



# Budget Choices 2023

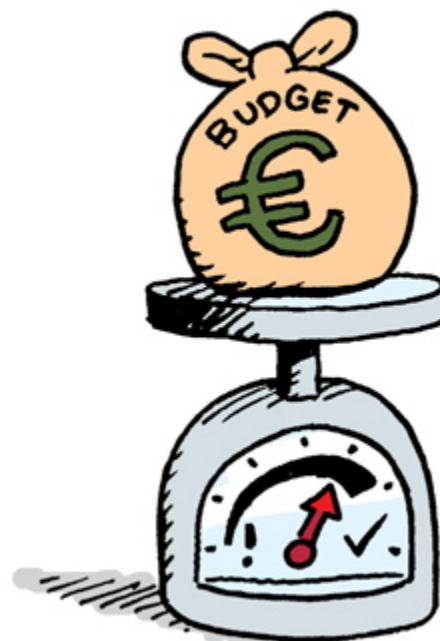
## Pre-Budget Submission, Budget 2023

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# Context

- Time of Uncertainty
- Cost of Living
- Do No Harm
- Challenges and Resources
- Investment Needed



# Social and Economic Position – Budget 2023

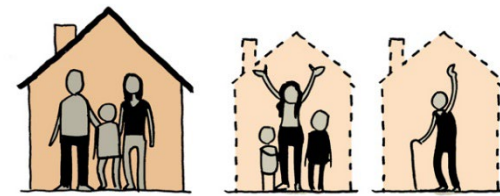
- Migration
- Insecurity
- Existing Challenges
  - Poverty
  - Homelessness
  - Demographic Change
  - Low tax-take
  - Inferior services



# Fiscal Stance (p3-4)

- Uncertainty Continues
  - Covid
  - Supply constraints
  - Geopolitical Instability
  - Cost of Living
- We cannot afford another missed opportunity
- Welfare, investment and long-term planning





# Housing and Homelessness (p5)

- Increase investment in social housing - **€1,400m**
- End the Help to Buy Scheme, and invest in Housing First and homelessness prevention - **€200m**
- Introduce taxes on empty homes and underdeveloped land - **€75m**
- Take an equity stake in mortgaged properties with arrears in excess of 10 years—**€100m**
- Increase spending on private rent inspections and increase tenant protections—**€13m**
- Invest in services and infrastructure to support social housing—**€100m**
- Increase the Vacant Site Levy to 25% - **€99.2m**
- Increase stamp duty on non-residential property - **€38m**
- Increase stamp duty on residential property transfers (in excess of €1m) to 5% - **€50m**

# Just Transition (p6)

- Implement recommendations re taxation on aviation fuel—**€634m**
- Ensure adequate funding is provided for a Just Transition—**€174m**
- Continue to increase the Carbon Tax - **€174m**
- Introduce a Windfall Tax on energy suppliers / oil companies—**€100m**
- Aggregate levy of €2.50 per tonne - **€75m**
- Adequate funding for renewable energy programmes and Community Advisors - **€100m**
- Invest in National Biodiversity Centre - **€10m**
- Implement a Circular Economy Package - **€10m**
- Integrate a Sustainable Development Framework into economic policy and develop a new National Index of Progress.



# Rural Ireland and the Regions (p7)

- Allocate funding to Regional Development and Transition - **€100m**
- Extra funding for Enterprise Ireland with a rural focus - **€25m**
- Extra funding for Failte Ireland - **€25m**
- Continued roll-out of rural broadband and remote hubs - **€200m**
- Increase funding for rural transport - **€60m**



# Community (p7)

- Adequately resource the Community Services Programme - **€9m**
- Increase funding for the Community and Voluntary sector—**€30m**
- Increase funding for PPNs - **€2m**
- Reinststate funding for Traveller-specific initiatives—**€1m**
- Increase funding for libraries—**€2m**
- Develop research on financial literacy and inclusion—**€1m**





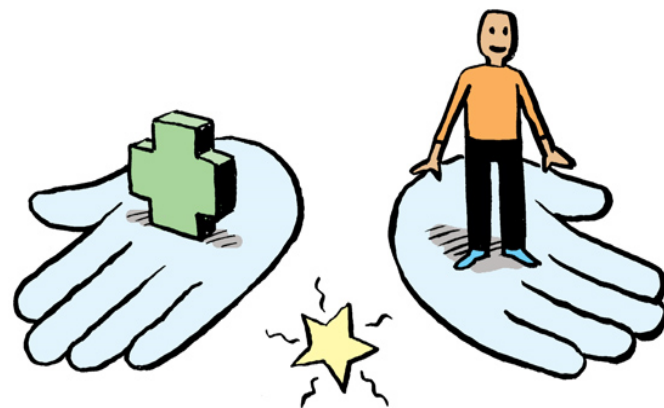
# Health (p8)

