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# MAYO CLIMATE ACTION AWARENESS WORKSHOPS



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## CLIMATE ACTION AWARENESS GROUP

- South West Mayo Development Company Ltd.
- CARO (Climate Action Regional Office)
- Mayo County Council
- Moy Valley Resources IRD
- Mayo North East Development Company Ltd.



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# Mayo Climate Action Workshops: 3b - Climate Change and Community Energy



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## OVERVIEW

South West Mayo Development Company, as part of a Climate Action Awareness Group, are delivering a bespoke workshop programme 'Mayo Climate Action Awareness Workshops' in 5 Mayo Towns. These workshops will look at a number of topics related to climate change, the relative impacts and adaptation and mitigation actions that can be taken.

The format of these workshops will allow for educating and creating awareness of climate change issues and for interactive discussion around these issues and associated actions that can be taken individually or as a community. The training material will be a combination of both generic and specifically local information using local case studies directed at communities.

This programme will run over a period of 6 weeks, starting the 4th of February 2020 with 3 workshops running in 5 locations around the county. The first two workshops in each location will be common across all 5 locations, with the final workshop focusing on different themes in each location, but open to participants across the whole county.



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## FOCUSED WORKSHOPS

### DATES AND LOCATIONS



#### WORKSHOP 3A: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL IMPACTS

- ✓ Belmullet - Aras Inis Gluaire  
27th February 2020  
7pm - 10pm



#### WORKSHOP 3C: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOUSEHOLD ENERGY

- ✓ Castlebar - Leisure Complex Lough Lannagh  
3rd March 2020  
7pm - 10pm



#### WORKSHOP 3B: UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMMUNITY ENERGY

- ✓ Ballina - Family Resource Centre  
11 March 2020  
19:00-22:00



#### WORKSHOP 3D: UNDERSTANDING HOW PERSONAL CONSUMPTION AFFECTS CLIMATE CHANGE

- ✓ Claremorris - Town Hall  
5th March 2020  
7pm - 10pm



#### WORKSHOP 3E: UNDERSTANDING HOW TRANSPORT AFFECTS CLIMATE CHANGE

- ✓ Westport - Leeson Enterprise Centre  
7th March 2020  
10am - 1pm



## Workshop: 3b

### Climate Change and Community Energy

How your community can conserve energy and support renewable energy projects and infrastructure

# Energy Efficiency – relating to building energy use

## 2012 Energy Efficiency Directive (EED):

Reduce carbon emissions and decrease dependence on fossil fuels.

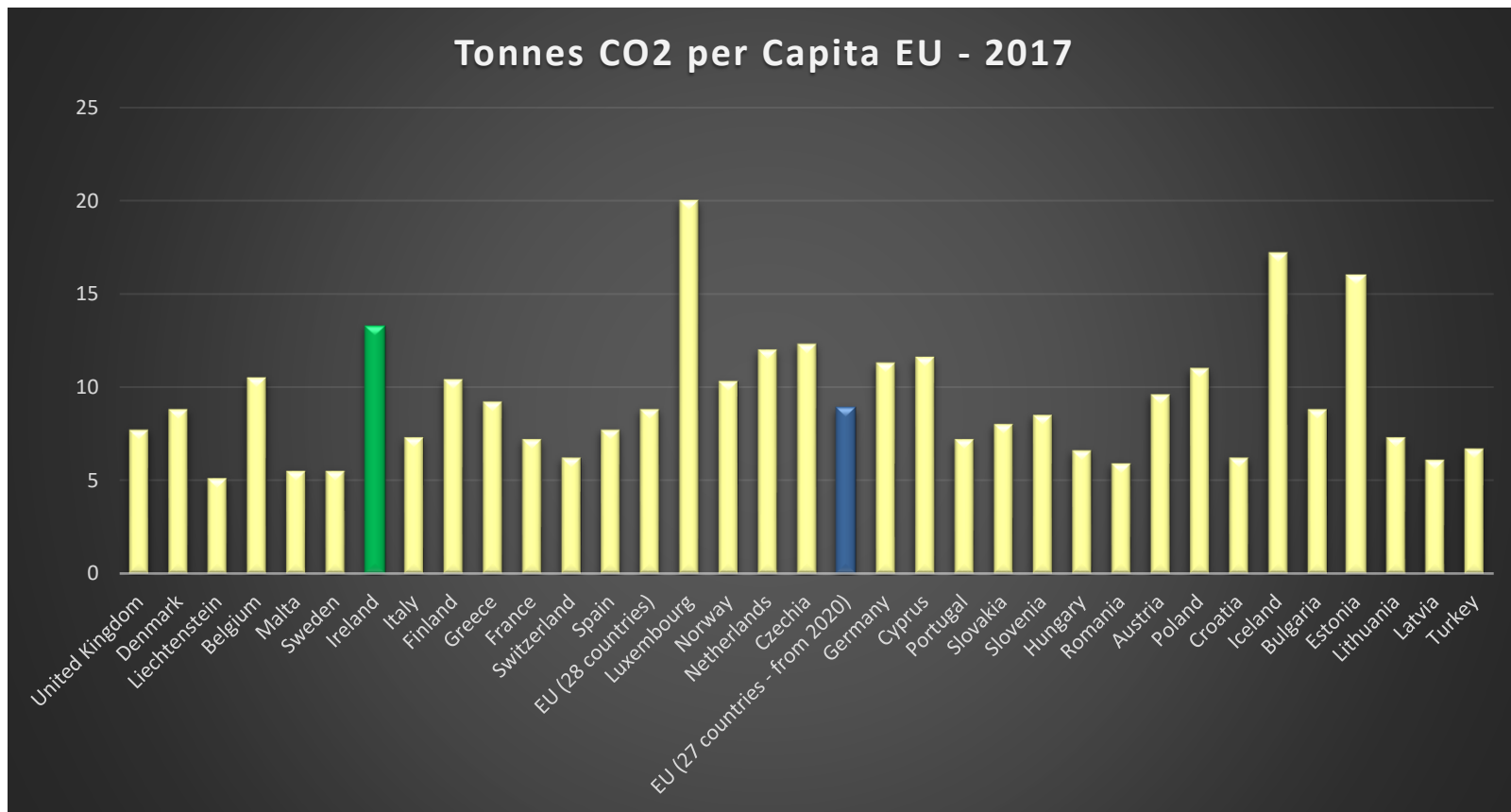
- 20% energy efficiency target by 2020
- Public sector improved energy efficiency 33% by 2020
- Public bodies obliged to procure products, services and buildings with high energy efficient performance.
- Mandatory energy audits and energy management obligations for the industrial sector.
- Energy savings of 31,925 GWh

