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Foreword

Identifying State-funded or part State-funded projects with Government branding where appropriate is a required step when undertaking Government funded capital projects. This document is intended to give guidance on signage acknowledging funding by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) to Local Authorities and to all groups delivering DRCDG funded projects at local level.

It should be noted that all signage must comply with the Official Languages Acts 2003 and 2021 regarding the use of the Irish language on signage. In addition, the cost of signage is an allowable expense and may be charged to the project. It is also acknowledged that all signage can be subject to local planning requirements and limitations on space or location.

Regarding the durability of signage, all signage must be permanent and remain in place indefinitely.

Depending on the type of project, agencies should take into consideration the accessibility of signage such as the location, height and angle of signs and must consider disabilities, such as cognitive, motor and sensory impairments when designing signage.

Failure to have appropriate signage in place, or where signage has not followed these guidelines set out in this document, will constitute a breach in the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.

These guidelines apply for all signage installed after the issue of these guidelines.

Further information or clarification may be obtained by emailing: icbd@drcdg.gov.ie

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Signage Requirements

All signage should be in a visible, prominent location and as close as possible to the project site. Consideration must be given to the following elements of any sign:

1. Type of sign
2. Logos
3. Text

1. Type of Sign

The location of the sign will determine the most appropriate type of sign to be used. Signage may be placed at a number of locations relative to a project size and scale. Requirements will differ depending on the nature of the project.



Páirc Uí Shuilleabháin, Mullaird Siúlhealaigh Mervue

O'Sullivan Park, Mervue, Walkway Bollards

Is í an Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail a mhaoinigh an tionscadal seo faoin gCiste Aitheantais Pobail

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Entrance

Signage at the entrance of a building, car park, playground, etc. is usually in the form of a plaque. Plaques are typically mounted on surfaces like walls or permanently secured pedestals. Plaques are more permanent fixtures, made of durable materials like glass, acrylic, metal or stone.



Exterior

Exterior signs may include signs such as roadside signs, signposts, vehicle stickers or site notices. A site notice is usually in the form of a thin gauge metal or a glass or acrylic material. These site notices fall under the plaque category but use a thinner gauge material and offer different uses that distinguish them from other plaques.



2. Logos to be used for DRCDG Schemes projects

Project Ireland 2040 (PI2040)

1. The Project Ireland 2040 (PI2040) is to be used for all public-facing material put out in relation to Rural Schemes projects including for website pages, Project Development Measure reports, press releases, signage or plaques and other material.

The Project Ireland 2040 logo should be included on all signage for projects at all stages such as planning, design, construction and completion. The identity should be present on all written reports, consultation documents, websites, social media, public announcements, advertisements and publicity material. Further, the identity should be positioned at all public engagements including launches, fund announcements, press briefings and photo calls related to the project/ programme.



Our Rural Future

2. The Department has commissioned a visual identity for Our Rural Future. This mark is to be used to acknowledge the Government's funding of capital projects which fall under the [Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025](#). It should be noted that the Our Rural Future (ORF) logo is also to be used for all public-facing material put out in relation to Rural Schemes projects including for website pages, press releases.



Any new successor policy to 'Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025' will use a new **DRCDG/ ORF lockup logo**. This new lockup logo will be used in conjunction with the Project Ireland 2040 logo. The PI2040 mark is to be placed leftmost on signage followed by the ORF mark.



Logo Lock-up

3. The PI2040 mark is to be placed leftmost on signage followed by the DRCDG/ORF mark. Any other marks are to be placed to the right of these in the order where they comply with individual scheme guidelines. Logos may be positioned at the top of the sign or at the bottom of the sign. The logo of any lead organisation may also be included. Any additional lead organisation logo must be located to the right of the ORF logo.



