on appropriate social media and published newsletters to cover events and stories related to DCC staff's involvement in EU Projects, how-to manuals from proposal writing to partner searches and building relations with key stakeholders and organisations.

EPSO Newsletter:

The EPSO Newsletter continues to showcase upcoming open calls, events, opportunities for the organisation, as well as showcasing Dublin city's success at European level.

Citidesk

The EPSO CitiDesk page went live on the 1st of April 2022, becoming one of the first pilot departments to have a page with a wide range of content and well-structured presence on the portal. The EPSO page has been a success on CitiDesk among Dublin City Council's staff since it went officially live. The engagement rate in terms of the number of views on the EPSO page has increased every month, recording 220 views in May, 292 views in June, 311 in July and 313 in August. In total, the engagement rate of the EPSO page has increased 30% since its launch on the portal.

Dublin City Council European Project Brochure

As part of the EPSO remit to showcase the organisations success at European level, a European Project Brochure is being developed to showcase 35 previous and current projects which Dublin City Council has been involved in. The projects fall under a number of European Programmes including Horizon Europe, Life Programme, Erasmus+ and InterReg programmes. The 35 projects are from a number of Dublin City Council Departments including CRES, Environment & Transportation, Corporate Services & Transformation, and Housing and Community, amongst others. The brochure highlights the programme, the project overview, the main elements of the project and the European impact on Dublin city.

Erasmus+

Permission to Wonder

The project was designed to offer educators an innovative opportunity to learn to use the Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) method to facilitate learning with visual art in schools and in cultural institutions with a remit for arts education. The project guided educators from local arts and education communities in 6 European countries to come together, train and test the VTS method, which supports learners to respond to an image from their own point of view, using a structured and open ended discussion as the gateway for understanding the image rather than offering information. Learners are encouraged to think speculatively, to acknowledge and build on what members of their peer group are saying, and to build confidence and competence in their own ideas and evidence building.

Impact in Dublin City

The project participants were from large public institutions to small social enterprises and artists' associations. In total 684 lessons were given and 2205 students were reached. The project was co-ordinated by the Dublin City Arts Office in Dublin City Council. The Dublin participants were 2 x Museum Educators, 1 x Primary School Teacher and 1 x Secondary School Teacher. The impact for educators was that after training and implementing VTS in either the classroom or cultural institution, they felt more confident in facilitating open-ended conversations with their students. Educators highlighted that they had become better at listening to their students voices through facilitating open-ended discussions with VTS methodology.

PROJECT PARTNERS

EU GRANT €218,888.00
TIMELINE 2017 - 2020
NCP Lóragas
DCC DEPT. Arts Office

Full Project Details: www.permissiontowonder.com

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EU Week of Regions 2023 Dublin City Council Exhibiting

Work is underway in EPSO for the European Week of Regions and Cities #EURegionsWeek 2023. The office was successful in its application to exhibit at the event in Brussels which runs from 9th to 12th October. EPSO was also successful in securing side events for EU Regions Week. These will take place between 19th September and 7th November in Dublin and effectively bookend the European Week of the Regions. Watch out for our schedule of events which we will advertise closer to the time.

The gathering is the biggest annual event focused on Cohesion Policy. Based in Brussels; it is a platform to discuss common challenges for Europe's regions and cities as it brings together a range of community speakers and participants. Last year, it registered a record number of participants at nearly 20,000 footfall.

The purpose of the event is to discuss common challenges for Europe's regions and cities. It is also an opportunity to examine potential solutions by bringing together stakeholders to include politicians, decision-makers, experts and practitioners of cohesion policy and representatives from the world of business, finance, civil society and academia as well as EU institutions.

The event is managed by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, and the European Committee of the Regions' enables capacity-building, learning and exchange of experience and good practice for those implementing EU cohesion policy and managing its financial instruments.

21st European Week of Regions and Cities
Thriving Regions, Stronger Europe
9-12 October 2023
#EURegionsWeek

Image: Graphic promoting EU Week of Regions 2023
European Week of Regions facilitates networking and cooperation between regions and cities. It is designed to stimulate debate on EU cohesion policy to include

The European Programme Support Office will be showcasing Dublin City Council's EU funded projects and our capacity as a partner on future EU funded calls and programmes.

Keep an eye out on our emails, monthly newsletter and CitiDesk page [here](#) to find out about our workshops and webinars.