### Energy Efficiency – relating to building energy use

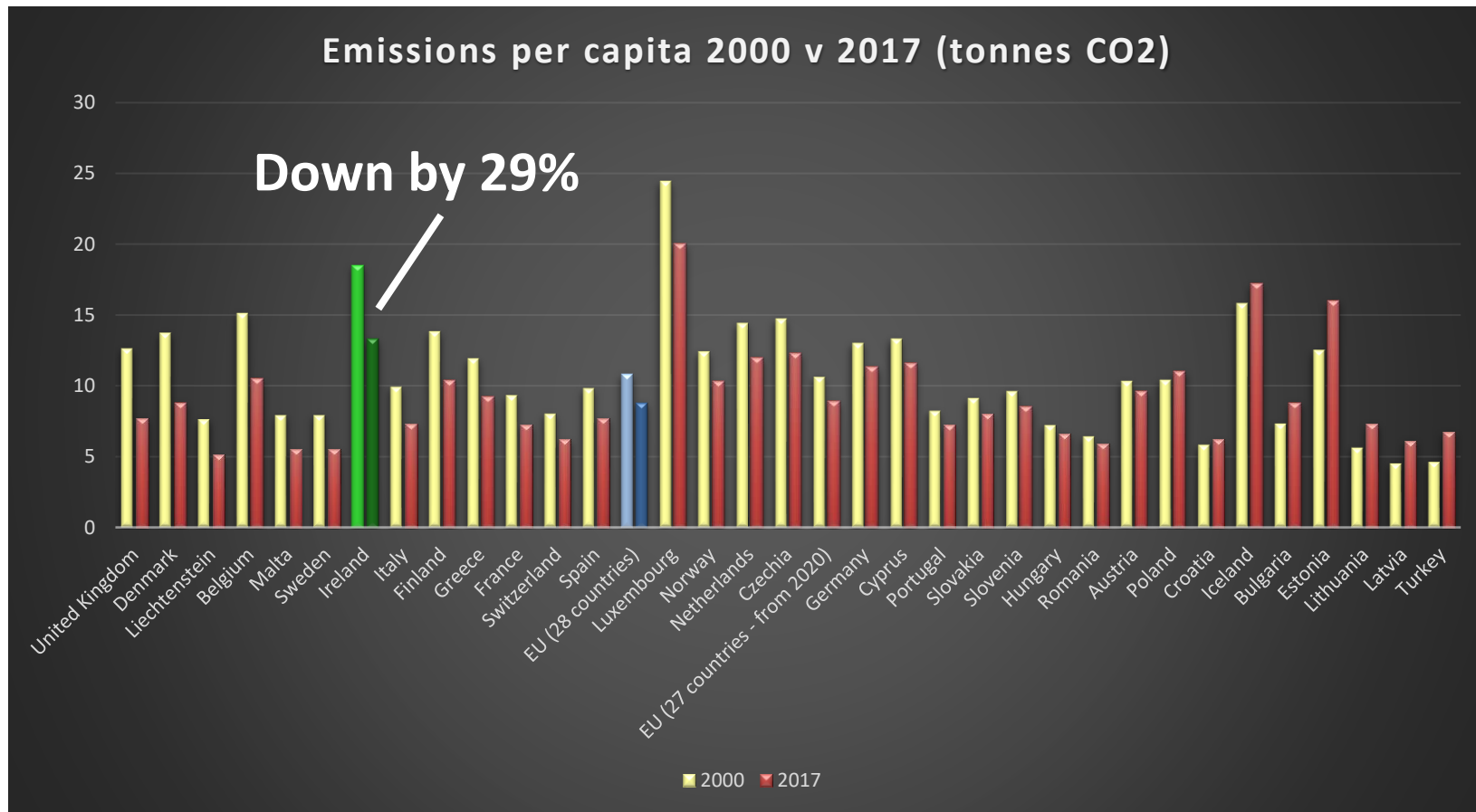
EE achieved in 2017 was a 12.9% reduction on 2005 levels  
Projected EE in 2020 will be 14-16% reduction <4-6% less than envisaged  
Will achieve 22,300-25,500 GWh reduction  
6,400 GWh less than target



## CO2 Reduction Progress



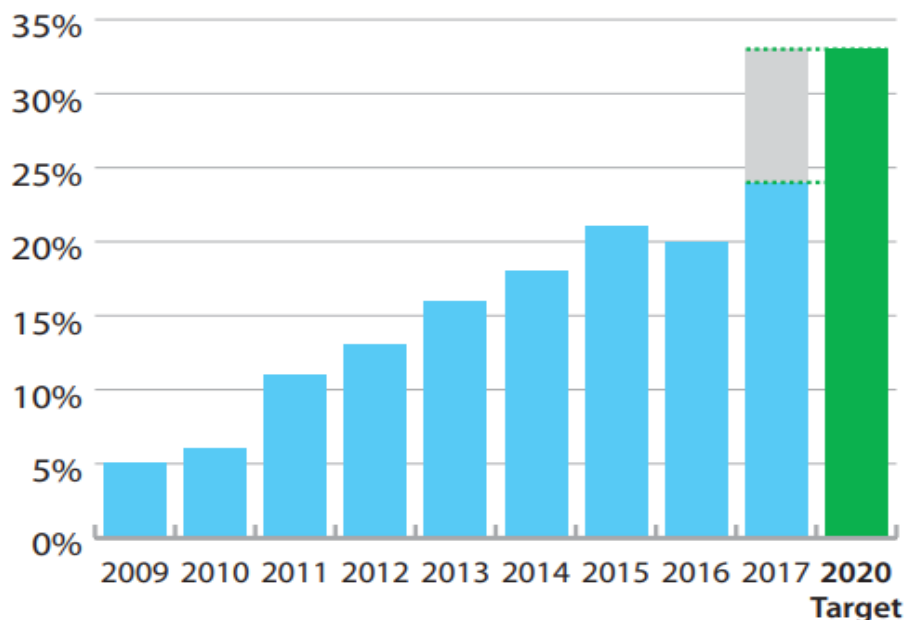
## CO2 Reduction Progress



## Energy Efficiency – relating to building energy use

Progress in Public Bodies is overall quite good

**FIG. 13: ANNUAL PRIMARY ENERGY SAVINGS**



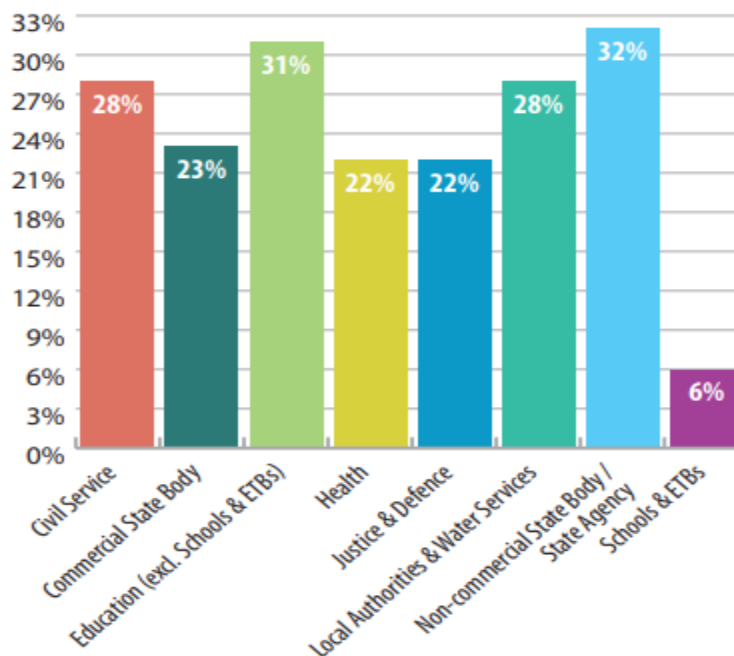
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## Energy Efficiency – relating to building energy use

Schools lag behind

Why do you think?