- Further investment in Enhanced Community Care —**€100m**
- Invest the infrastructure allocation set out in Sláintecare —**€500m**
- Invest in providing Universal Access to GP and Community Health Networks—**€100m**
- Invest **€50m** in Community Nursing Facilities and rehabilitation beds.
- Implement the Sharing the Vision mental health strategy - **€35m**



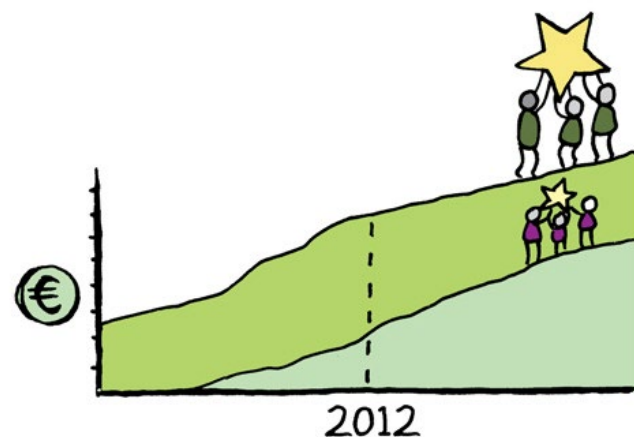
# Disability & Carers (p8)

- Restore cuts to disability services in full.
- Introduce a Cost of Disability Payment - **€246m**
- Increase investment in disability services, including respite and PA services - **€40m**
- Increase Domiciliary Care Allowance - **€11.4m**
- Expand Free Travel Scheme to DCA recipients - **€6.1m**
- Increase the Carer's Support Grant - **€21.5m**



# Education (p9) (i)

- Invest in higher education—**€140m**
- Invest in further education and increase apprenticeships—**€40m**
- Increase the Maintenance Grant for full-time students at third level—**€61m**
- Fund apprenticeship programmes focused on Travellers—**€2m**
- Increase employers' contribution through the National Training Fund Levy—**€74m**



# Education (p9) (ii)

- Increase funding for training and skills development—**€74m**
- Restore the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance - **€18m**
- Increase the School Meals Programme - **€6.5m**
- Increase capitation grants by 10% at primary and secondary level - **€20.4m**
- Increase support for DEIS schools—**€15m**
- Reduce the Pupil-to-Teacher Ratio at primary level—**€29m**



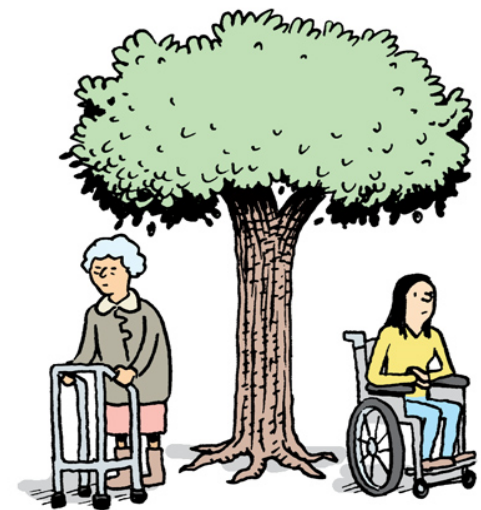
# Children (p9 and 12)

- Move investment in ECCE towards OECD average - **€115m**
- Introduce a Living Wage for childcare workers - **€30m**
- Increased funding to Tusla for child protection and social provision for children- **€50m**
- Begin implementation of the EU Child Guarantee Strategy—**€3.5m**
- Increase refuge spaces and supports for victims of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence—**€123.4m**