Do you have a European project idea? Let us know by filling out our Project Concept form [here](#).

Let us know what your training needs are by filling out the EU Programmes and Projects: Training needs Survey [here](#).

We also have a self-assessment questionnaire for staff who are interested in participating or being a lead partner in an EU Project. You can fill our EU Project Participation: Self-Assessment [here](#).
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6. Training & Development Programme

Strategic Objective Alignment: 2; 3; 6; 7

A training and development programme has been developed for delivery to support the capacity building across the organisation. A two level approach has been developed with an introductory level to support our KPIs of enhanced new engagement of staff at European level and an advanced programme for those who are experienced at EU level projects and to support the development of European project management and partner and network development. The training & development programmes for all stakeholders will be supported by the EPSO

EU Funding Webinar on Erasmus+ with National Contact Point, Leargás

A funding webinar focusing on the upcoming Open Calls under Erasmus+ programme was delivered specially for Dublin City Council on 27th June 2023, in advance of the current open calls with deadlines of 4th October. The webinar is part of the EPSO training & development programme for the organisation and to support the capacity building and increase the application submission rate.

7. Events

Strategic Objective Alignment: 4; 5; 6; 7

Research, analysis and a review has taken place on a number of upcoming EU Programme events taking place throughout 2023. Development will continue of the EPSO suite & schedule of events in line with Strategic Objective 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the EU strategy implementation.

EU Day and EU Week – EU50 Commemoration & Celebration

Dublin City Council, through it's European Programme Support Office hosted a number of events between 4th – 11th May to showcase and celebrate EU Day and EU Week 2023. Dublin City Council secured funding through a competitive process with the DFA to deliver the inaugural Dublin City EU Week & EU Day showcase event. A number of events took place over EU Week including an Europe Day conference, EU Week launch, and EU Week Workshop.



The EU Day Conference hosted five panel discussions as a hybrid event; with a registered seated audience; hosted in the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor of Dublin City Caroline Conroy. Keynote speaker was Minister Peter Bourke, Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence. High level panel discussions took place on key achievements of the city over the 50 years of EU membership under Green Transition; Digital Transformation; Smart, Sustainable & Inclusive Growth; and Policies for the next generation including education & skills.

The conference focused on the significant impact European projects have had on the city since 1973, highlighting projects delivered via Dublin City Council through the Arts, Community, Environment, Climate, Smart Digitalisation, Culture, Enterprise, Housing and Urban Development. Project partners from 23 EU member states, 6 European countries and 8 friends of Europe have partnered in these projects with Dublin City; across a number of European Programmes including Horizon Europe, Interreg North West Europe, Interreg Europe, URBACT, Erasmus+, and Atlantic Area.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Caroline Conroy and Dublin City Chief Executive, Owen Keegan hosted Europe Day Conference in the Mansion House to showcase a commemoration of the European impact on Dublin city over the 50 years of Ireland’s membership of the European Union. The conference was hybrid allowing for speakers to participate from Europe. Topics focussed on themes of the European Commission and issues of mutual interest across the member states. The issue of how EU funding can help support us all and in particular how the City Council meets its objectives were discussed.



Keynote Speaker: Minister Peter Burke, Minister of State for European Affairs and Defence

Speakers included:

- Mr. Owen Keegan, Chief Executive, Dublin City Council;
- Ms. Noelle O’Connell, CEO, European Movement in Ireland;
- Mr. Leo Clancy, Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Ireland;
- Professor David Fitzpatrick, President, TU Dublin;
- Professor Orla Feely, President, UCD;
- Professor Daire Keogh, President, DCU;
- Mr. Eddy Hartog, Head of Unit Technologies for Smart Communities, DG Connect, European Commission;
- Mr. Jim Conway, Director, Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly;
- Mr. Tim Hayes, Head of the Communication & Outreach, European Commission Representation in Ireland;
- Dr. Sarah Miller, Chief Executive, The Rediscovery Centre;
- Natasha Kinsella, Programme Manager, Regional Skills Forum.

Dublin City Council panellists/speakers included Ms. Mary Mac Sweeney, Executive Manager, Culture Recreation & Economic Services; Mr. Anthony Flynn, Executive Manager, Environment and Transportation; Mr. Darach O’Connor, Executive Manager, Corporate Services and Transformation Department; Ms. Dymphna Farrell, Executive Manager, Human Resources; Ms. Yvonne Kelly, Law Agent, Law Department; Ms. Deirdre Scully, A/City Planner, Planning and Property Development Department, and Ms. Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator, Environment and Transportation amongst others.

