



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

### Project Case Study: Ulster Canal Greenway

#### THEME:

Sustainable Transport

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#### PROJECT PARTNERS:

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The aim of the Ulster Canal Greenway Project (Phase 2) is to open up a new sustainable travel route for both cyclists and pedestrians. Greenways are corridors of land that are recognised for their ability to connect people and places together.

They enhance existing outdoor recreational opportunities and can be used equally by cyclists, walkers and joggers. The new greenway will follow the route of the disused Ulster Canal from Smithborough through to Monaghan town, across the Armagh border at Ardgonnell and extended onwards to Middletown.

In total, 22km of greenway network will attract visitors and drive sustainable economic development in the underdeveloped tourist region.

*“The Ulster Canal Greenway is a fantastic new asset to Monaghan Town. It is a 4.2km path that skirts the town along the banks of the old Ulster Canal. It is graded as an easy route suitable for the moderately fit and is accessible to wheelchair users.”*

*The Greenway is host to a wonderful array of bio-diversity and there are a number of interesting Heritage structures along the route including three bridges, a lock house and two locks. Phase 1 of the Greenway has proved hugely popular with locals and visitors to the town, and hosts 100,000 users annually. Locals look forward to the Greenway being extended west to Smithborough and East to Middletown in the near future.” Monaghan Has It*



Ulster Canal, Phase 1



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The Ulster Canal Greenway (UCG) Phase 2 project will also actively promote commuter behaviour change, through a targeted community engagement programme, which will help reduce CO2 emissions from private cars by 10.25 tonnes annually and deliver health benefits to those making the move to walking and cycling.

*“This is a wonderful initiative. Greenways connect communities, promote healthier lifestyle and encourage engagement with outdoors. They also offer active travel opportunities for both pedestrians and cyclist and have proven to be a major attraction for visitors”*

*Shane Ross TD, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport*

#### Project Key Outputs:

- **22km of new cross-border greenways to facilitate cross-border mobility.**



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