**FIG. 14: SUB-SECTOR COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE TO DATE (PRIMARY ENERGY SAVINGS)**



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# Energy Efficiency – building energy use

## Energy Efficiency Policy 2030

- Reduce CO2 eq. emissions from the sector by 40–45%
- Sharply reduce fossil fuel use, given the current heavy reliance on gas, oil, coal and peat in the sector
- 500,000 building retrofits to achieve a B2 BER /cost optimal equivalent or carbon equivalent

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# Energy Efficiency – building energy use

## Energy Efficiency Policy 2030

- 600,000 heat pumps (400,000 in existing buildings)
- Increase the number of Sustainable Energy Communities to 1,500
- Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH), biomass and anaerobic digestion heating systems
- 2 municipal scale district heat schemes: 50,000 homes

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# Energy Efficiency – building energy use

## Energy Efficiency Policy 2030 - **HOW?**

**Aggregate** up into large area-based packages where economies can be achieved

A combination of

LA & Social Housing home ('core project')

+ Energy Poor (receiving Fuel Allowance)

+ Privately owned homes

= **Critical Mass**

**COMMUNITY RETROFIT APPLICATIONS**

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# Energy Efficiency – relating to building energy use

## Energy Efficiency Policy 2030 - **HOW?**

- Promote the widespread adoption of heat pumps or other renewable heating options
- **Collaborative** approaches across Government, Local Authorities, Enterprise, Finance and Communities

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# Renewable Energy Policy

## EU targets for renewable energy 2020

- 16% of final energy use (all sectors) must be sources from renewables
- 10% renewable energy use in the transport sector
- national sub-targets:
  - Heat (12%)
  - Electricity (40%)

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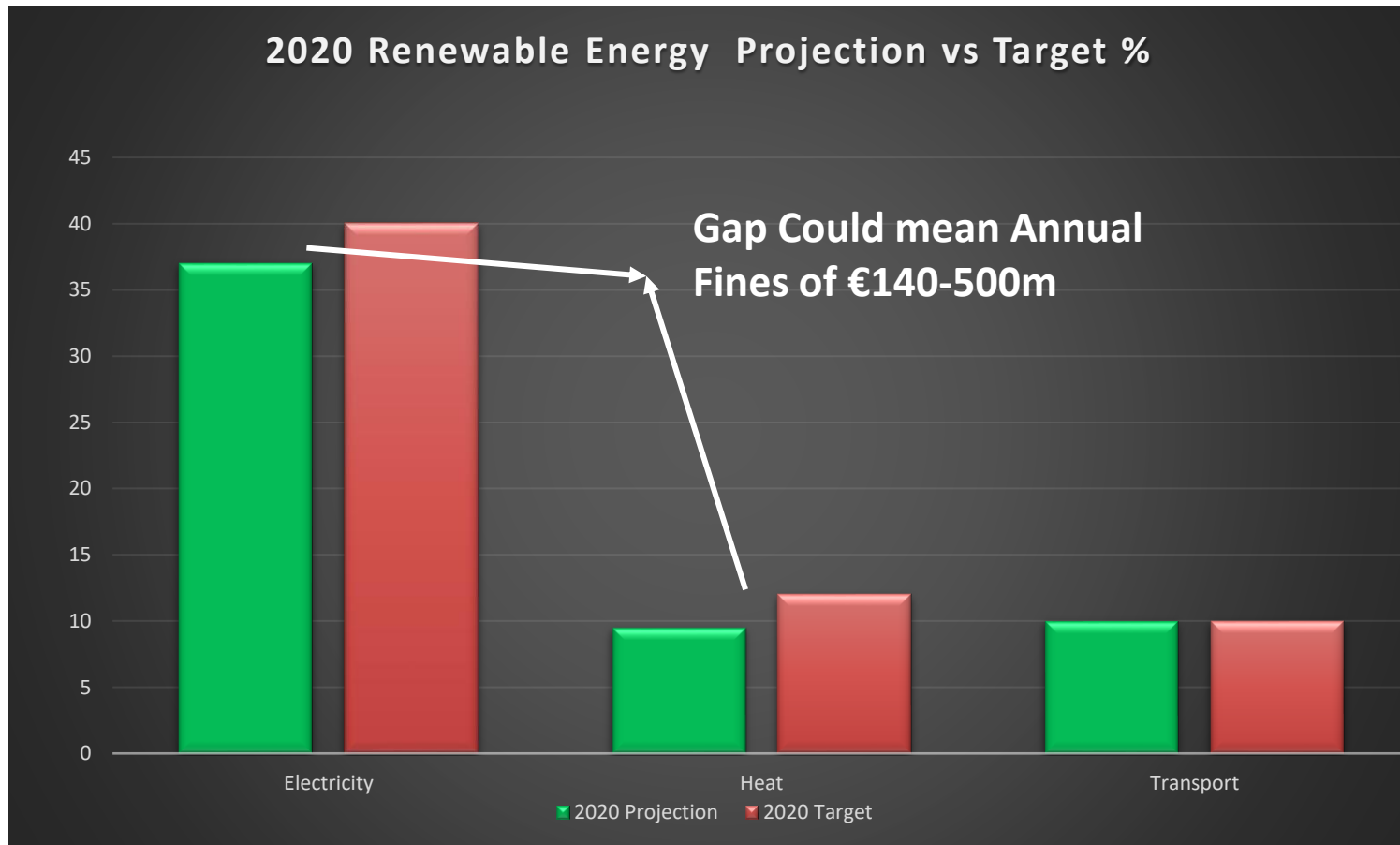


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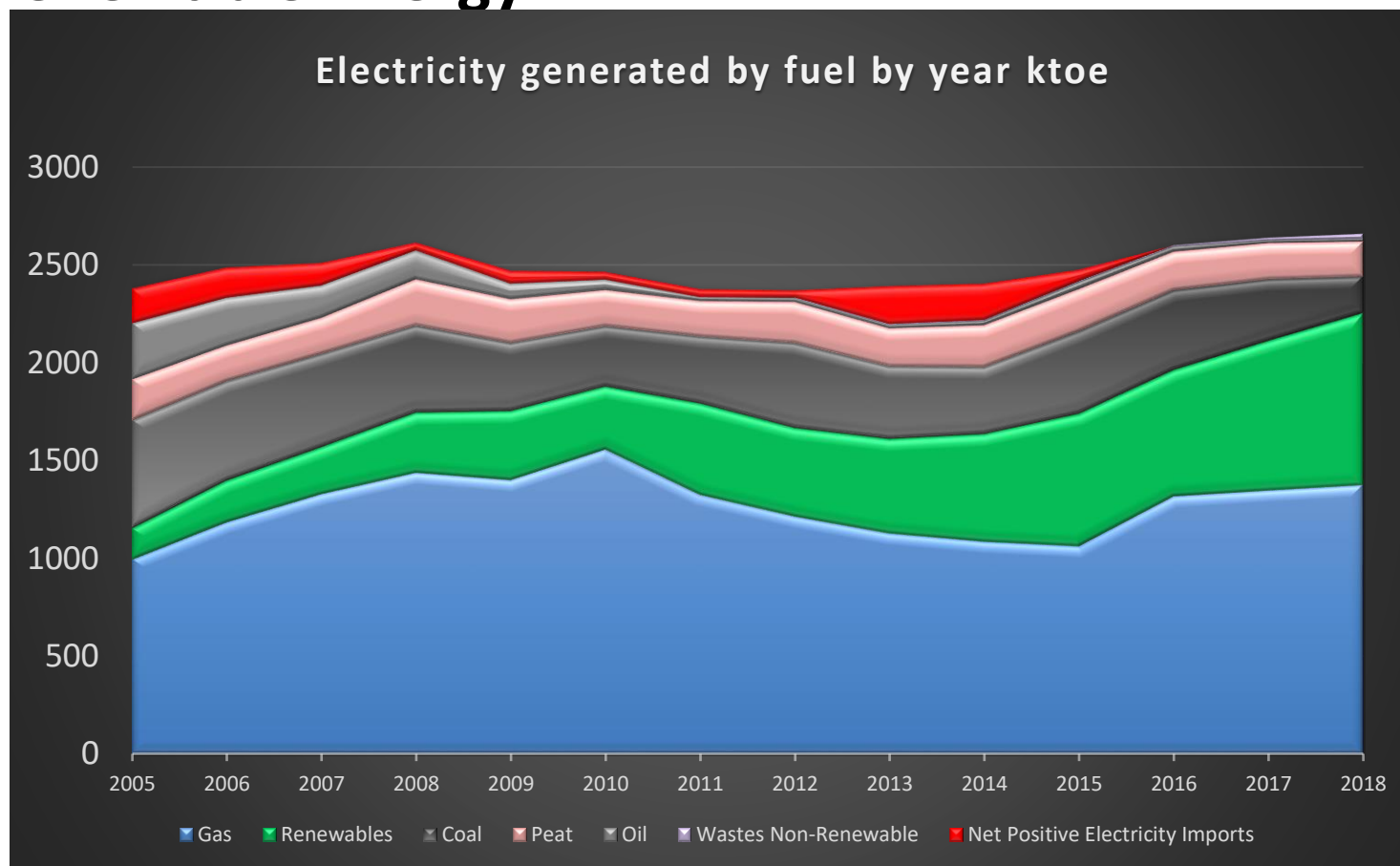


