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**RE: ASCENT - APPLY SKILLS AND CONSERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH NEW TOOLS**

Dear Tómas Guðberg Gíslason

Following correspondence with Andrés Arnalds Soil Conservation Service of Iceland in relation to the ASCENT Project funded under the NPA Priority Axis 4 - Natural and Cultural Heritage. Donegal County Council as lead partner would like to invite you to become a member of the ASCENT project as an associate partner (non budget holding). To become an associate partner we would require you to formally on headed paper write to us as lead partner confirming your agreement to participate in the project as an associate partner.

Please find attached information on the ASCENT project.

We look forward to working with you and advice as we are under some very tight timelines it would be appreciated if you could return letter to us at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Charles Sweeney  
ASCENT Project Manager  
Donegal County Council



## **ASCENT - APPLY SKILLS AND CONSERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH NEW TOOLS**

### Project information:

The ASCENT project will bring together Local and Environmental Authorities to collectively address the environmental challenges facing the conservation and enhancement of Areas of Natural beauty in the five partner regions (i.e. Ireland, Northern Ireland, Iceland, Finland and Norway). Due to unregulated access to sites and natural erosion these regions are experiencing degradation, loss of unique bio-diversity and bio-resources. The ASCENT project will develop management plans across the programme area to assist Local Authorities and other stakeholders to monitor these sites and implement innovative measures to ensure their economic and environmental sustainability.

The project partners involved are as follows:

### **Full Project Partner**

Donegal County Council (Lead Partner)  
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife, Finland  
Hordaland County Council, Norway  
Soil Conservation Service of Iceland

### **Sub Partner**

Mourne Heritage Trust

### **Associate Partners**

Udaras na Gaeltachta  
Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust

