



# Sustainable Energy Communities

## Western Region Network

Dec 2018





# Agenda

- Introduction (5 mins)
- Community Works Grants 2019 (15 mins)
- Clár (10 mins)
- SEC Activation (15 mins)
- A case study of a finished EMP. (10 mins)
- Focused workshops on SECs across all levels. (1hr)
- Plenary Q&A (20 mins)





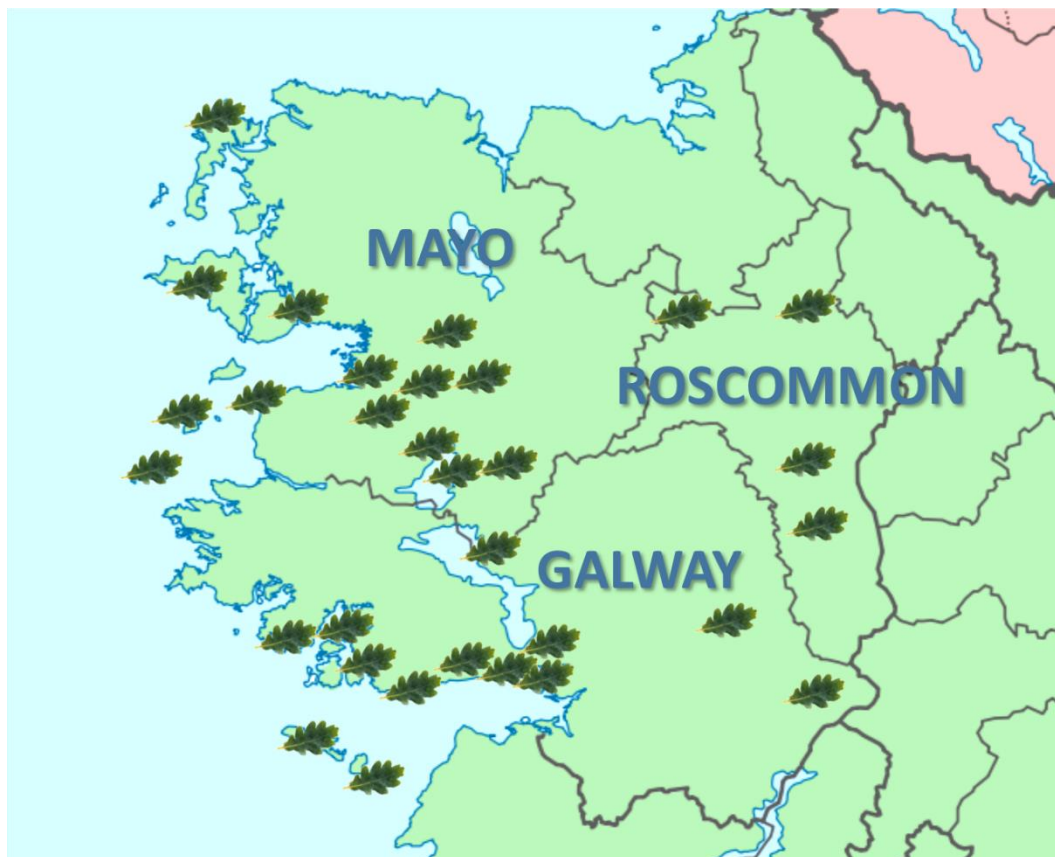
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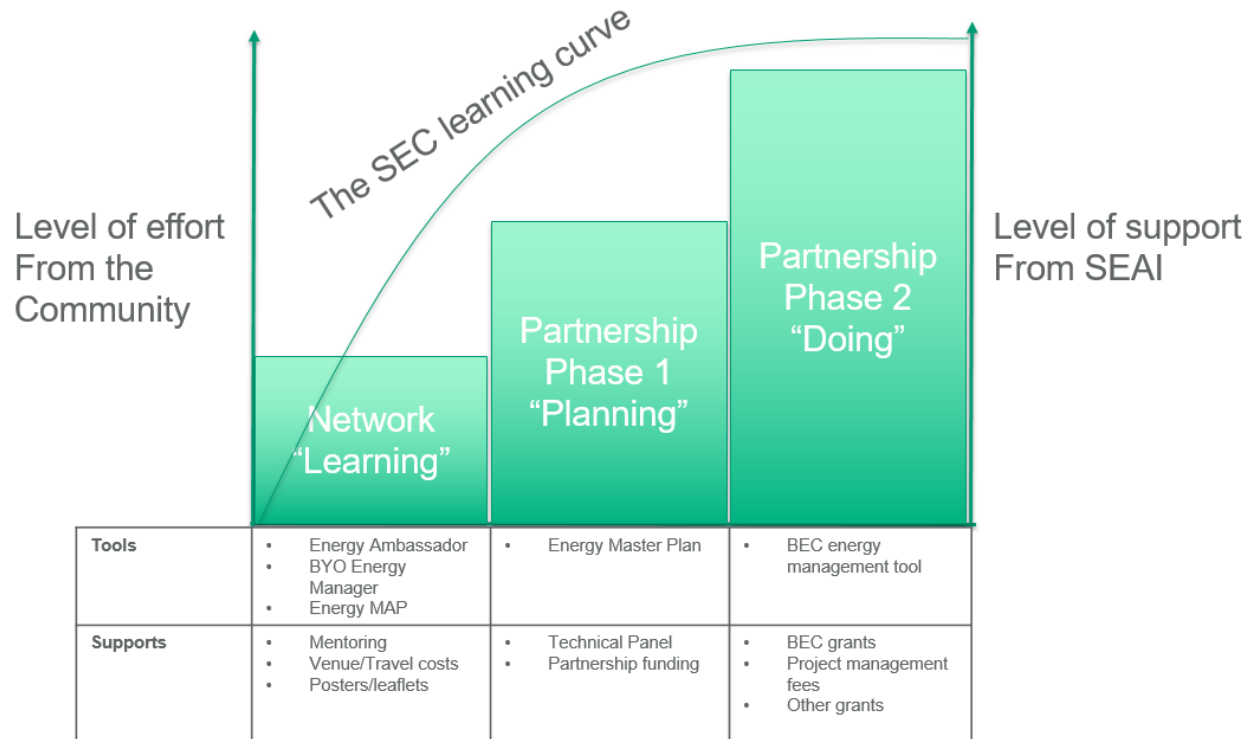
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## “The SEC Journey”