## Renewable Energy Policy





## Renewable Energy



## Renewable Energy

2005: RES vs Carbon Generated as % of total



■ RES ■ Non RES

## Renewable Energy

2018: RES vs Carbon Generated as % of total



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## Renewable Energy

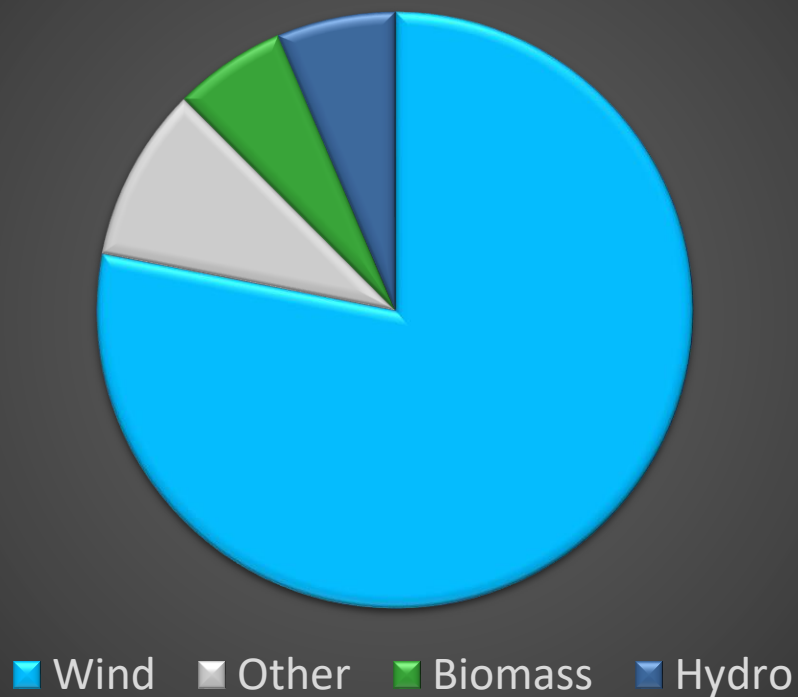
2030: RES vs Carbon Generated as % of total



