

# Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs

## A Guide to filling out your Expression of Interest Form

### EU Just Transition Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026

**Note:** This document provides guidance notes to help inform and support the completion of your Expression of Interest Form and should be read in conjunction with the [Scheme Guidelines](#).

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## Overview

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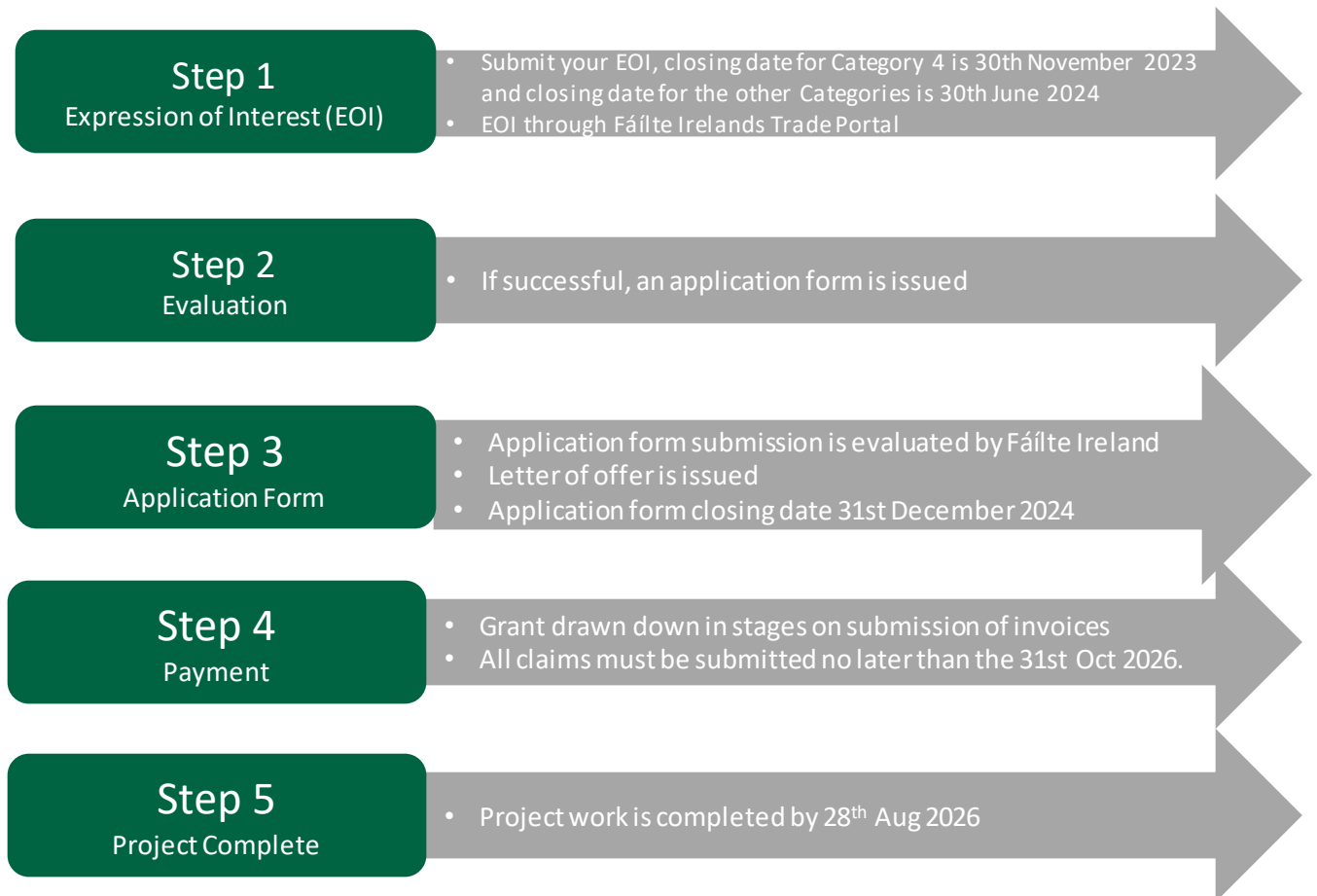
As part of the application, you will be required to upload information in the correct format, otherwise a delay in your Expression of Interest process may occur.

In addition, help text is provided within the six-page **Expression of Interest Form** at each question and should also be referred to.

At the Expressions of Interest stage, we are looking for your best estimate for timing and costs related to your project this can be updated as part of the application process.