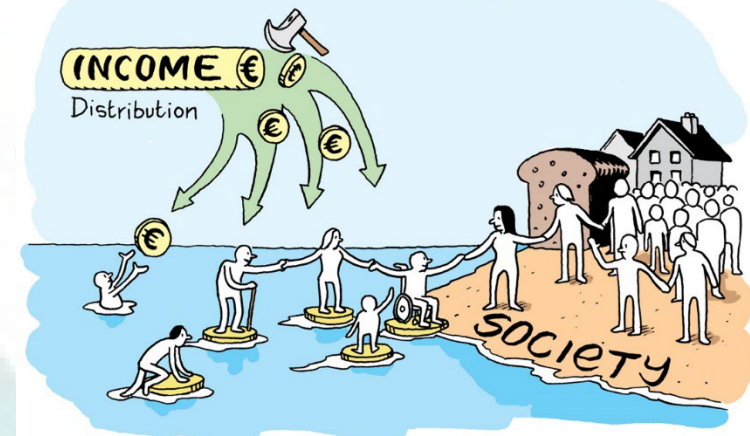
# Older People (p10)

- Implement Universal State Social Welfare Pension - **€1,270m**
- Invest in social care, including Home Care Packages - **€90.2m**
- Restore cuts to Housing Aid for Older People and People with Disabilities - **€85m**
- Additional funding for nursing homes - **€35m**
- Increase funding to community supports—**€50m**
- Increase funding to Safeguarding Ireland by 5% — **€12.5m**



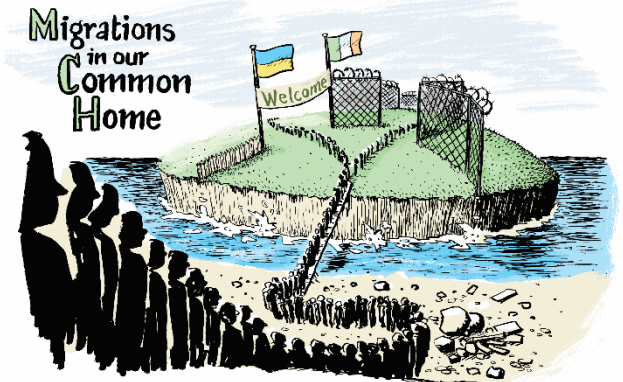
# Work and Social Welfare (p11)

- Increasing core social welfare rates by €20 per week—**€878m**
- Extend the Fuel Allowance to 32 weeks—**€51.6m**
- Equalise Jobseekers' rates for under-25s—**€77.2m**
- Move the National Minimum Wage towards the real Living Wage
- Increase resources for training, upskilling and higher education



# International Protection (p12)

- Introduce the International Protection Child Payment for children in Direct Provision: **€2m**
- Fund a Vulnerability Assessment as provided for in the White Paper on the Elimination of Direct provision: **€2m**
- Deliver appropriate accommodation as per the White Paper, with an **initial investment of €500m**
- Look to Ukrainian response as a blueprint for a better system





# Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) (p12)

- Increase ODA by **€207.6m** in 2023
- Build a pathway to meet our UN Target over 5 years
- Ensure Climate Finance Commitments are separated from ODA
- Ring-fence costs of Ukrainian response as separate to ODA

UN Target

0.7% GNP

to Overseas  
Development  
Assistance

# Taxation (p13 and 14)

- Minimum Effective Rate of Corporation Tax - **€1,000m**
- Standard rate pension-related tax reliefs - **€473m**
- Standard rate discretionary non-pension tax expenditures - **€152m**
- Increase both CGT and CAT from 33% to 35% - **€118m**
- Increase the in-shop and online betting tax to 3% - **€50m**
- Reverse the VAT reduction for the hospitality sector—**€250m**



# A new Social Contract

Vibrant economy	Decent services and infrastructure	Just taxation	Good governance	Sustainability
Deal with the Deficit and ensure Financial Stability	Increase Investment	Increase the Overall Tax-Take	Open, Transparent and Accountable Structures	Climate Justice and Environmental Protection
Boost Public Investment	Quality Services	Taxation Governance	Social Dialogue	Balanced Regional Development
Decent Jobs and Reducing Inequality	Minimum Social Floor	Broader Tax Base	Real Participation / Deliberative Democracy	Sustainable Progress Index

# Summary of Key Policy Goals and Investment Packages (p17)

## **Vibrant Economy**

- Housing: €1,442.3m
- Pensions and Older People: €1,025.7m
- Rural and Regional Development: €410m

## **Decent Services and Infrastructure**

- Health, Disability and Carers: €1,436m
- Education: €412.3m
- Children and Families: €237.7m

## **Just Taxation**

- Taxation measures amounting to: €2,132.2m

## **Good Governance**

- Community: €67m

## **Sustainability**

- Just Transition: €562m

# Thank You

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