■ RES ■ Non RES

## Renewable Energy

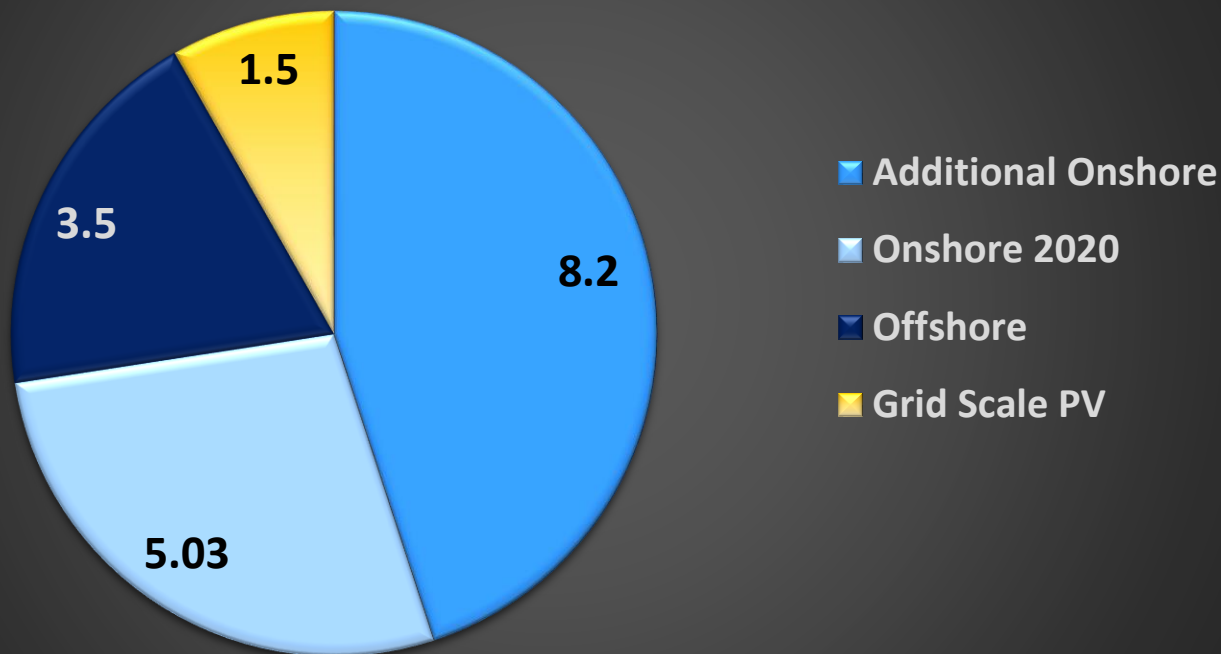
Renewables 2018 by technology





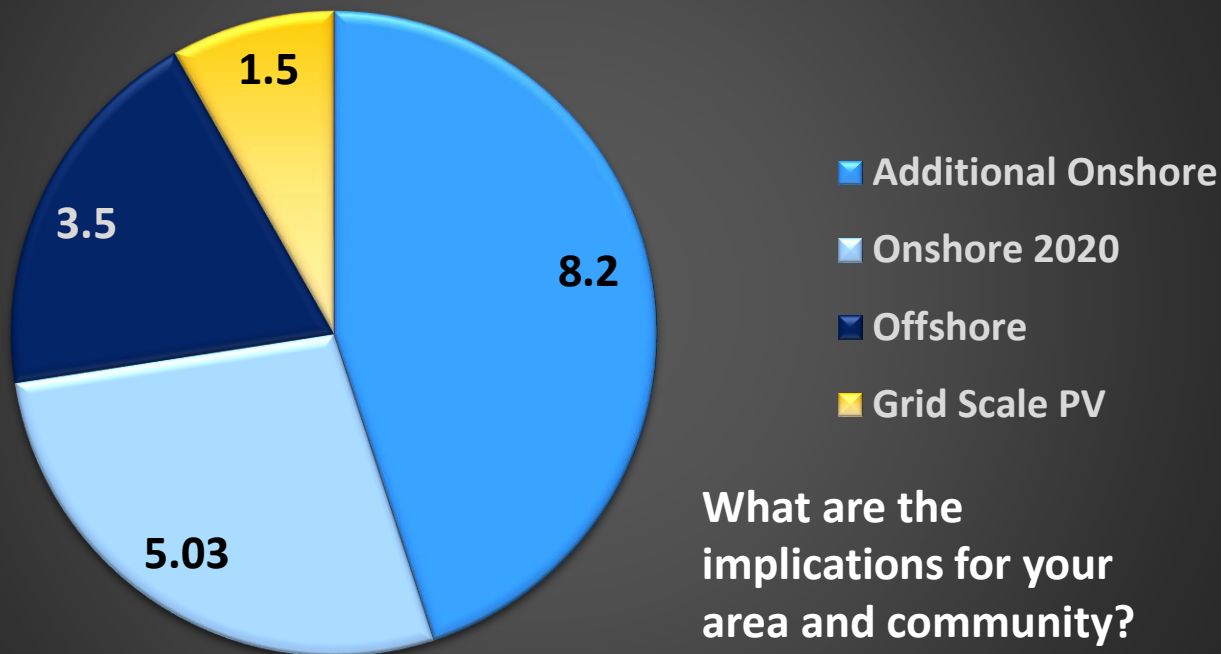
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Renewables TARGET 2030 by technology (GW)



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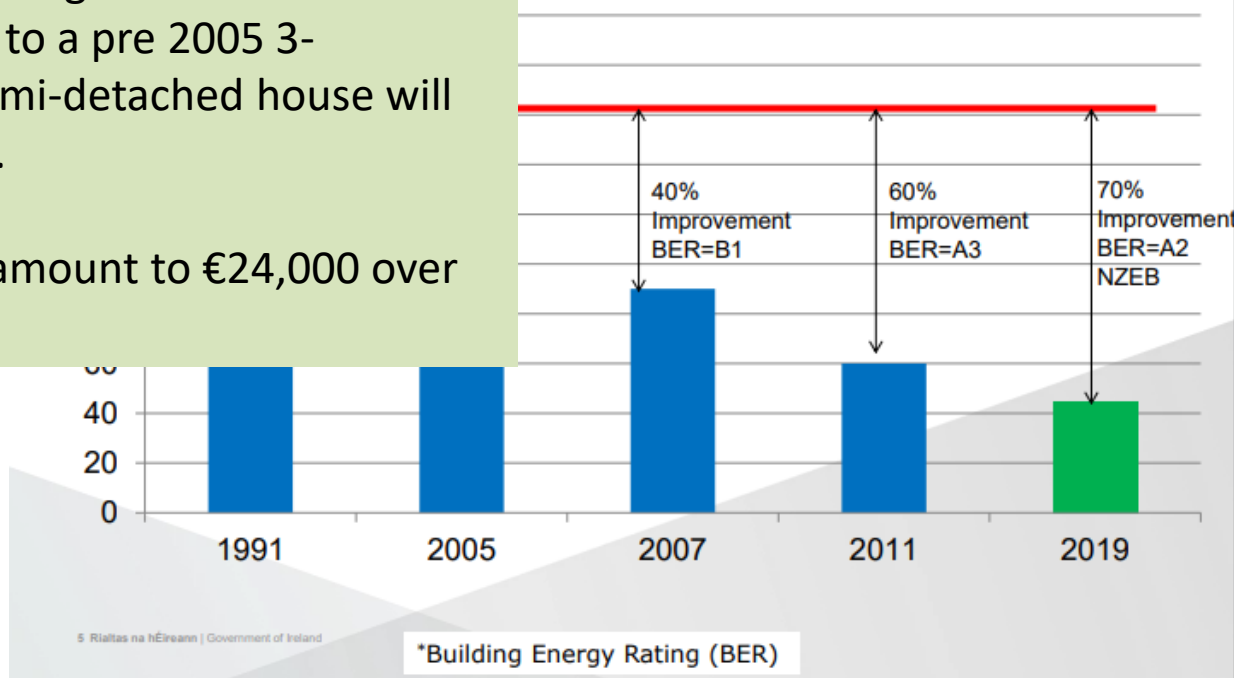
## Energy Efficiency –Domestic New Build

### Building Regulations Part L Development - Dwellings



**Projected** savings achieved in comparison to a pre 2005 3-bedroom semi-detached house will be €800 p.a.

This would amount to €24,000 over 30 years.



# Energy Efficiency – Domestic Renovation

Major Refurbishment to >25% of building envelope

- ‘Cost Optimal Level’
- An energy performance of 125 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> /yr
- B2 BER

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### Energy Efficiency – Domestic Renovation

Major Refurbishment to >25% of building envelope

- Windows Renovation Only
- Roof Renovation Only
- Floor Renovation
- Roof and windows renovation
- Windows and floor renovation
- Roof and floor renovation

NOT CONSIDERED TO BE FEASIBLE TO BRING TO 'COST OPTIMAL LEVEL'

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# Energy Efficiency – Domestic Renovation

Major Refurbishment to >25% of building envelope

- External walls renovation
- External walls and windows renovation
- External walls and roof renovation
- External walls and floor renovation

Upgrade insulation at ceiling level (roof)

Boiler replacement and controls upgrade where efficiency < 86 % to 91%  
and/or Replacement of electric storage heating systems where more than 15 years old.

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Upgrade insulation at wall level

- External walls and floor renovation
- New Extension affecting more than 25 % of the surface area of the existing dwelling's envelope

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# Energy Efficiency – Domestic Renovation

In this order focus on:

1. high thermal and air tightness performance first
2. select appropriate 'green' materials (timber, organic based insulation)
3. biomass boilers or heat pumps
4. PV and Solar Thermal

Moran, Goggins, and Hajdukiewicz, 2017

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# Renewable Energy Domestic Level

## Solar PV Household Scale

Average House will support 2kW PV

Using on average 80% of electricity generated

With Storage this could be up to 100%

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## Renewable Energy Domestic Level

### Solar PV Household Scale

2kW System		
Cost	€3,400	€5,000
SEAI Grant	€1,800	€1,800
Net Cost	€1,600	€3,200
kWh/a delivered	1900	1900
Cost Electricity	€0.16	€0.16
Household Use	1425	1425
Net Savings/a	€243.20	€243.20
Payback yrs	6.5	13
<b><u>Lifetime Savings</u></b>	<b><u>€2,360.00</u></b>	<b><u>€1,160.00</u></b>

# Renewable Energy Domestic Level

Using the electricity you generate

Diverter will push excess energy to HW ‘immersion’

