Climate Justice & Policy Coherence: A challenge for Ireland

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Summary of IPCC report





A summary of Europe's response



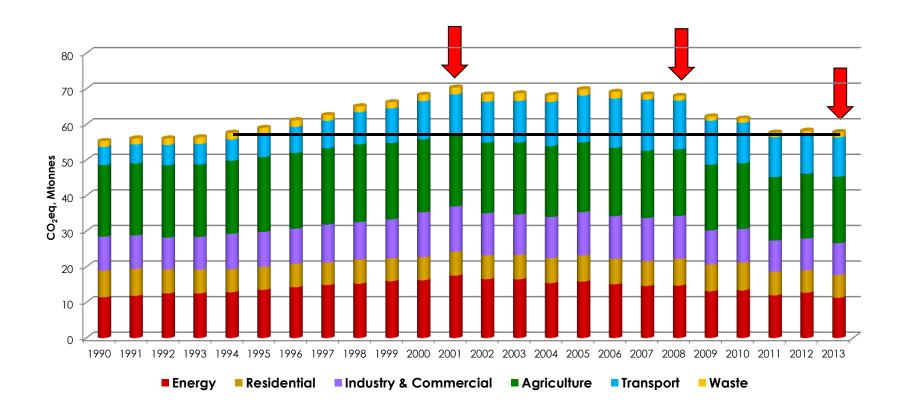


Summary of Ireland's response



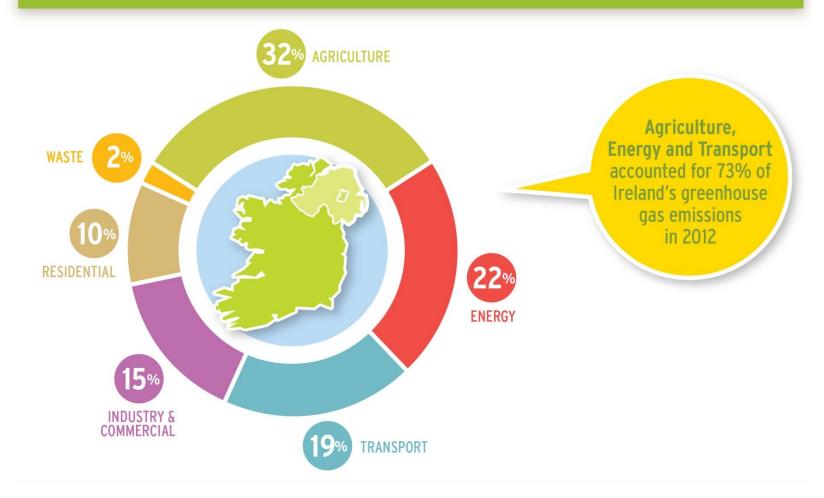


Trends in Greenhouse Gases



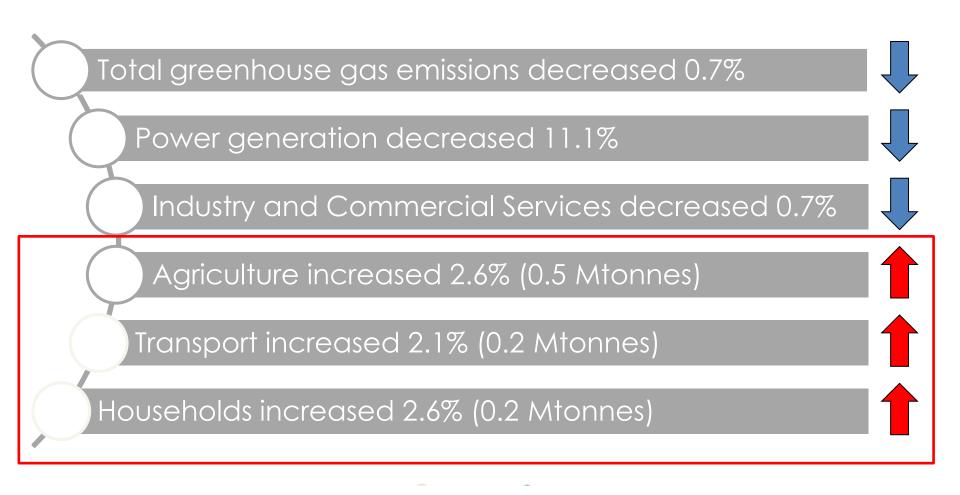
Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions peaked in 2001 and have decreased by 18% over the 12 year period to 2013

