

1.4.9 Support the planning and implementation of projects in the Slieve Ardagh area

***Co-ordinating Partner***

Slieve Ardagh Rural Development

***Update October 2004:***

A business plan has been prepared for the Slieve Ardagh area which focuses on targeting 4-5 economic areas (IT, childcare, heritage tourism and small food production), upskilling of smallholders and the co-ordination of local development services in the area. A developer has been identified to advance major project in the Kilcooley area.

***Update March 2004:***

This action was agreed at the November 2003 Board meeting.

Curam Slieve Ardagh held a seminar with CDB members in April 2003, following which the group developed a plan for the area and consulted with local groups prior to submitting the plan as a potential new action in the county Economic Strategy.

Curam Slieve Ardagh is the lead stakeholder and TEAGASC, South Tipperary Co Council and Tipperary SR County Enterprise Board have already committed resources to supporting implementation of the plan.

The first joint action with a CDB member was in November 2003 when a joint seminar was organised in the area on the future of farming post Fischler by TEAGASC and Curam Slieve Ardagh.