2. Dingle (Ireland)

Population: 2 050

Dingle is a small coastal village in the SW coast of Ireland. One of its main challenges is the **"loss" of the younger generation**, as they choose to leave this area, and move to major cities to study, and **source employment**. Dingle offers part time and seasonal employment, however, it does not offer sustainable employment opportunities to maintain its youth. The impact of this trend is the loss of its youth, and their potential contributions to a vibrant, sustainable, highly skilled community.



Human & financial capacity:

- ✓ **Diagnosis study started:** North East and West Kerry Development (NEWKD) received LEADER funding for an in-depth study based on a socio-economic survey for the area and has started its desk research during the summer of 2019, and public meetings were planned for November 2019
- ✓ **Collaborative working** with Kerry County Council
- ✓ **Fast digital broadband:** Dingle has access to fast digital technology due to a recent investment
- ✓ **Digital Hub** that initiated and gained investment in fast broadband, as well as in anaerobic digester/ smart farming studies in partnership with ESB a national electricity supplier
- ✓ **Set of key stakeholders** including Chamber Alliance, Dingle Hub, Cultural Business sustainability, village planning authority and local development company

Expected added value of the project – where the village needs support

- ✓ **Help setting up** clear community structures building on key stakeholders
- ✓ **Establishing facilities and support** for the local community (including coummunity hall)
- ✓ **Assistance for generating inward investment** to provide sustainable jobs
- ✓ Support for developing **smart transport and smart health actions**