We would like to thank all SPC members for their support and commitment in attending the various events which took place as part of the inaugural Dublin City EU Week.



Network Developments:

Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) & Irish Regions European Office (IREO)

The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) undertook a two-day study visit to Brussels in July 2023, coinciding with the 156th CoR plenary session. The study visit found the delegation of eight Councillors and EMRA Director, Jim Conway, undertaking a packed two-day itinerary of policy meeting MEPs, EU Officials and Irish Permanent Representation staff.

The delegation of Councillors met with a range of officials from the Irish Permanent Representation to the EU, the Irish Members of the European Parliament, European Commission officials and representatives of the Committee of the Regions.

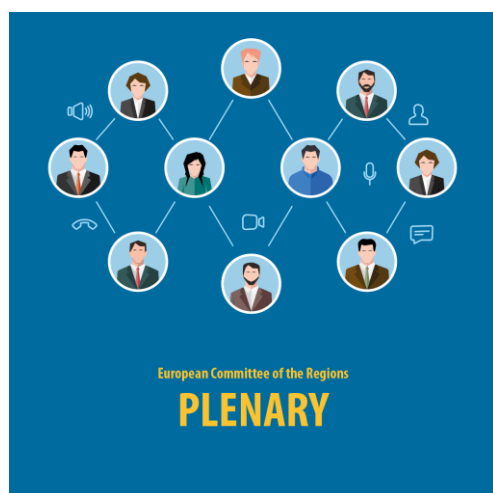
Dublin City Council was represented with Cllr Deirdre Heney and Cllr Dermot Lacey in attendance.

The group were briefed on EU Regional Policy programmes including the Just Transition Programme, European Regional Development Funding and the New European Bauhaus programme; and received an overview of the work of the CoR as well as outlining the role of the Regional Assembly in the Committee of the Regions work.



EU Committee of the Regions

The members of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) held its 156th plenary session on the 5th and 6th of July 2022. The plenary session began with a debate on the role of local and regional authorities in the defence of democracy; and placed a spotlight on sustainable mobility in local areas and on the role of US and EU subnational governments. The plenary was rounded out with debates on the EU Enlargement Package, fostering the potential synergies of EU Green Deal initiatives for regions and cities and a debate on the forthcoming Net Zero Industry Act.



The next plenary session will take place in conjunction with the week of cities and regions on the 10th and 11th of October.

Euro Cities

Dublin City Council holds active membership with EuroCities. Eurocities is the network of more than 200 cities in 38 countries, representing 130 million people, working together to ensure a good quality of life for all. The European Commission actively engage with EuroCities on policy development. With a large volume of policy forums across multiple subject matters, Dublin City Council has representation on each forum. Both in person and virtual forum meetings continue across Q3 and Q4 2023 and into 2024.

International Relations

Third Global Irish Civic Forum hosted by Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora, Seán Fleming TD, at Dublin Castle on April 20-21 next.

The third Global Irish Civic Forum took place in Dublin Castle 20th –21st April, 2023 in Dublin Castle; attended by Fanchea Gibson, Head of International Relations. The theme of the Forum was *Le Chéile Arís – Together Again*. The Opening Address was given by Tánaiste Mícheál Martin TD. Panel Discussions with both Irish and international speakers were held on a range of topics including the Diaspora under the themes, Our People, Our Values, Our Prosperity, Our Culture and Our Influence. Issues discussed included engagement with Irish abroad, digital connections, post brexit experience, post pandemic experience, voting rights, representation of diaspora in Ireland – one suggestion for appointment to Seanad for Diaspora, barriers to those returning home to Ireland to work, identity of Irish, education and engagement with naturalised Irish citizens.



Visit of delegation from Savannah Georgia

A delegation from Savannah Georgia, led by Mayor Van R. Johnson visited Dublin as part of a visit to Ireland and paid a courtesy call to the Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy on 24th May 2023.



Visit of delegation from Cleveland Ohio

A delegation from Cleveland Ohio visited Dublin on the inaugural Aer Lingus flight between Cleveland and Dublin. It was led by Mayor of Cleveland Justin Bibb and Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne and co-ordinated by Mark Owens, VP of Team Neo and Honorary Irish Consul General for Ohio (appointed March 2023).