SOURCES OF GREENHOUSE GASES

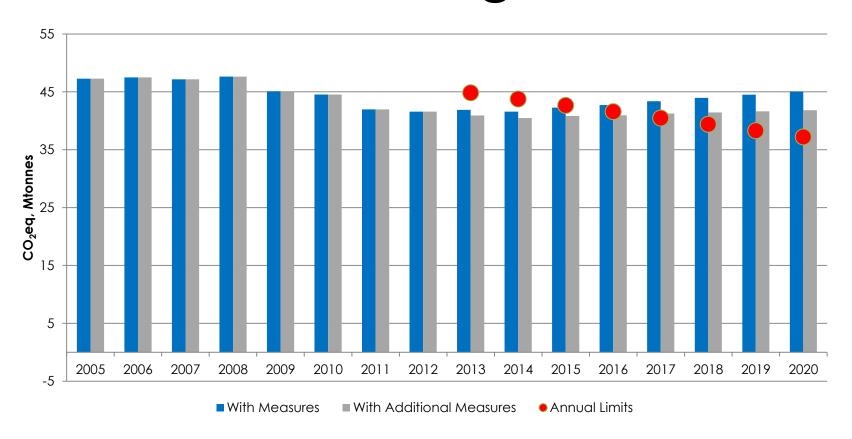




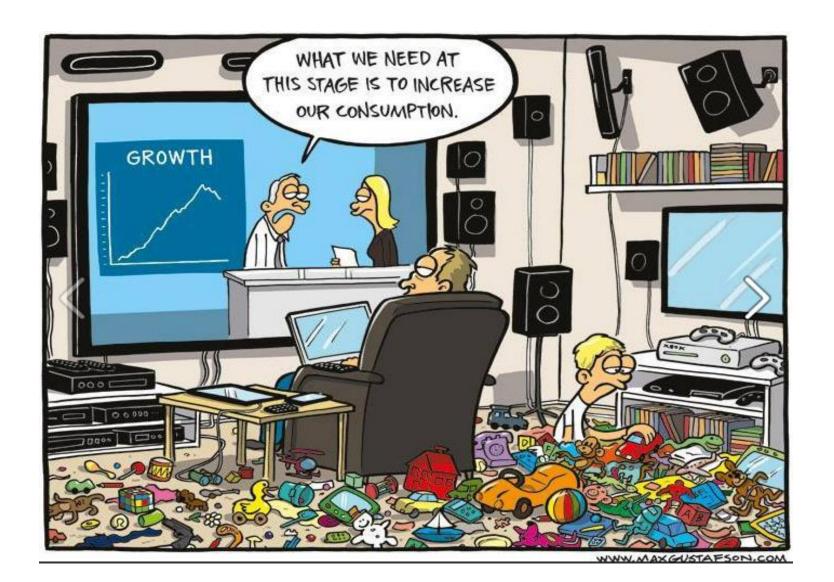
2013 Greenhouse Gases



EU-2020 Targets









We must invest in structural and behavioural change to enable the transition to carbon neutral, climate resilient Ireland. These changes include the rapid decarbonisation of energy and transport and the adoption of sustainable food production, management and consumption systems.



http://www.epa.ie/climate/emissionsinventoriesandprojections









\$2.900,000,000,000

15 potential resource productivity measures account for roughly 75 per cent of the total resource productivity prize (\$2.9 trillion in 2030). The top three opportunities would deliver roughly one-third of the total potential.

Top ten opportunities are;

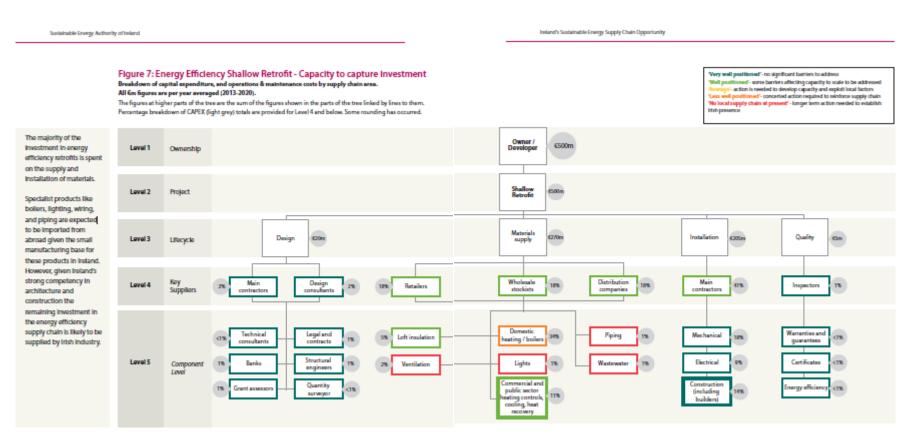
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- 2. Increasing yields on large-scale farms
- 3. Reducing food waste
- 4. Reducing municipal water leakage
- 5. Urban densification (leading to major transport efficiency gains
- 6. Higher energy efficiency in the iron and steel industry
- 7. Increasing yields on smallholder farms
- 8. Increasing transport fuel efficiency
- 9. Increasing the penetration of electric and hybrid vehicles
- 10. Reducing land degradation

