

## CONSULTATION RESULTS

### 1. What would you wish for from Access Europe that could help support your work even better?

- Peer learning events: exchanges between experienced organisations and newcomers
- Local authority networking events
- Increase awareness of Access Europe website and Partner Database

### 2. How can Access Europe and other EU stakeholders help to communicate the value/impact of EU funding?

- Simplify and unify the message and language, especially EU jargon
- There are many different programmes and actors involved, difficult to get an overview: create a brand for EU funding on national level to make access easier
- More case studies, especially video testimonials of beneficiaries
- Create info sheets targeted at specific industries/sectors
- Communicate key bullet points in postcard format (as PDF)
- Further promotion of the Access Europe Partner Database within Ireland and abroad
- Web portal of (more detailed) operating info on beneficiaries and projects

### 3. What can EU stakeholders do to better work together to increase impact and visibility of EU funding in communities?

- Simplify the branding and crediting of funding sources
- Public campaign to pull together positive stories of funding
- Inter-agency media campaign focused on themes
- Youth-based campaign on opportunities
- Joint events to reduce duplication
- Greater match-making capacity
- Single unified language to recognize EU funding
- Gathering and screening feedback to EU NCPs/ EU bodies
- Liaise with LEADER, Public Participation Networks (ppns)
- Leverage national communication network (ploughing)

#### 4. What can Access Europe and other EU stakeholders do to better facilitate access to EU funding for Irish civil society?

- Advocate for a national co-funding instrument for civil society
  - co-funding is big barrier, especially for smaller organisations
- Direct support for applications
- Incentive taking on lead partner roles
- More networking and training events
- Access Europe acting as a broker: travelling, making connections on behalf of civil society in Ireland
- Resource EU capacity within Local Authorities