During their visit to Dublin, the group met with Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy, Chief Executive Owen Keegan, Councillor Cat O’Driscoll, A/Executive Manager Mary MacSweeney and Deirdre Scully, Deputy City Planner at the Mansion House with discussions on housing, engaging with youth, employment and challenges, attracting overseas workers to Dublin, refugees, regional relationship between Dublin and other Dublin Authorities, climate and net zero 2030, biodiversity and traffic free areas within the city.

The group walked to City Hall looking at Powerscourt Townhouse Centre and the George’s Street Arcade as to how older buildings have been re-used as city market / shopping areas.

In City Hall they met with Assistant Chief Executive Cóilín O’Reilly, DCC Economist Juliet Passmore and Councillors Donna Cooney, Alison Gilliland, Dermot Lacey, Cat O’Driscoll and Larry O’Toole. A presentation was given on the Your Dublin Your Voice public consultation tool and discussion took place on a range of topics including Housing, Local Government v National Government and Funding.

The group then walked to Bridgefoot Street Park and met with Peter Leonard, Senior Executive Landscape Architect who gave them an overview of the history of the park, how a park was recommended rather than housing, the local consultation involved when creating the park and the sustainability approach to the creation of the park.



Eurocities Annual Conference – June 2023

Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and Fanchea Gibson, Head of International Relations attended the Eurocities Annual Conference in Brussels on 13th and 14th June. The Eurocities Conference was part of the Brussels Urban Summit held by Brussels Capital Region, Eurocities, Metropolis and the OECD Champion mayors for Inclusive Growth Initiative and brought together 322 cities from 82 countries worldwide, 84 Mayors and 1,409 attendees to exchange ideas and set priorities for the cities of the future to be being more sustainable, liveable and accessible to all. The Summit looked to cities to make the decisions to ensure sustainable, inclusive and well-managed cities for future generations. The major challenges worldwide are concentrated in cities and city governments are uniquely placed to engage, mobilise and coordinate activities of local communities, stakeholders and businesses. Four main items were Urban Leadership, Empowering cities as global partners, connecting to increase positive impact and looking at urban answers to global challenges.



The following talks / exchanges were attended:

- Sustaining Cities, Naturally



- Urban food policies for sustainable and just future

- Homelessness – inequalities and risk factors
- Urban Recovery Watch : Cities in the Implementation of the Next Generation EU.
- Time Policies : an opportunity to live better in our cities.
- Eurocities breakfast on City Diplomacy
- Migration and Diversity : Cities lead the way in turning challenges into opportunities

President Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig was announced as the new President of Eurocities.

Visit to Seoul Republic of Korea by Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan and Brendan Teeling

The Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan and the Deputy City Librarian visited the city of Jeongeup-si, South Korea, at the invitation of the organisers of the 2nd World Revolutionary City Solidarity Conference. The visit ran from 10-13 May 2023. Other international guests included the Lord Mayor of Cork and Cork City Librarian, the Mayor of Alta Gracia, Argentina, and speakers from China, Spain, and Germany.



Jeongeup-si was a key site in the Donghak Peasant Revolution of 1894. Despite its ultimate defeat, the Donghak Revolution is perceived as a great example of Koreans' national struggle against feudalism and foreign interference. Consequently, it inspired the March First Independence Movement in 1919, seeking a restoration of Korean sovereignty against Japanese colonial rule. The revolution is commemorated each year at the Donghak Farmer Revolution Memorial Festival, held in May at the Donghak Peasant Revolution Memorial Park.

On Tuesday 9 May the representatives of each city had an official meeting with Mayor Lee Hak Soo at Jeongeup-si City Hall. The Mayor welcomed us formally to the city and issued an invitation to Dublin to join the World Revolutionary City Solidarity Forum.

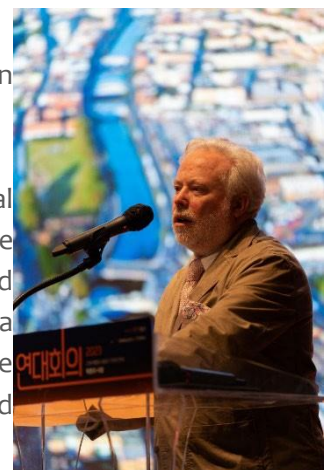
The conference took place on Wednesday 10 May at the Donghak Peasant Revolution Memorial Park. Before the conference there was a formal, solemn, ceremony at the memorial in the Park, when the Mayor and the Chief Executive and the international guests laid flowers in memory of those killed in the revolution.