McKinsey & Company - Resource Revolution: Meeting the world's energy, materials, food & water needs



Ireland's Sustainable Energy Supply Chain Opportunity



Action plan for Jobs Fuel Poverty Healthy Ireland Green Economy Greenhouse gas reduction

Reduce subsidies and price for the true cost of resources



Discontinuing peat subsidies: The peat PSO levy increased from €40.6 million in 2011/12 to €51.9 million in 2012/13 to €54.8 million in 2013/14. Given the significant additional costs for electricity users arising from the peat PSO, subsidies for peatgenerated electricity should be discontinued.

Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2014 - NCC



Green – preserves and enhances the natural environment

Low-carbon – retains carbon stocks in soil through margins and habitat preservation

Agri-environment – promotes agricultural production methods compatible with the protection of the environment, water quality, biodiversity and climate change mitigation





Increase our resource efficiency

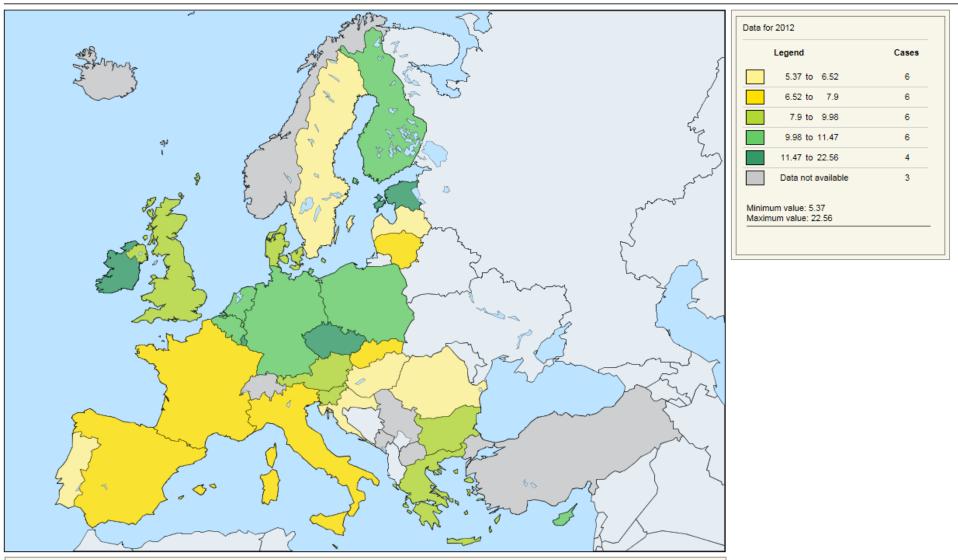




Greenhouse gas emissions per capita

Tonnes of CO2 equivalent

This indicator shows trends in man-made emissions of the 'Kyoto basket' of greenhouse ... more



Lowest per capita emissions:

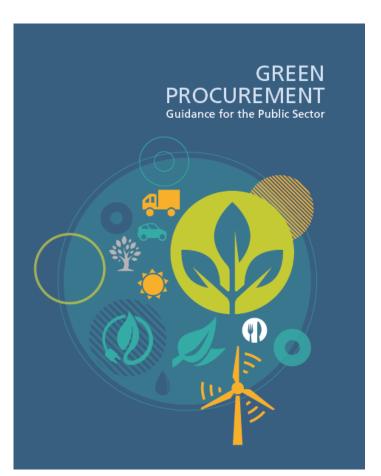
Latvia (5.4), Romania (5.9), Sweden (6.1), Croatia (6.2), Hungary (6.2), Portugal (6.5)

Require Green Procurement for all Government tenders



Green Tenders adopts the indicative EU political target of 50% of GPP, where GPP means incorporating green criteria into the procurement contract. This target will apply in respect of both the number and the value of public procurement contracts concluded

Green Tenders, an Action Plan on Green Public Procurement



Influence procurement officers to use the Green Procurement Guide produced by the EPA as part of Action 308 within the National Action Plan for Jobs (2014).