For any questions on the scheme – please see [Scheme Guidelines](#) contact our Customer Support Team Tel: 0818 888800 or +353 (0)1-5741990  
Email: Customer Support [customersupport@failteireland.ie](mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie)

### 5 Steps to applying for Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs



<p><b>Selection of Category</b></p>	<p>Applicants may apply for one or more projects under the following Categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1 – Development or Enhancement of Sustainable Visitor Experiences</li> <li>• Category 2 – Development of Sustainable/Low Carbon Tourist Accommodation</li> <li>• Category 3 – Capital Project Planning &amp; Design</li> <li>• Category 4 – Digital Transformation</li> <li>• Category 5 – Accessibility enhancements to provide a more inclusive visitor experience</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expression of Interest</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants to all Categories are required to submit an Expression of Interest via the <a href="#">Fáilte Ireland Trade Portal</a> and registration is mandatory.</li> <li>• Projects of €10,000 or less will progress directly to the Evaluation stage. Application Forms will only be issued for projects of €10,001 or above.</li> <li>• Expressions of Interest are to be submitted via the prescribed Expression of Interest form on <a href="#">Fáilte Ireland Trade Portal</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Guidance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines are available at <a href="#">Application Guidelines: Investment Grant-Aid scheme for Private and Community SMEs</a></li> <li>• FAQs are available at <a href="#">Investment Grant-Aid scheme for Private and Community SMEs FAQs</a></li> <li>• Further clarity on the Guidelines is also available by Customer Support team Tel: 0818 888800 or +353 (0)1-5741990 Email: Customer Support <a href="mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie">customersupport@failteireland.ie</a></li> </ul> <p>To facilitate applicants who require additional supports in submitting Expressions of Interest or Application Forms contact Customer Services team Tel: 0818 888800 or +353 (0)1-5741990 Email: Customer Support <a href="mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie">customersupport@failteireland.ie</a></p>

<p><b>Application Form</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Application Form will be issued to successful Expression of Interest applicants.</li> <li>• Where required, Supporting Documentation is to be submitted with the Application Form.</li> <li>• The supporting Guidelines contain additional information on completing the Application Forms and Supporting Documentation.</li> <li>• During the Application stage, Fáilte Ireland may seek additional information and/or meetings with the applicant.</li> <li>• To facilitate applicants who require additional supports in submitting Expressions of Interest or Application Forms contact Customer Services team Tel: 0818 888800 or +353 (0)1-5741990 Email: Customer Support <a href="mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie">customersupport@failteireland.ie</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressions of Interest and Applications will be evaluated via a standardised Fáilte Ireland process. The Evaluation will be based on the criteria.</li> <li>• Processing times will vary depending on the amount of funding applied for, the scale of the project and the volume of supporting documentation required.</li> <li>• Appointments to speak to Fáilte Ireland staff can be made via the via the engagement request form during the Evaluation stage, Fáilte Ireland may seek additional information and/or meetings with the applicant.</li> <li>• To facilitate applicants who require additional supports in submitting Expressions of Interest or Application Forms contact Customer Services team Tel: 0818 888800 or +353 (0)1-5741990 Email: Customer Support <a href="mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie">customersupport@failteireland.ie</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Response</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval</li> <li>• Letter of Offer</li> <li>• Refusal</li> <li>• Appeal</li> </ul>

## Where to complete the Expressions of Interest Form

Expressions of Interest and Funding Applications will only be accepted through the [Fáilte Ireland Trade Portal](#) forms.

### Sign up for a Trade Portal account:

If you do not have a Trade Portal Account, please [sign up for an account](#).

### If you have a Fáilte Ireland Trade Portal Account:

Note the Expression of Interest Form will have been automatically allocated for you. To check, sign into your account, then click the 'Funding' tab, New Applications. Applicants should review the [guidelines](#) before submitting an expression of Interest.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Fáilte Ireland is keen to respond to any questions or queries that might arise from Applicants during the process. We will therefore facilitate a 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) process whereby applicants can submit queries to [customersupport@failteireland.ie](mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie).

While we will respond to all queries, we will also create an [FAQ section](#) on the website which will be updating on a regular basis and made available to all Applicants at the following [link](#). Fáilte Ireland encourages all applicants to avail of the opportunity to engage directly with us and to review all materials that we issue in relation to the EU Just Transition Fund and the application process on the website.

As this document aims to guide you

through the expression of interest form, see below an outline what is required on each page.

