



MARY ELMES BRIDGE

MAKING MORE CONNECTIONS



Contribution of the European Union

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) is the pillar of the cohesion policy of the European Union's territories. More than € 350 billion are invested for the period of 2014-2020, allowing the materialization of regional projects that have a direct impact on the lives of millions of Europeans.



Parties involved Funding bodies Stakeholders

- European Union
- Cork City Council

THE PROJECT

Cork's Mary Elmes Bridge, financed with the support of the European Union, helps create a more sustainable, less congested and more connected Cork City. The project delivers a much-needed pedestrian and cycle bridge in the heart of the City and promotes greater use of cycling and walking.

The bridge was named by the people of Cork as part of an open consultation in honour of Cork-born aid worker, Mary Elmes, who is credited with saving the lives of hundreds of Jewish children during the Holocaust.

Highlighting an increasing focus on multi-modal forms of transport, the bridge improves north-south pedestrian and cyclist connectivity between the City Centre, the Victorian Quarter, Kent Railway Station and surrounding areas - first identified as an objective of Cork City Council's Development Plan as far back as 2004.

People can access both sides of the City using the bridge, or take a seat and immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of the bustling city and River Lee. Over 11,000 pedestrians and cyclists cross the bridge every day.

PROJECT FINANCING

The total cost is €3 million, of which €15m is financed by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and €15m provided by Cork City Council.