The Deputy Lord Mayor spoke briefly at the conference and the Deputy City Librarian gave a presentation on the Council's 1916 commemorations programme.



The conference was covered by several local television news programmes.

The 56th Donghak Peasant Revolution Memorial Festival was held at the memorial park on 11 May. The international delegates attended a number of events and performances at the Festival, which concluded with a march involving 300+ local people and dignitaries. The delegates were invited to take part in the march and did so with varying levels of enthusiasm.



The visit gave an interesting insight into how other countries and cultures commemorate significant events in their history.

Appendix 1: Dublin City Council European Applications 2021 – 2027

No	Project	Subject Matter	Area / Theme / Topic	Programme	Stage
1	CITIPART	Citizen participation in European municipality affairs through human-centred and ethical use of extended reality technologies	Green	HORIZON	Evaluation – Not Successful
2	SIREU	Start Up in Residence Europe	Digital	COSME	Evaluation – Not Successful
3	GreenFlow	GreenFlow: Mindful cities with citizens empowered through environmental awareness	Green	H2020	Evaluation – Not Successful
4	DR RUBICON	One Digital Ring to Rule and Bind all the phases of a Circular economy in the built environment	Digital	H2020	Evaluation – Not Successful
5	KAIROS	Key climate Adaptation & Innovation for Regions	Green	H2020	Evaluation – Not Successful
6	STARBOARD	Smarter solutions Addressing Ring Buoy Temperature and theft	Digital	HORIZON	Evaluation – Not Successful
7	SWEET	Sustainable and contributory Wide Ethical and Ecological Territories	Green	H2020	Evaluation – Not Successful
8	REBECOS	REBECOS: Restoring coastal and marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem services	Green	H2020	Evaluation – Not Successful
9	DublinCoC	Dublin: A Champion of Change	Digital	HORIZON	Evaluation – Not Successful
10	DATASHOP	FAIR and Trustworthy Data Sharing and Monetization Platforms	Digital	HORIZON	Evaluation – Not Successful
11	EDRIM	European Drug Related Intimidation Model	Inclusion	JUST	Evaluation – Not Successful
12	AICEP	All Ireland Approach for a Circular Economy in Plastics and associated resources	Green	H2020	Evaluation – Not Successful
13	LAROSI	Local Action and Resilience through Open Social Innovation	Inclusion	COSME	Evaluation – Not Successful
14	SRPP	Socially Responsible Public Procurement	Inclusion	COSME	Evaluation – Not Successful
15	CRUISING	Create safer Urban environments for vulnerable road users using Innovative technologies	Mobility	HORIZON	Evaluation – On Reserve List
16	ACCRED	KA120-ADU - Erasmus accreditation in adult education - Round 1	Culture	Erasmus+	Evaluation – Not Successful
17	XChange	XChange - Cities for People	Mobility	HORIZON	Evaluation – Not Successful
18	NB4U	Testing & demonstrating transformative solutions on climate resilience, mainstreaming nature based solutions in the systemic transformation	Sustainability	HORIZON	Evaluation – Not Successful
19	DUBHOUSE	Addressing the housing and health crisis within the City and the resource gap based on the current cost of living	Inclusion	EUI	Evaluation - Not Successful