### Guidance for using the navigation buttons on each page of the form

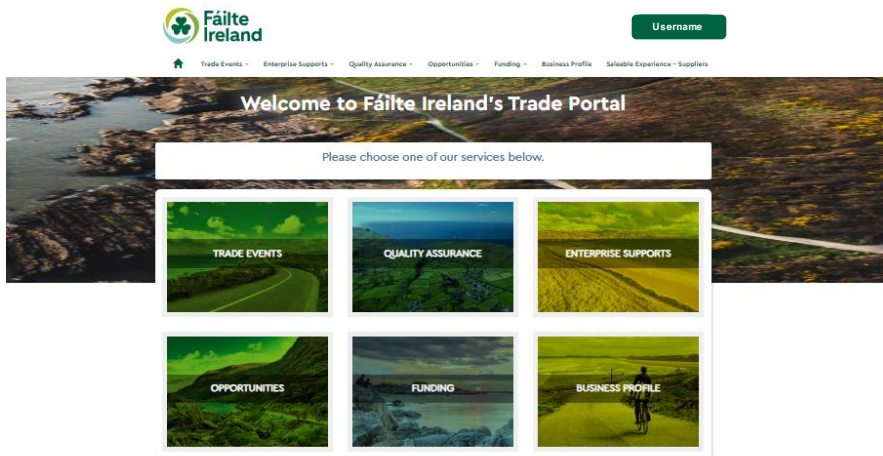
1. **SAVE:** this will save all entered text. You can leave and return to the page and all text entered will be saved.
2. **SAVE & EXIT:** this will save all entered text and exit the application form. When you return to the form, you will resume where you left off.
3. **DISCARD:** if you select this option, you will discard the full application form and everything you have entered will be lost. You will then need to start a new application.
4. **PREVIOUS:** if you select this you will go back to the preceding page, any text not saved on the current page you were working on will be lost. Please ensure you 'Save' prior to selecting 'Previous'.
5. **NEXT:** this brings you on to the next page.

Please note: It is advisable to 'Save' each page before you proceed to the next. In sections where responses require a large amount of text, it is advisable to Press 'Save' to save entered text.

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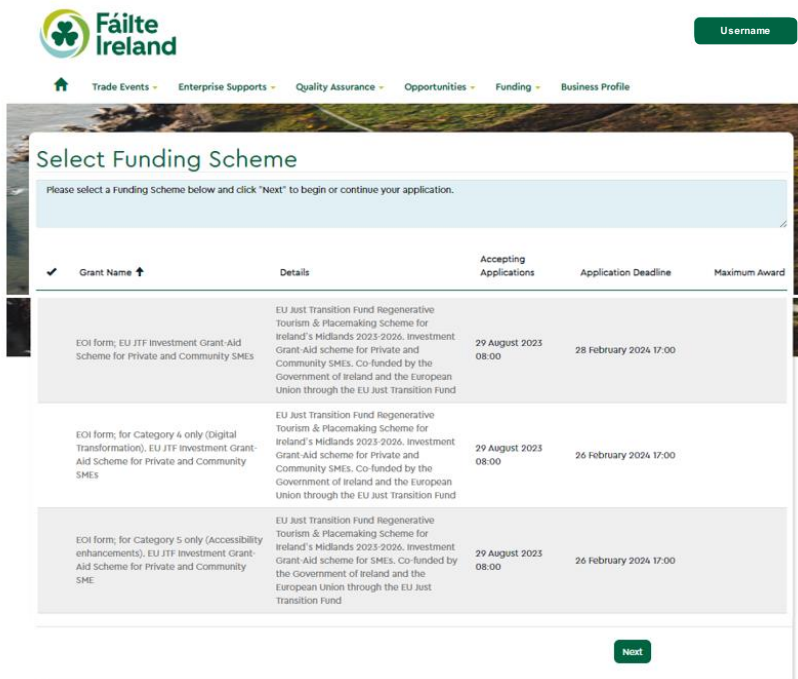
## Starting your application to the Scheme



Log into [Fáilte Ireland's Trade Portal](#) and choose **Funding** from the top navigation

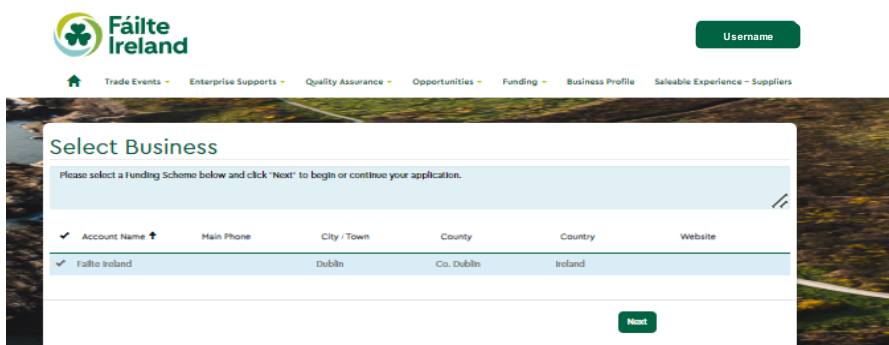


Choose **Create New Application** from the Dropdown  
To check the status of your application, choose **My Funding Application**



Click on the **Expression of Interest form (EOI)** to highlight it.

