

euNetworks joins 'Orchards in the Community' to plant 1000 orchards across Ireland

Dublin, IRELAND – 9 March 2022 – euNetworks Group Limited (“euNetworks”), a Western European bandwidth infrastructure company, is pleased to announce its participation in Host in Ireland’s “Orchards in the Community” initiative. Orchards play a key role in providing an early food source for bees. To help protect the bees and increase pollination, euNetworks is part of 52 pledgers and over 90 schools and community groups planting in excess of 1,000 mixed fruit orchards all over Ireland.

Orchards provide vital green spaces in our cities and towns. They are also important habitats as the natural life cycle of fruit trees provides food sources for pollinators and other species throughout the year. With “Orchards in the Community”, orchards are being planted in every county on the island of Ireland - both in the Republic and Northern Ireland - making this an all -Ireland effort.

“‘Orchards in the Community’ is helping to create ‘pollinator pit stops’ across the island. One third of our 99 wild bee species are at risk of extinction. Each year as they flower, these orchards will provide them with vital food. In return, by pollinating the flowers, the bees will ensure we have lots of fruits to enjoy in the autumn,” said Dr Úna FitzPatrick co-founder and project manager of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. “This scale of this initiative provides us with a unique opportunity to track change. By planting uniform orchards in multiple locations within the one growing season, we can assess which insects visit in different regions, and better understand which areas have the greatest abundance and diversity of pollinators remaining.

“Orchards have played an important role in communities for many centuries, providing a focal point, a gathering space, and a place where people and nature successfully work together to create abundant harvests,” said Garry Connolly, founder, Host in Ireland. “That spirit of community is alive and well with ‘Orchards in the Community’ as organisations like euNetworks come together with biodiversity groups, schools, colleges, Tidy Towns and others across Ireland to tackle challenges like biodiversity loss to save Ireland’s pollinators.”

“We’ve delivered critical bandwidth infrastructure in the Irish market for a number of years, supporting the Irish economy and our customers as they grow,” said Paula Cogan, President, euNetworks. “Supporting the communities in which we operate and our local teams is core to our company values and commitment to our sustainability efforts as a business. The ‘Orchards in the Community’ initiative is a great way of bringing all parts of the Irish community together, giving back to and supporting the development of a hopefully thriving ecosystem in the years to come.”

About euNetworks

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