No	Project	Subject Matter	Area / Theme / Topic	Programme	Stage
20	Digital Ethicist	Partnerships for Innovation - Alliances	Digital	Erasmus+	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results – Nov 2023
21	IRECH	Digital Twin Spaces – collaboration with Irish Cloud Computing	Digital	SFI Research Infrastructure Programme 2023	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results – Nov 2023
22	FLOURISH	Support the development of a Greening strategy for the city centre with an initial demonstration project 'White Friar Greening Strategy'.	Sustainability	Horizon – 100 Climate Neutral Cities	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results
23	GREENING CITIES	Urban Renaturing for Healthy Liveable and Climate Resilient Cities	Sustainability	Horizon – 100 Climate Neutral Cities	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results
24	GREET	Positive Energy District	Sustainability	Horizon – 100 Climate Neutral Cities	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results
25	EUREKA	European URban Exchanging Knowledge on climAte neutrality	Sustainability	Interreg Europe	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results – Dec 2023
26	EURADAPT	Improving regional policies at EUROpean level to increase ADAPTation to climate change	Sustainability	InterReg Europe	Evaluation - Stage 1 – Awaiting Results – Dec 2023
27	Twin4Resilience	Priority: Innovation & Resilience	Digital	Interreg NWE	Evaluation – Stage 1 – Successful - May 2023
					Stage 2 – Awaiting Results – Nov 2023
28	BeProAct	Priority: Innovation & Resilience	Mobility	Interreg NWE	Successful – Awarded
29	CrAft Cities	Creating Actionable Futures Project	Sustainability	HORIZON	Successful – Awarded
30	NetZero Cities	100 Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission	Sustainability	HORIZON	Successful – Awarded
31	Mission Charter	EU Climate Adaptation Mission Adaptation to Climate Change	Sustainability	EU Missions	Successful – Awarded
32	CULTIVATE	Cultivate: Co-Designing Food Sharing Innovation For Resilience	Sustainability	HORIZON	Successful - Awarded
33	REGEN	Solutions for the sustainable, resilient, inclusive and accessible regeneration of neighbourhoods enabling low carbon footprint lifestyles and businesses	Sustainability	HORIZON	Successful – Awarded
34	FOLLOW	Encourage active mobility and independence for vulnerable people; resulting in route planner for vulnerable people developed through citizen engagement	Mobility	EIT Urban Mobility	Successful - Awarded
35	EnrichEuropeana+	Enhance the Transcribathon Platform as a service for cultural heritage institutions.	Digital	CEF Telecom	Successful - Awarded

European Programme Support Office (EPSO) Project Priorities 2023 - Q1 - Q4														
EPSO Priority			Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4		
	EPSO Commitment to Project	Commitment Level	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	November	December
Strategy Implementation														
EPSO Advisory Committee	Full Management	Maximum - Lead	Mtg - 30th Jan			Mtg - 27th April				Mtg - 2nd Aug	Mtg - 11th Sept			Mtg - 11th Dec
EDE SPC	Mtg Attendance; Action Items between mtgs	Medium - Partner	SPC mtg - 31st Jan			SPC mtg - 25th April					SPC mtg - 12th Sept		SPC mtg - 28th November	
Targets Monitoring	Full Management	Maximum - Lead												
Corporate Governance Development	DCC Allocated Actions	Maximum - Lead												
Strategic Partnerships	Full Management	Maximum - Lead												
EPSO Digital Communications Plan	Full Management	Maximum - Lead												
Funding Opportunities														
EU Programmes Content dissemination	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Funding Event Opportunities	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
EMRA Partnership development	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
IREQ development	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
National Contact Points	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
EU Commission	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Training & Development														
Training Programme Developed	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Seminars & Workshops developed; designed; delivered	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Departmental Workshops Developed, designed & delivered	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Procurement Development	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
EU Field Trips	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Research														
EU Programme Open Calls	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
EU Programme Event Opportunities	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
EU Proposal Partner Searches	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Comms														
Internal Staff Newsletters	Full Management	Maximum - Monthly												
Citidesk Development & Maintenance	Full Management	Maximum - Monthly												
Social Media Content Development	Full Management	Maximum - Monthly												
External Articles & Presence	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Dublin City Council EU Projects Brochure	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Digital Marketing Strategy & Website Review	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Events														
Funding Events	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Internal Staff Events	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Elected Member Events	Full Management	Maximum - Quarterly												
Europe Day & Europe Week Events	Full Management	Maximum - Lead- Mag												
EU Regions Week Exhibition & Side Events	Full Management	Maximum - Lead- Mag												
EuroCities Events	Attendance	Low - Attendance												
Operations														
Document Management	Full Management	Maximum - Lead												
Budget Management	Full Management	Maximum - Lead												
Reporting	Full Management	Maximum - Lead	Advisory Comm, SPC, CPRES, Full Council	CPRES, Audit Committee		Advisory Comm, SPC, CPRES, Full Council	CPG			Advisory Comm, SPC, CPRES, Full Council		Advisory Comm, SPC, CPRES, Full Council	Advisory Comm, SPC, CPRES, Full Council	
Team Management & Development	Full Management	Maximum - Lead												
Table Legend:														
Maximum Involvement - Lead Role in Delivery														
Medium Involvement - Partner in Delivery														
Low Involvement - low contribution in Delivery														

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