Click **Next** at the bottom of the page



Choose your business

Click **Next** to start completing the form

## Page 1 of 6 - Your Account Details

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Please Read: [Application Guidelines Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs](#)

This is a Read-Only Page.  
Your Account Details are currently recorded as follows. If the details are incorrect, please update these on your Business Profile.  
If you have any questions please contact the Fáilte Ireland Customer Support Team by email: [customersupport@failteireland.ie](mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie).  
Please note an expression of interest is not a guarantee of eligibility for funding. If you have expressed an interest in the Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs a member of our team will be in touch in the coming weeks to let you know if your Expression of Interest has been successful.

Applicant Details

Account:

Key Contact:

Office Address Line 1:

Office Address Line 2:

Office City/Town:

Office County:

Office Eircode:

The first screen of the Expression of Interest Form is read only. This screen will have all the business information that Fáilte Ireland's holds about you. If any information on this screen is incorrect, please contact our Customer Support Team [customersupport@failteireland.ie](mailto:customersupport@failteireland.ie)

Your unique **Application ID (Top Right)** will be generated and should be used in all correspondence on your application.

Click **Save**

Click **NEXT** to continue with your submission



## Page 2 of 6 - About the Applicant

**EOI form; EU JTF Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs**

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Applicants should complete this expression of interest form to register their interest in applying for one or more categories of funding under the EU JTF Investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs; Categories: 1 – Development or Enhancement of Sustainable Visitor Experiences, 2 – Development of Sustainable Tourist Accommodation, 3 – Capital Project Development, 4 – Digital Transformation and 5 Accessibility enhancements to provide a more inclusive visitor experience.

Please ensure to complete all relevant sections below accurately.  
Please click SAVE regularly on each page as you navigate through this form, so you do not lose any valuable information submitted.  
By clicking the DISCARD button, you will discard the full form and everything you have entered will be lost. You will then need to start a new Expression of Interest.  
If you have any questions, please contact customersupport@faiilteireland.ie.

**Section 1: About the Applicant**

1.1 Name of Contact Person for this application

1.1.1 Job Title Role

1.1.2 Work related Email

1.1.3 Contact Number

1.2 Name of Applicant Organisation

Address of Applicant Organisation

1.3 Address Line 1

1.3.1 Address Line 2

1.3.2 City/Town

1.3.3 County

1.3.4 Eircode

1.3.5 Website

1.4 Type of Organisation

If Other, please specify

1.5 Please select the option below that best describes the enterprise / organisation associated with this application.

If Other, please specify

1.6 Parent Company - If the applicant organisation is part of a group, please provide the name of the Ultimate Parent Company and outline the Group structure.

1.7 For how long has the applicant organisation been in operation?

1.8 Please enter your annual turnover Net of VAT for 2023 - If Available

1.9 Please enter your annual turnover Net of VAT for 2022

1.10 Please enter your annual turnover Net of VAT for 2019

1.11 Please provide your Tax Reference Number

Buttons: Discard, Save, Save and Exit, Previous, Next

**Section 1:** is about you the applicant and the applicant's business. Please complete all relevant and mandatory information required on the form.

You will see different questions following question 1.7 For how long has the applicant organisation been in operation?

If you select:

**Less than six months**

**Start-ups/ New Enterprises:** To be eligible to apply to this grant scheme, an enterprise in operation for less than 6 months will need to have adequately demonstrated in their application (in the view of Fáilte Ireland) that they; **1.** Will generate employment. **2.** Can demonstrate a track record in business in the view of Fáilte Ireland. **3.** Will operate in the defined territory on or before end 2026. **4.** Can demonstrate on application the ability to develop and deliver a sustainable and regenerative tourism project.

1.8 Have you registered your organisation with the Revenue?

1.9 If Yes, please upload a copy of the confirmation letter from the Revenue confirming that your organisation is registered for Corporation Tax.

1.10 How many new FTE (Full-time Equivalent) positions will be created within 3 years of commencing business?

1.11 If you have developed a business plan for your organisation, please upload it here. Note; if you are successful at EOI stage a business plan will be required as part of your application.

Or, if you select:

**More than six months**

1.8 Please enter your annual turnover Net of VAT for 2023 - If Available

1.9 Please enter your annual turnover Net of VAT for 2022

1.10 Please enter your annual turnover Net of VAT for 2019

1.11 Please provide your Tax Reference Number

File Size limit **25MB**

Click **Save**

Click **NEXT** to continue with your submission

# Page 3 of 6 - About the Project

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Section 2 - About the Project

2. Project name / Working title

2.1 Project Description (0 of 2000 characters)

2.2 Please provide any additional information specific to your project (0 of 800 characters)

Please upload any additional information specific to your project.