# Western Network Status

- **35 Western SECs in total**
- **2 EMPs Complete** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
- **3 EMPs in progress** ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
- **2 EMP Grant pending** ✓ ✓ ✓
- **4 EMP Grant Applications by 2019** ✓ ✓
- **Charters & Competencies: 75%** ✓





# SEAI Community Grant 2019

- ‘larger and more technically challenging schemes’
- Develop community skills to lead small & medium scale projects
- Support the SEC network members





# SEAI Community Grant 2019

- Be as energy efficient as possible (fabric first approach)
- Consider renewables where feasible
- Adopt smart technologies as appropriate







# SEAI Community Grant 2019

- Cross Sectional Partnership Approach
- Demo Projects to showcase SEC leadership
- Could be a moderate to deep retrofit on single building used/accessed by the local community







# SEAI Community Grant 2019

- Maximum grant is €1,000,000
- At least €30,000
- Blended rate of 50% funding
  - Could **FOR EXAMPLE** be commercial at 20%, domestic 40%, and fuel poor at 80% adding up to a net rate for the whole project of 50%





# SEAI Community Grant 2019

- **Additional augmented support if**
  - applying for less than €200,000,
  - are a registered SEC
  - is their first or second time applying for a grant





# SEAI Community Grant 2019

- **Additional supports are**
  - Advice on project proposals
  - review draft applications and advise/provide feedback
  - workshops on the project workbooks
  - progress check-ups with project co-ordinators during the development of the project
  - Assistance with the payment process for grant payments





## Qualification Criteria

- Value for money:
  - kWh and carbon kgs saved per €
- Level of SEC progress
- Partnership (including a PES)
- Experience and Team Quality
  - Assisted SECs will be treated differently in this section





# Start Community Grant Process

- Choose your scale
- Identify likely buildings and partners
- Take benefit of additional supports
- Advance your EMP progress to match Grant Marks
- Use the Grant to recruit SEC supporters





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