Battery: adds €4k+ to system costs

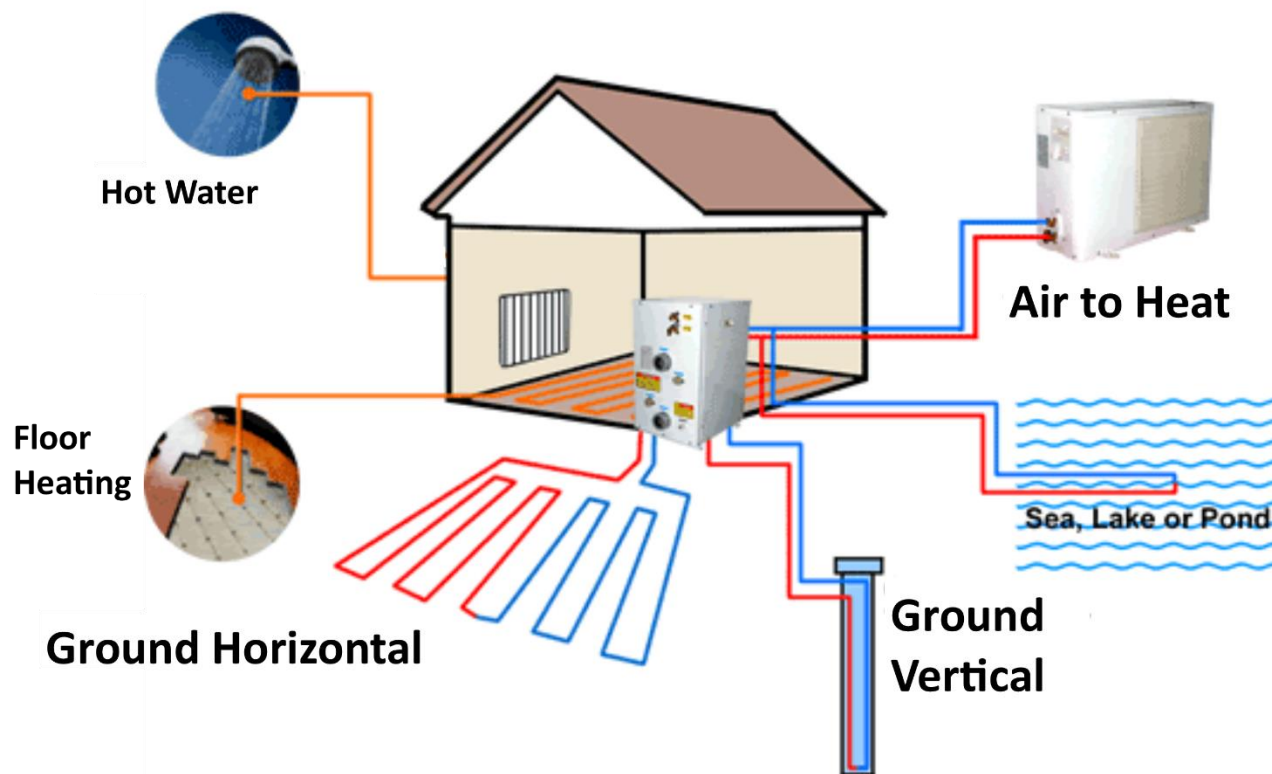
Heat Pump: could reduce electricity costs by 50%

EV: Car may be offsite during the day

## Renewable Energy Domestic Level

### Heat Pumps

### Types





## Renewable Energy Domestic Heat Pumps

Co-installed with PV will reduce this electricity cost even further

### Energy Required to heat typical 3 bedroom detached house

	kWh/a	cost/kWh	cost/a
Oil	13,000	€0.09	€1,116.70
Gas	13,000	€0.07	€956.80
Wood Pellets	13,000	€0.06	€835.90
Heat Pump	4,333	€0.16	€693.33
Heat Pump NR	4,300	€0.11	€473.00

# Renewable Energy Domestic Level

## Heat Pumps

When heat pumps are renewable – home PV, green tariff, more RES in the future

**Caveat Emptor:** not all heat pumps are created equal  
Geothermal – space restrictions, shallow or deep?

Air Source – environmental considerations

Exhaust Air Source Heat Pump – new builds

## Discussions

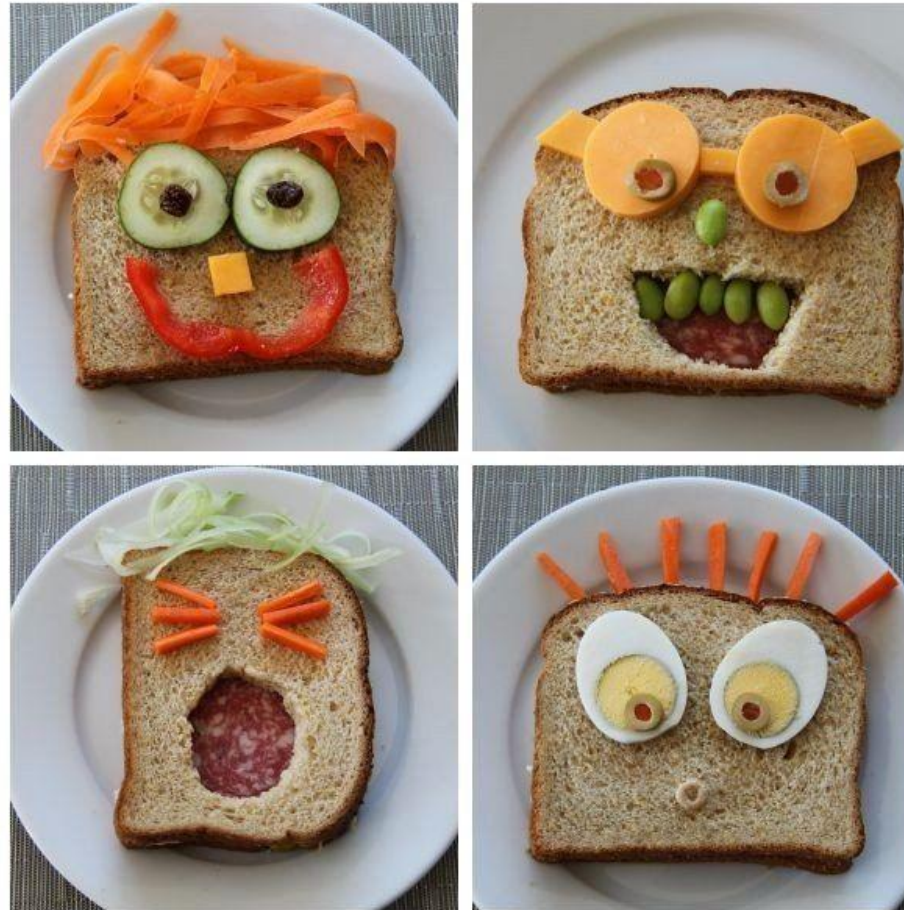
12 minutes Small Groups

Technology solutions that generate/conserves energy.  
What suits/doesn't suit your area?



Feed back to the group: 8 minutes

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## Energy Conservation Community Level

### Case Study 1: School

St John's National School Ballybrack, County Dublin



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St John's National School Ballybrack, County Dublin

Energy retrofit 2017

Heating upgrades to the boiler, radiators, heating controls, installation of energy efficient lighting.

Annual energy demand reduction by 25-30%,

Saving 42,000 kWh each year.

Est Value = €4,200 per year



# Energy Conservation Community Level Erris Report by Western Development Commission

<https://localenergycommunities.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/IRELAND-CASE-STUDY-1.pdf>





# Energy Conservation Community Level Erris

Local Authority – Mayo County Council drew down the grant on behalf of the community.