Add Files

Project Location  
All applicants must operate within the JTF defined area set out below, while the applicant may have offices outside the location, only activities occurring within the JTF area will be eligible for funding.

2.3 Please select the location of your project/your tourism business

Address of the project

2.4.1 Address Line 1

2.4.2 Address Line 2

2.4.3 City/Town

2.4.4 County

2.4.5 Eircode

Project Programme  
Outline the planned Project Start and End dates and outline the key project milestones through to completion.

2.5 Estimated Project Start Date (dd mm yyyy)

2.5.1 Estimated Project Completion Date (dd mm yyyy)

2.5.2 Key Milestones (0 of 2000 characters)

2.6 Are you also applying for Category 4 - Digital Transformation?

2.6.1 Please confirm your commitment to the objectives of the Tourism Investment Scheme for SMEs programme, to grow commercially with digital improvement at the heart of your strategic plan.  
I confirm my commitment to the objectives of the Tourism Investment Scheme for SMEs programme.

2.7 Are you also applying for Category 5 - Accessibility enhancements to provide a more inclusive visitor experience?

2.7.1 Have you had an Accessibility Audit completed for your organisation by a professional Accessibility Expert?

2.7.2 If Yes, please enter the date of the Audit (dd mm yyyy)

2.7.3 If applicable, please upload a copy of the Audit report

Add Files

2.7.4 Have you made any investments in making your facilities accessible, and/or in the provision of online and offline access information or accessible customer service in the past 3 years?

2.7.5 If Yes, please describe what you have invested in to make your facilities online and offline accessible. (0 of 1000 characters)

2.7.6 Should your business be offered an accessibility audit you will be required to provide access and commit your time to work with the Accessibility Auditor appointed by Fáilte Ireland to allow them to complete the audit on your premises. This audit will inform the subsequent application to Fáilte Ireland for funding to implement the specified improvements. In addition to this commitment from you, the auditors report may recommend training of staff and/or management. While any such training will be provided and funded by Fáilte Ireland through the Just Transition Tourism Learning Network, it will again require a worthwhile commitment of staff time.  
Please tick to confirm that you understand the above and accept these requirements by ticking this box.

DISCARD Save Save and Exit PREVIOUS NEXT

## Section 2: About the Project

Please add a description and any additional information about the project here. Files can be submitted as part of this section to a maximum size of 25mb.

2.1 Project Description (2000 characters)

2.2 Please provide any additional information specific to your project (1100 characters)

### Project Location

All applicants must operate within the [Just Transition Fund defined area](#) set out below, while the applicant may have offices outside the location, only activities occurring within the [JTF area](#) will be eligible for funding.

If you are unsure if your project location is in the EU JTF defined area please consult the [EU JTF Territories map](#)

At this point you can express your interest in Category 4 and 5 as part of your form.

2.5 Are you also applying for Category 4 - Digital Transformation?

2.5.1 Please confirm your commitment to the objectives of the Tourism Investment Scheme for SMEs programme, to grow commercially with digital improvement at the heart of your strategic plan.

I confirm my commitment to the objectives of the Tourism Investment Scheme for SMEs programme.

