

ACORNS

Accelerating the Creation Of
Rural Nascent Start-ups



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Liz Gavin combined her love of European Policies with her passion for agriculture and sustainability to create Eur Digital Village, which helps businesses and groups access EU funding.

As a child, Liz enjoyed milking the cows and picking potatoes on her family farm in Co Cork, but she always planned on getting out of the field and into the office.

After finishing her Economics and French degree in University College Cork, she moved to the heart of Europe where she worked in a variety of senior finance and budget roles.

After almost 20 years working with EU Institutions across Brussels and The Hague, Liz and her family decided it was time to move back to Ireland.

Now based in Mallow, Co Cork she has brought home knowledge and expertise to help local and national businesses, as well as research centres, access EU funding.

With contacts in development and budget departments across Europe, Liz knows how the system works and she coordinates with Government departments, Enterprise Ireland and the EU institutions to connect funding organisations with those in need of funding.

At Eur Digital Village, Liz walks her clients through the entire process from helping companies discover what funding is available to completing funding applications.

Liz, who has recently hired one full-time staff member to share the workload, says ACORNS helped her to evaluate and grow her own business by focusing on game changing organisations and ideas.

Over the next five years, Liz plans to focus on the agricultural sector and the bio-economy and her goal is to become Ireland's best-known EU advisor for funding and policy.

Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.



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