Community grant fund from Corrib Gas community gain fund (40%)

## Energy Conservation Community Level Erris

2014	Projects completed
<b>14 Community Groups</b> <b>Total Cost: €340,163</b> <b>50% SEAI BEC</b> <b>40% Community Gain Fund</b> <b>10% Community Groups</b>  <b>194,143 kWh electricity saved Annually</b> <b>Value of €29,000/a</b>	<b>2 electric vans for local “Meals on Wheels”</b> <b>2 x 7kW Photovoltaic arrays</b> <b>10 buildings insulated</b> <b>9 buildings heating system upgrades</b> <b>7 buildings LED lighting</b> <b>28 Quantum storage Heaters</b>

## Energy Conservation Community Level Erris

2015	Projects completed
<p><b>10 Community Groups</b></p> <p><b>Total Cost: €385,729</b></p> <p><b>50% SEAI BEC</b></p> <p><b>40% Community Gain Fund</b></p> <p><b>10% Community Groups</b></p> <p><b>323,624 kWh electricity saved Annually</b></p> <p><b>Value of €48,543</b></p>	<p><b>Western Care (Adults with Intellectual Disabilities) 3 buildings upgraded</b></p> <p><b>Irish Wheelchair Association 11kW Photovoltaic array</b></p> <p><b>6 National Schools retrofitted</b></p> <p><b>Micro grid incorporating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11 kW Photovoltaic,</b></li> <li>• <b>6 kW battery,</b></li> <li>• <b>3 x Glen Dimplex storage heaters</b></li> </ul>

## Energy Conservation Community Level Erris

2016	Projects completed
<p>2016</p> <p>50 home owners in energy poor homes</p> <p>€402,777</p> <p>80% SEAI BEC</p> <p>20% Home Owners</p> <p>373,470kWh thermal saved annually</p> <p>Value of €18,673 an average of €380 per house</p>	<p>Doors and windows replaced</p> <p>LED lighting replacements</p> <p>Attic, cavity, internal and external insulation</p> <p>New heating systems</p> <p>Solar hot water systems</p>

## Better Energy Communities

Community – Business – Citizens

Joint Application for retrofit grants

## Sustainable Energy

## Communities

Charter

Competencies

Energy Master Plan

SEC Grant



Claremorris Energy Co-op

Tuar Mhic Eadaigh

Shrulle Community

Sustainable Headford

Bellclare - Planet 21 Renewables

GMIT Mayo Campus

Westport

Mulranny Green Plan Group

Achill Community Futures

Cliara Development Company DAC

Burrishoole Community Partnership

Rundale Ox-Moy Group

Louisburgh Community Futures Group

Erris SEC

Friends of Mayo Dark Skies

Killawalla Community Council

Down Syndrome Ireland West

## Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS)

- Understand communities can't compete in auction with professionals
- Made case for community “pot”
- Supports to deliver community projects





# Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS)

- Maximum project size is 5MW;
- Open access;
- Participation based on local domicile first then nationwide;
- 'Co-op principles'
- Consortium/Entity must include a Sustainable Energy Community within it;
- Other entities also allowed within consortium such as SMEs or Local Auth's
- Primary purpose of 51% of project is community benefit





## Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS)

- Trusted intermediaries - mentors
- Trusted advisors – specialist expertise
- Financial supports - feasibility grants and development soft loans
- Information warehouse



## Successful Community Projects

Champion  
Network  
Focus  
Mentorship  
Realism  
Structure



## Unsuccessful Community Projects

Too many chiefs (or none)  
One person bands - isolated  
Vague  
Too slow to access expertise  
Over ambitious



## Steps

Form Community Committee

Delegate: admin, technical - horses for courses

Start on SEC journey or identify an SEC to partner with

List the skills and connections the group already has

What are you missing

Build a network and make allies: within community

Get advice from a similar community that is further along the way

Mentorship

Structure – decide what suits you best

# Renewable Energy Community Level Templederry





# Renewable Energy Community Level

## Templederry

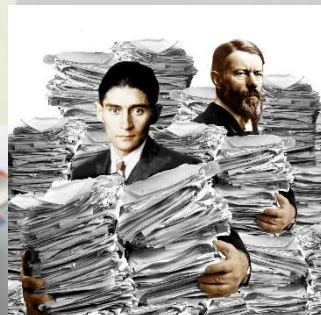
- Began development plan 1999 – advice from Prof Tom Collins and Seamus Hoyne of Tipp Energy Agency
- Est Templederry Wind Farm Ltd – **30 Shareholders** **€1,000 each (note this number)**
- Planning Application Success in 2003



## Renewable Energy Community Level

Templederry contd.

- Grid access delays – planning lapsed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning App 2007 - Bord Pleaneál appeal
- Financing: Rabobank + Enercon and BES investors
- Build 2011, commissioned 2012
- 2 turbines, total nominal power: 4,600 kW
- Cost €6.2m
- Estimated Payback 5-6 years





# Renewable Energy Community Level

## Claremorris and Western District Energy Co-op





# Renewable Energy Community Level

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Established 2015

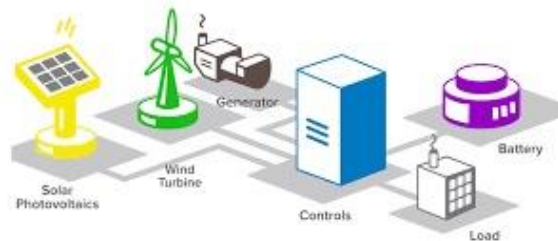
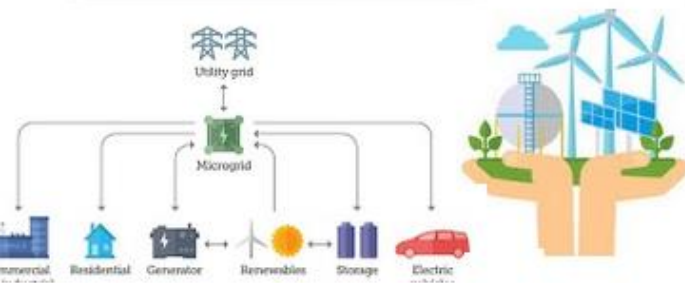
50 members