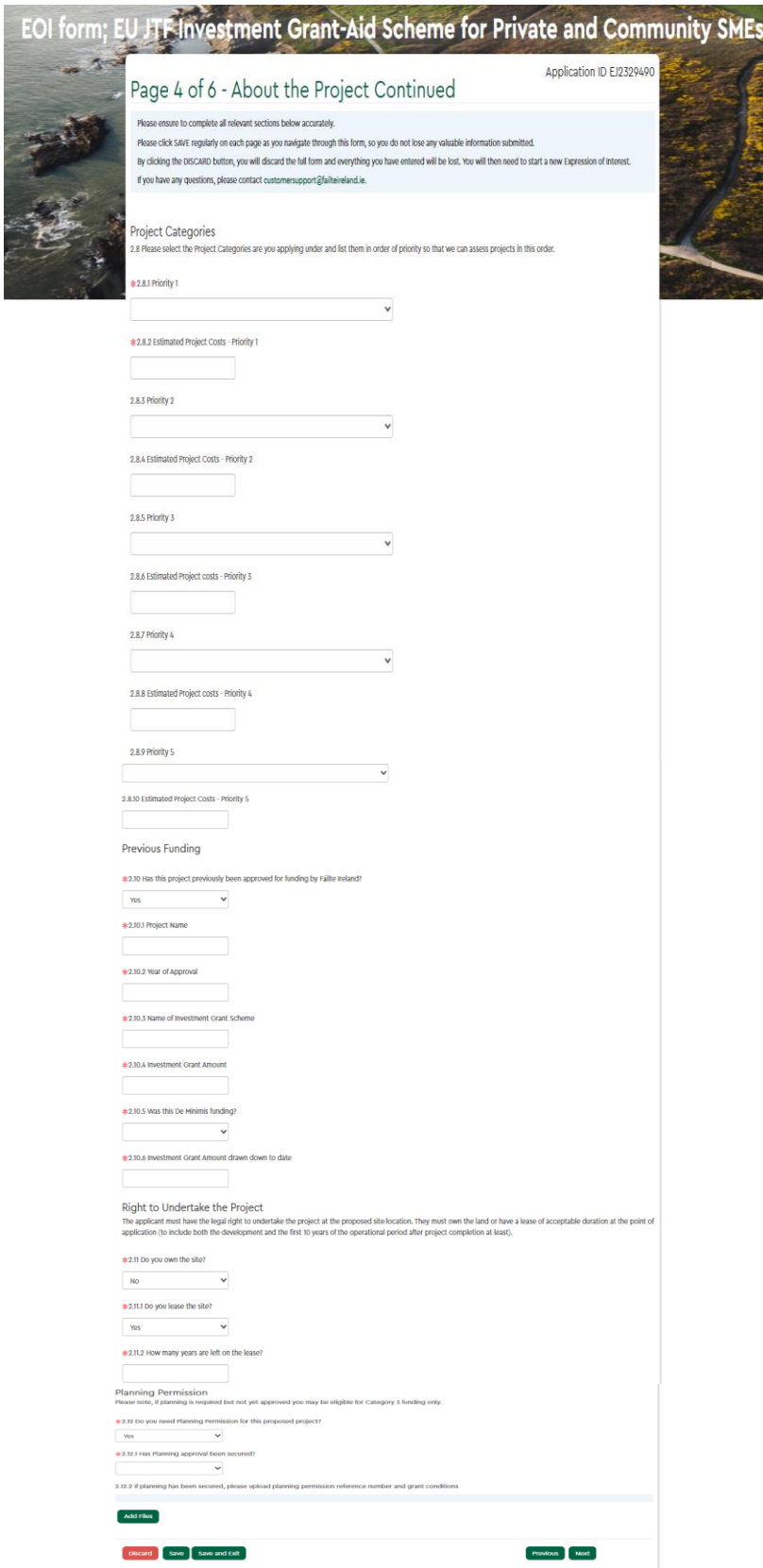
### Project Programme

Outline the planned Project Start and End dates and outline the key project milestones through to completion

Click **Save**

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## Page 4 of 6 – About the Project Continued



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**Project Categories**  
2.8 Please select the Project Categories you are applying under and list them in order of priority so that we can assess projects in this order.

2.8.1 Priority 1

2.8.2 Estimated Project Costs - Priority 1

2.8.3 Priority 2

2.8.4 Estimated Project Costs - Priority 2

2.8.5 Priority 3

2.8.6 Estimated Project costs - Priority 3

2.8.7 Priority 4

2.8.8 Estimated Project costs - Priority 4

2.8.9 Priority 5

2.8.10 Estimated Project Costs - Priority 5

**Previous Funding**

2.10 Has this project previously been approved for funding by Fáilte Ireland?

2.10.1 Project Name

2.10.2 Year of Approval

2.10.3 Name of Investment Grant Scheme

2.10.4 Investment Grant Amount

2.10.5 Was this De Minimis funding?

2.10.6 Investment Grant Amount drawn down to date

**Right to Undertake the Project**  
The applicant must have the legal right to undertake the project at the proposed site/location. They must own the land or have a lease of acceptable duration at the point of application (to include both the development and the first 10 years of the operational period after project completion at least).

2.11 Do you own the site?

2.11.1 Do you lease the site?

2.11.2 How many years are left on the lease?

**Planning Permission**  
Please note, if planning is required but not yet approved you may be eligible for Category 3 funding only.

2.12 Do you need Planning permission for this proposed project?

2.12.1 Has Planning approval been secured?

2.12.2 If planning has been secured, please upload planning permission reference number and grant conditions

### Project Categories

In this section you can select the categories of funding you wish to avail of. You will be required to list them in order of priority and record the estimated project costs associated with each category. For example:

Priority 1 – Category 1 – Development or Enhancement of Sustainable Visitor Experiences

Estimated Project Costs – Priority 1: 100,000

Priority 2 – Category 5 – Accessibility enhancements to provide a more inclusive visitor experience

Estimated Project Costs – Priority 2: 20,000

### Previous Funding

If you have received funding for this project previously you can outline this here by providing us with the following details:

- Name of the project
- The year in which the project funding was approved in.
- The name of the Investment scheme the project was approved under.
- The amount of funding the project was approved for.
- Whether this was De Minimis funding or not, more information about De Minimis funding can be found [State Aid Handbook](#).