The new lock-ups and other logos are available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-rural-and-community-development-and-the-gaeltacht/organisation-information/signage-and-logos/>

3. Text to be used on signage for DRCDG Schemes projects

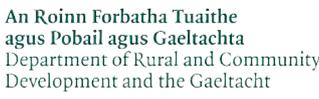
The Irish Languages Acts

The Official Languages Acts 2003 & 2021 requires that all interpretative signage, electronic signs, information leaflets, plaques and advertisements must be either bilingual i.e. in Irish and English, or in Irish only. This applies whether signage is permanent or temporary, indoor or outdoor, directional or promotional, new or replacement signage, etc. Further guidance in this regard is available from An Coimisinéir Teanga at www.coimisineir.ie

The text used on signage must ensure the following:

- Regarding Text in the Irish language: The Irish Text shall appear first, it shall be as prominent, visible and legible as the English text and the lettering shall not be smaller in size than the English version. The English and Irish text for all schemes is given in Appendix 1.
- Reference to funding by DRCDG must include the relevant funding scheme, year and programme.
- Reference to the lead organisation may be included.
- The notice should be written in the past tense. i.e. 'This project was funded'
- Where a project is part funded by DRCDG, this shall be reflected in the text. The preferred text is as follows: **'This project was funded in partnership with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and [lead organisation name] under the [year] [Scheme]'**.

The following is a template for text and the Logo's for all DRCDG Scheme Signs:

“Project Title” (in Irish)			
“Project Title” (in English)			
Bhí an togra seo á mhaoiniú ag an An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta agus [Ceanneagraíocht] faoi scéim [Blian] [Ainm na Scéime]			
This project was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht [and lead organisation name] under the [Year] [Scheme Name]			
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Lead Party Logo Here</div>

Ministerial Opening of a project

Where a project is officially opened by the Minister a plaque is the appropriate signage to be used. Plaques are typically mounted on surfaces like walls or pedestals.

The manufacturing process may include machining, casting, etching, or printing. Where the Minister has opened a project and a plaque has been erected, there is no need for additional signage for the project, however, the plaque must contain the relevant information and logos as required by these guidelines

The text and Logos to be used for a plaque unveiled by the Minister reads as follows:

“[Insert name of project in Irish]”

Arna occult go hoifigiúil ar an [insert date in Irish] ag

Dara Calleary TD

An tAire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta

“[Insert name of project in English]”

Officially opened on [insert date in English] by

Dara Calleary TD

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

Bhí an togra seo á mhaoiniú ag an An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta agus [Ceanneagraíocht] faoi scéim [Blian] [Ainm na Scéime]

This project was funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and [Lead Organisation] under the [Year] [Name of Scheme]



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**Lead Party
Logo Here**

Events/Official openings

Where temporary signage or displays, such as pull up banners, are used for a specific event or an official opening, the above guidance in relation to signage should be followed. This includes appropriate DRCDG branding being used on this material.



Signage in Gaeltacht Areas

With specific reference to signage in Gaeltacht areas, the following must be noted:

- All signage under the Irish Languages Support Scheme (Capital) scheme and Community and Language Support Programme must follow the general guidelines as set out in this document
- It should be noted that the text used on signage in the Gaeltacht shall be in Irish only
- All signage should include the PI2040 and ORF logos as set out in these guidelines

Appendix 1

The English and Irish text for all schemes is stated below:

English Scheme Name	Ainm na Scéime (as Gaeilge)
CLÁR	Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais (CLÁR)
Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS)	Scéim Athnuachana Bailte agus Sráidbhailte (SABS)
Libraries Capital Programme	Chlár Caipitil na Leabharlann
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)	Scéim um Bonneagar Caithimh Aimsire Lasmuigh
Community Recognition Fund	An Ciste Aitheantais Pobail
Walks Scheme	Scéim na Siúlóidí
Community Centres Investment Fund	Ciste Infheistíochta na Lárionad Pobail
Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)	An Ciste um Athghiniúint agus Forbairt Tuaithe
Irish Languages Support Scheme (Capital)	Scéimeanna Tacíochta Gaelige (Caipéal)
Community Language and Support Programme	An Clár Tacíochta Pobail agus Teanga

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Scoir 4 Áth na nUrlainn Mol Cianoibre Exit 4 Urlingford Remote Working Hub

Is tionscadal seo á mhaoiniú agus Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus
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