SEAI SEC scheme 2017-2020

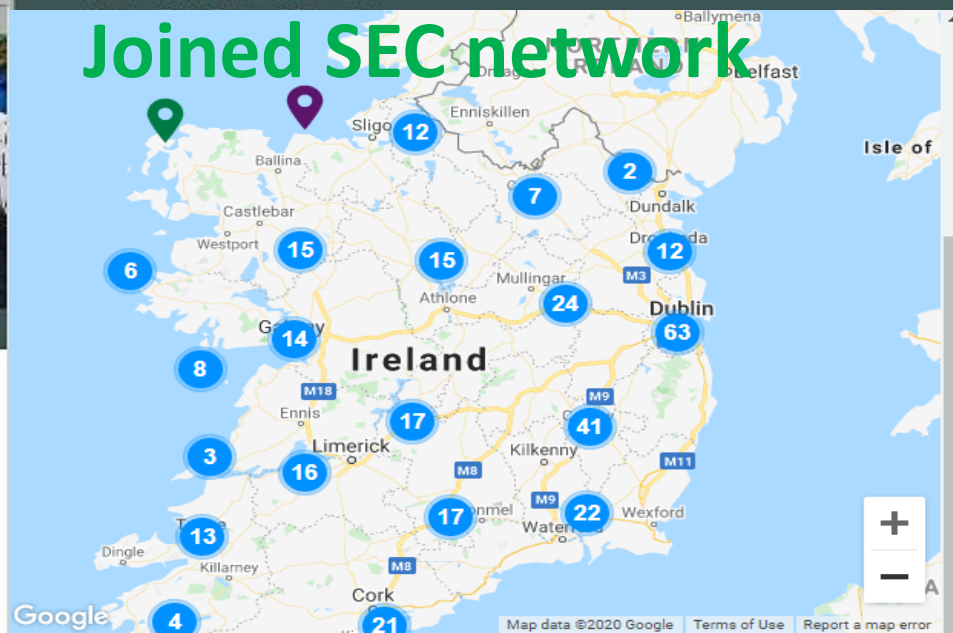
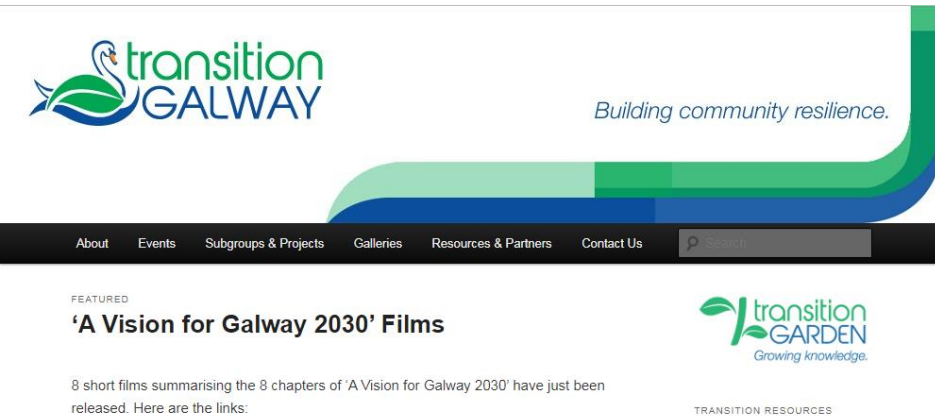
Planning Permission for community owned 5 MW Solar PV

Will be in first auction for RESS in 2020

# Galway Energy Co Op – Established November 2018



# Galway Energy Co Op – before we formed



# Galway Energy Co Op – Aims

- Develop renewable energy to support climate change mitigation
- Democratisise energy production
- Develop local employment opportunities
- Engage the knowledge, energy and expertise of the local community.



# Galway Energy Co Op – Public Events Westside and Ballybane



# Galway Energy Co Op – Twinned with Pfaffenhofen Bavaria



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Galway Energy Co-operative

# Galway Energy Co Op – Projects

- Community Energy Consultancy / Payback Analysis
- SEC: Improving Your Home Energy Efficiency, public events in Westside and Ballybane
- Stage 2 application for EU Interreg project (Energy Storage)
- EU twinning with Pfaffenhofen



# Galway Energy Co Op – Projects

- HyBioSol: SFI “Zero Emission” challenge (NUIG)
- Galway Hydro Conference NUIG
- Establishing Hydrogen Working Group for West Coast
- RESS Community partners in Solar and Wind Power

## Discussion Renewable Energy Community Level

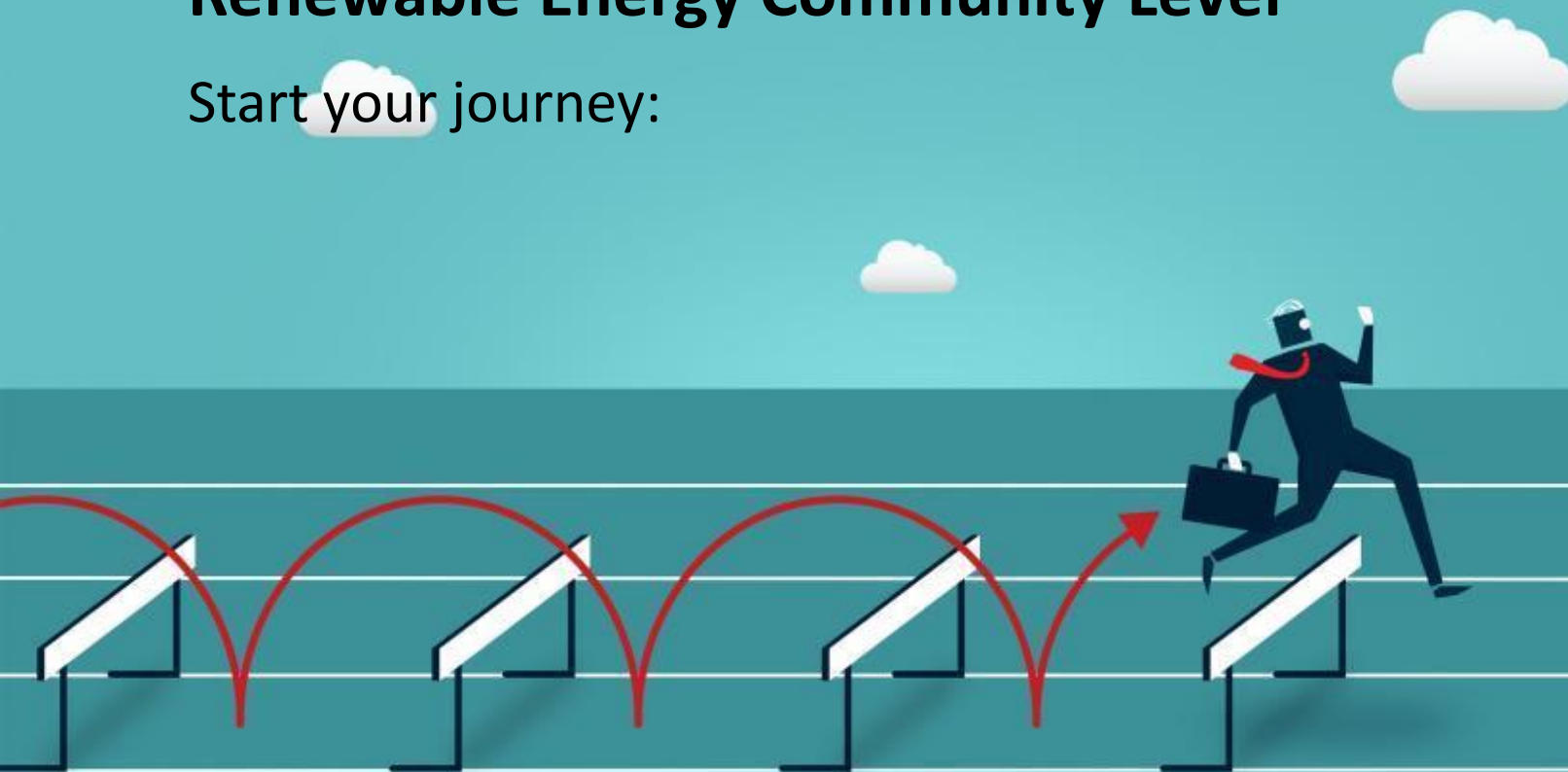
What Generation projects are possible in you area?

What other stakeholders are there?

20  
minutes

## Renewable Energy Community Level

Start your journey:



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Start your journey:

Form or ally with an existing SEC

[seai.ie/community-energy/sustainable-energy-communities](https://seai.ie/community-energy/sustainable-energy-communities)

Charter: aims and core group (10+ people to start with)

Audit your skills and contacts

Stakeholder map tool: [energyco-op.ie/resources/](https://energyco-op.ie/resources/)

Build your network

Set about formalising your structure

Access expertise

Peer to peer

Professional

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