The investment grant amount drawn down to date.

### Right to Undertake the Project

In order to be eligible for funding under Categories 1, 2, 3 or 5 applicants must either own the land or have a lease of acceptable duration at the point of application. If Applicants do not have a lease of acceptable duration at the point of application but intend to lease the land or site, they can upload a letter of comfort from the owner to say a lease will be provided for the operative period if the project receives funding/goes ahead. The Lease must be in place before the first investment grant claim is paid.

### Planning Permission

Here we need to know whether you need planning permission for your project and if it has been secured or not.

Click **Save**

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Please View: [An introduction and approach to regenerative tourism](#)

### Section 3 - Sustainability and Regenerative Tourism

All applicants must commit to developing and delivering the project in a way that will contribute to the promotion of sustainable development and regenerative tourism as outlined in the guidelines of this scheme.

❖ 3.1 With reference to the guide above; An introduction to Regenerative Tourism. Please outline how your project will demonstrate a Regenerative Tourism outcome. (0 of 2040 characters)

❖ 3.2 Your project must enhance the attractiveness of your locality as a place to visit. Please highlight 3 ways it will do this. (0 of 2040 characters)

❖ 3.3 Your project must contribute to the regeneration of your local community through the creation of additional commercial activity and, where possible, new jobs. Please highlight 3 ways it will do this. (0 of 2040 characters)

❖ 3.4 Your project must seek to protect and/or promote (as appropriate) and, where possible, restore nature and biodiversity. Please highlight how you will do this. (0 of 2040 characters)

❖ 3.5 For categories 1, 2 & 3 All applicants will be required to commit to developing and delivering their projects in a way that will contribute to the promotion of sustainable development and regenerative tourism including, as relevant, ensuring their project: a) Has a low or zero carbon footprint. b) Contributes to the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems. c) Creates the sustainable use and protection of water resources. d) Contributes to the circular economy where appropriate, including waste prevention and recycling, pollution prevention and control to air, water, and land. e) Contributes to the regeneration of local communities.

Please confirm that you commit to implementing these measures.

❖ 3.6 All applicants must commit to measuring the carbon footprint of their enterprise using the Carbon Calculator before and after the proposed development and pursue sustainability certification following the confirmation of funding.

Please confirm that you commit to undertaking these steps.

#### Clustering & Cross Promotion

❖ 3.7 To be eligible for support under this Category, projects will need to contribute to the development of viable tourism destinations (i.e. towns and villages with an adequate cluster of tourism and hospitality enterprise, services and infrastructure to meet the needs of visitors). Please list 5 of the tourism and hospitality businesses in your area and how you would collaborate with them. (0 of 2040 characters)

**Discard Save Save and Exit Previous Next**

### Section 3 - Sustainability and Regenerative Tourism

In this section applicants must commit to developing and delivering the project in a way that will contribute to the promotion of sustainable development and regenerative tourism. This is an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate how they intend to this as well as how they can contribute to the regeneration of their local community or how they might seek to protect or promote /restore nature and biodiversity.

Further information on Sustainability and Regenerative Tourism can be found here: [An Introduction and Approach to Regenerative Tourism](#)

### Clustering & Cross Promotion

Here applicants will need to list 5 tourism and hospitality businesses in their area that they could collaborate with and how in order to contribute to the development of viable tourism destinations.

Click **Save**

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**Please ensure you have read: Application Guidelines Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs**

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[Fáilte Ireland's Privacy Policy](#)  
[Fáilte Ireland's Data Protection Policy](#)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

An Authorised Officer should complete these Declarations. In signing these declarations the applicant is accepting the terms of this form in its entirety and will be bound by those terms and the terms of the scheme generally, please review the form carefully. Fáilte Ireland is free to exercise discretion in assessing applications and determining eligibility for funding and setting funding amounts.

**Declarations**

Investment grant funding through the Just Transition Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026 is provided under the De Minimis Regulation and the General Block Exemption Rule (GBER). Please refer to the Fáilte Ireland State Aid Handbook and the Just Transition Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026 Guidelines for further details on State Aid Rules. Please refer to our Tourism Investment Schemes Just Transition Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026 Guidelines for further details on requirements under the De Minimis and GBER Regulations.

