

Opportunity to learn from food innovators in Romania and Finland

As part of the NICHE project, businesses in the Food sector in Donegal will have the opportunity to travel to West Romania in May and Finland in June to learn how food businesses there are innovating. The NICHE project, in which Donegal County Council is project partner, aims to increase the level of innovation in the food sector. The aim of these study visits is for businesses in partnering regions to learn from good practices in other regions where the food sector is important to the region.



The study visit to Timisoara in Romania will include a visit to an artisan bakery, raw sprouted food manufacturer, farm technology company, organic farm and a food brokerage event. The food brokerage event will be an opportunity to meet companies from the food sector in Romania and neighbouring Hungary and Serbia. The visit to the South Ostrobothnia region in Finland will include a visit to a brewery, a food development company, a gluten free bakery, cheese maker and the Food Business Summit. The Food Business Summit is an annual event which is visited by food companies throughout Europe. This year's summit programme is built on four themes: regenerating food business, platform economy, food experience and export. The Food Summit also includes a matchmaking event organised by the Enterprise Europe Network.

The visit to Romania will take place between the 23rd-25th May and the visit to Finland takes place on the 6th, 7th and 8th June. The NICHE project which is funded by Interreg Europe and Donegal County Council will cover the flight and accommodation costs for businesses wishing to travel. If you are interested in participating in the study visits to Romania / Finland or want to learn more about the NICHE project contact Patrick Devine patrick.devine@leo.donegalcoco.ie, call 074 9160735 or visit www.interregeurope.eu/niche.

Training and Events for the Food Sector

Teagasc

Brexit and Beyond:

Perspectives on the future of agricultural policy and trade policy

24 April 2017 | Time 14:30 – 18:30 | Cost: Free | RDS Concert Hall, Ballsbridge, Dublin

Suitable for: The agri-food sector

Bord Bia

How to Build A Better Brand

26 April 2017 | Time: 5.30pm-8pm | Cost: Free | Menerva Suite RDS, Dublin 4

Suitable for: Food producers and processors looking to develop a brand

Bord Bia

Origin Green introductory workshop

03 May 2017 | Time: 5.30pm-8pm | Cost: Free | Citywest Hotel Saggart, Co. Dublin,

Suitable for: Farmers and food producers looking to become certified for sustainability

Local Enterprise Office Donegal

May Business Information Session

04 May 2017 | Time: 10am - 12pm

Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Suitable for: All businesses

Local Enterprise Office Donegal

May Grant Aid Workshop

05 May 2017 | Time 10am – 12pm

Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Suitable for: All businesses in manufacturing and trading services with potential to export.

Local Enterprise Office Donegal

Trading Online Voucher Information Session May 2017

09 May 2017 | Time: 10am - 12 noon | Cost: Free

Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Suitable for: All businesses trading for 12 months or more

Local Enterprise Office Donegal

Get Ready to Export Workshop

17 May 2017 | Time: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Enterprise Fund Business Centre, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Suitable for: All businesses with potential or planning to export.

Bord Bia

Packaging Design

14 June 2017 | Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

The Thinking House, Bord Bia, Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2

Suitable for: Suitable for food producers or processors looking to

develop their packaging

Food Safety Authority of Ireland

E-Learning Modules | Ongoing | Online www.fsai.ie

Suitable for: All businesses in the food sector

Food Festivals

Bloom by Board Bia

1st June – 5th June 2017 | Phoenix Park, Dublin

Limerick International Food Truck Festival

1st - Monday 5th June 2017 | Limerick city Centre, Co Limerick

Taste of Dublin

15th - 18th June 2017 | Iveagh Gardens, Dublin

Taste of Cavan

11th & 12th August 2017 | Cavan Equestrian Centre, Latt, Co. Cavan.

Carlingford Oyster Festival 2017

Friday 11th August to Monday 14th

Carlingford Market Square, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

A Taste of Donegal

25th - 27th August 2017 | Donegal Town, Co. Donegal.

The Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival

22-24th September 2017 | Nimmo's Pier, Galway City.

Dingle Food Festival and Blas na hEireann Awards

29th September – 1st October | Dingle Town, Co. Kerry.

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