

# CONGRESO LIFE IN COMMON LAND

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### Biography

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## Scaling Result Based Payment Schemes in Ireland: from local success in the Burren to national roll out-challenges and opportunities

Results based payments in Ireland have evolved over the last 20 years as part of a locally adapted hybrid result based programmes. The programmes incentivise the improvement in ecosystem quality in farmland landscapes for the delivery of a range of ecosystems services. The hybrid results-based payments (RBPS) approach in Ireland involves combining RBPS with a range of supporting actions accompanied by local support infrastructure and a local advisory system. The approach was initially developed in the Burren, an area recognised across the EU for successful implementation of innovative solutions to issues around the interaction between nature and agriculture. This was followed by pilot projects which demonstrated how the general design and partnership framework could be implemented in a range of biophysical and cultural contexts, leading to the development of step by step guidance for follow on initiatives. The implementation of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Operational groups in Ireland from 2014-2022 have become the pathway to wider implementation and capacity building. They led to the local adaptation of the model for a range of targets of national importance e.g. nature conservation, water and climate. This demonstrated the ability of the system to be applied at scale and included a range of innovations e.g. in the area of administration and the development of mobile phone applications. The approach is now set to be rolled out to 20,000 farmers across 8 local cooperation project areas in Ireland under Ireland's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027.

