



**EUROPEAN ALLIANCE GROUP
Seminar**

Helping towns and villages drive rural revival in the European Union

Monday 11 February 2019

10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Lough Rynn Castle

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Leitrim, Ireland

10 a.m. Welcome by EA President Karl Vanlouwe

Welcome by Cllr Enda Stenson, Member of Leitrim County council

10.15 a.m. Introductory speech: Marian Harkin MEP

Sean Canney TD, Irish Minister of State for Rural Affairs and Natural Resources

Keeping Young people in Rural Scotland

Mairi Gougeon MSP, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment
Scotland

Future EU programmes for regions and rural areas

Gerry Kiely, Head of the European Commission representation in Ireland

Creating opportunities for jobs and growth in a rural / border county

Joe Lowe, Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office Leitrim

Developing Smart Regional Strategy

David Minton, Director of the North West Regional Assembly

Rural revival – territorial perspectives

Richard Tuffs, Senior EU policy consultant

Role of the EU in cross border development

Gina McIntyre, Chief Executive Special EU Programmes Body

12.30 p.m. Conclusions