New guidance being developed for tenderers who want to compete for green procurement contracts



Support Community-Based Social Change

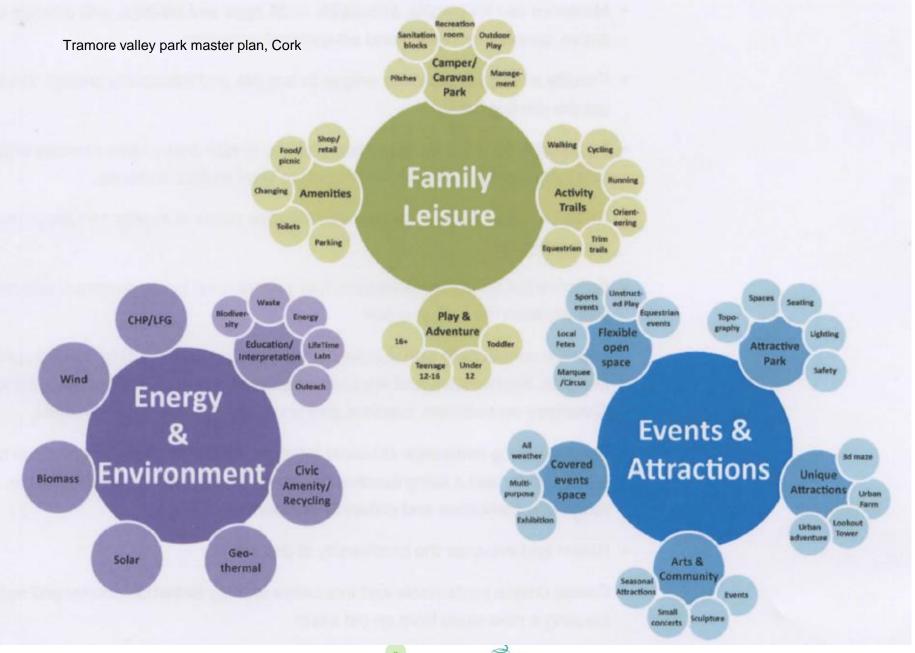


- recognise the importance of **Social norms** in behaviour change policies;
- Initiate and support community-led initiatives for social change;
- Support community managed social resources;
- design effective community-based social marketing strategies.



- Build links with local clubs and Societies
 hillwalking, bridge, Choirs, bowling, historical societies)
- Spend at home by **SOURCE local** food and products Locally
- Advocate for Infrastructure that enables physical activity (abled/disabled)
- Advocate for Mapping of our **natural** heritage, (geoparks, bird colonies,
 waterways)
- Bolster long-term **resilience** in the face of the resource challenge







Support Environmental Research – we don't have all the answers!







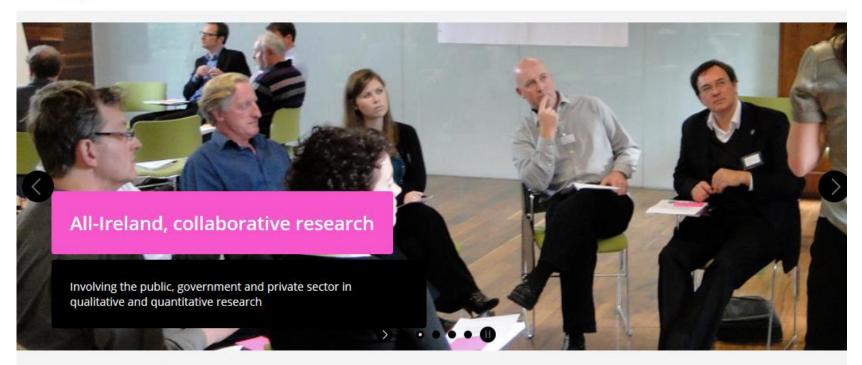
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CONSENSUS uses social science and collaborative research methods to explore innovative solutions for sustainable household consumption in Ireland (North & South). Our research centres on six themes outlined below.



Key Messages

Ireland is not on-track to becoming a low carbon economy

Significant risk that we will not meet our 2020 EU targets

Transport and agriculture are key contributors to Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions

Greenhouse gas emissions projected to increase to 2030 without further policies and measures



What does a day's worth of Greenhouse gases from Ireland look like?

<u>Day's worth of Greenhouse gases in Ireland</u>



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