



Expenditure on Consultancies 2024

<u>Consultancy / organisation</u>	<u>Nature of the work conducted</u>	<u>Amount Expended in 2024</u>
Grant Thornton	Feasibility study on the extension of the Connected Hubs platform to include remote working hubs in Northern Ireland	€82,287
EnvEcon	Research supports on well-being place-based indicators.	€30,750
Forvis Mazars	An external quality assessment of the Department's Internal Audit function as required under IIA Standards	€18,450
Economic and Social Research Institute	Joint research programme with the ESRI. This programme has provided three core reports providing evidence and insights into policy and strategy.	€15,743
Quadra Consulting	Risk assessment reporting (Health & Safety)	€7,985
The Wheel	Public Participation Network Advisory Supports	€23,225
Crowe Consulting	Public Participation Network Implementation Roadmap Consultation	€7,370
McAdam Consulting Services Ltd	Independent advice on Public Participation Network hosting	€738
Sile O'Donnell	HR Advisory Service	€400
Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC)	Review of the Community Volunteers Programme	€6,174
OECD	Review of Rural Policy in Ireland (balance of payments)	€75,000
Nathean Analytics	ICT Support for PIMS Lite project (data development project)	€71,854



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Match Marketing	Media Campaign for the Local Community Development Committees	€43,957
Inspiring Change	Values Review and Survey	€24,603
Social Justice Ireland	Compilation of Public Participation Network Annual Report and training	€11,000
S3 Solutions	Research into barriers to involvement in Public Participation Networks	€17,730
Stephen Rourke	Public Participation Network Secretariat Network Facilitator	€18,450
Interactions Ltd	Research on SICAP beneficiaries experiences; International Protection Applicants and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection.	€7,896
Greenville Procurement Partners	Procurement supports for delivery of SICAP 2024-2028	€1,018



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Economic and Social Research Institute	Joint research programme with the ESRI. This programme has provided three core reports providing evidence and insights into policy and strategy	€65,240
OECD	Review of Rural Policy in Ireland	€175,000
Quadra Consulting	Risk Assessment (Health & Safety)	€1,107
Crowe Advisory Ireland	Balance of payments in 2023 for technical support, event management, and post-event report for National Civic Forum 2022	€14,311
Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC)	Research project to map the current national practice of commissioning (and contracting) for services from the community and voluntary sector in Ireland	€25,450
Amárach Research (In consortium with SERI and ILDN)	To carry out the first Data Gathering Exercise of Social Enterprise in Ireland. (Final 20% was paid in 2023)	€25,080
Grant Thornton	Development and delivery of tailored Leadership Development Programme to align with People Strategy and Values	€78,060
Values Lab	Evaluation of the Community Development Pilot Programme over the three-year period of the Programme. – 2 nd payment	€6,560
Crowe Ireland	Facilitation of a round table discussion with the Department and Volunteer Centres	€5,483
Alice PR	Awareness raising and capacity building of PPNs	€85,000
S3 Solutions	Research on Barriers to Involvement in PPNs	€17,730



The Wheel	PPN Advisory Supports	€40,843
McAdam Consulting Services Ltd	PPN Hosting Webinar	€1,353
Greenville Procurement Partners	Provision of procurement strategy, advice and support for SICAP 2024-2028	€5,684
KPMG	External review and broad national stakeholder consultation regarding SICAP 2018-2023	€23,555
Mason Hayes Curran	Provision of legal advice regarding SICAP 2024-2028	€15,000
Social Justice Ireland	Development of 2022 Annual Report of PPNs	€10,000
Method Consultants	Upcycling of Bicycles and e-Bikes Pilot Initiative Evaluation Report	€7,995