❖ I've read and understood the guidelines, conditions and criteria applicable to the investment Grant-Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs (strand 8 of the EU Just Transition Fund Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2026) and agree to comply in full therewith.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've certify that all information provided in this Expression of Interest, and all information given in any documentation submitted in support of this Expression of Interest is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've confirm that I've am the applicant of the aid, through which all grant aided expenditure on the project will be made.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've confirm that the organisation named on this Expression of Interest has given me the authority to complete this Expression of Interest on its behalf.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've understand that Fáilte Ireland may make any enquiries that it considers necessary to establish my our eligibility for funding under this scheme, and that Fáilte Ireland's decisions are final.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've certify that the information provided in this expression of interest and supporting documents is correct and that I will notify Fáilte Ireland if there is any change in that information.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've confirm that I've am solvent and am able to pay my our debts as they fall due and that: (a) no order has been made or petition presented or resolution passed for the winding up of the applicant (or for the appointment of a liquidator or examiner) and there are no grounds on which any such order or petition could be made or presented and no such resolution, order or petition is contemplated, (b) no distress, execution or other process have been levied on any of the assets of the applicant, nor has it stopped payment or become insolvent or unable to pay its debts, and (c) no power to appoint a receiver or administrative receiver has been exercised or has arisen in respect of the business or any of the assets of the applicant and there is no unfilled or unsatisfied judgment or court order outstanding against any of them.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've commit to improving accessibility, in general, projects funded under this investment Grant Scheme will be required to be as universally accessible to visitors and staff as is reasonably possible. Where adaptations can improve accessibility and are within the scope of the proposed project, the cost of such adaptations are eligible for funding under this scheme.

Please tick to confirm.

❖ I've confirm that I've this organisation is not an ineligible applicant as defined in Appendix 2 of the Application Guidelines for the Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private & Community SMEs.

Please tick to confirm.

**De Minimis Funding**

❖ De Minimis aid is state funding granted to a single business that does not exceed the ceiling of EUR 200,000 over any period of three years. Aid is deemed granted at the moment the legal right to receive the aid is conferred. Please confirm whether your business or group members has been granted state funding in the past three fiscal years.

❖ Do you understand that as part of the application process for Tourism Investment Schemes for SME's, you will be required to provide a full listing of all grant aid received during the last three-year period. Fáilte Ireland will then make a determination as to your de minimis total.

Please tick to confirm.

**Fáilte Ireland's Privacy Policy**

❖ Fáilte Ireland's statutory purpose, under the National Tourism Development Authority Act, 2003 is to develop and promote Ireland's tourism industry, which includes helping to develop and promote tourism organisations and experiences. Any personal data provided to Fáilte Ireland as part of the application process will be processed in order to administer the Just Transition Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2027. Fáilte Ireland's Privacy Policy is available by clicking the link in the help text at the top of this page.

Please tick the box to confirm you have read the Privacy Policy.

**Fáilte Ireland's Data Protection Policy**

❖ Both the applicant and Fáilte Ireland shall have regard to their statutory obligations under the GDPR (2016/679) and the Data Protection Acts 1984 to 2018. In this regard, in so far as the applicant processes personal data for the purpose of this application it shall comply with its obligations as a "data controller" under the GDPR. Personal data supplied to Fáilte Ireland in relation to the Just Transition Regenerative Tourism & Placemaking Scheme for Ireland's Midlands 2023-2027 and the applicant may be processed by Fáilte Ireland for the purposes of the administration of the scheme. Fáilte Ireland will be sharing information provided in the Application Form or pursuant to the scheme with Government Departments, EIRMA and/or government Agencies, in the event that information is required by those organisations to ensure compliance with EU, State aid and national legislation requirements including reporting requirements. Our lawful basis for processing your personal data is "legal obligation" as public funding may be provided and we must adhere to EU State Aid and other applicable law. We are also using the lawful basis of "purpose of a contract" because the successful applicants will be issued with an investment grant agreement. In addition, Fáilte Ireland's statutory purpose, under the National Tourism Development Authority Act, 2003 is to develop and promote Ireland's tourism industry, which includes helping to develop and promote tourism businesses and experiences. This means that the lawful basis we use to process your personal data is our "legislative Mandate". Should your application be successful we will retain it for 10 years from the payment of the last instalment of the grant. If you have any data protection related queries, please contact [dataprotection@faillereiland.ie](mailto:dataprotection@faillereiland.ie).

Please tick the box to confirm you have read the Data Protection Policy.

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In this section you will be asked to agree to the declarations and policies outlined on this section of the form.

Click **Save**

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## Final Screen



**On the final screen of the Expression of Interest form** you will have the opportunity to print your form to PDF and save it to your own files. You will also receive an automatic email from our Customer Service team which will contain your unique application ID you should use this in correspondence with Fáilte Ireland.

For any questions on the scheme – please see Scheme Guidelines contact our Customer Support Team Tel: 0818 888800 or +353 (0)1-5741990 Email: [CustomerSupport@failteireland.ie](mailto:CustomerSupport@failteireland.ie)



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