

Ireland

National Development Plan 2021-2030



TYPE OF TOOL:
Plan



MAIN SECTOR:
All sectors



THEME:
Green



INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNANCE PILLARS:
Long-term strategic vision

In a nutshell:



OBJECTIVE: The National Development Plan 2021-2030 provides the enabling investment to implement Project Ireland 2040 with the aim of making Ireland a better country for all while building a more resilient and sustainable future.



Agency in charge
DPER



Levels of government
National



Year of implementation:
2021



Current status:
Fully operational

Overview:

As part of Project Ireland 2040, the National Development Plan 2021-2030 sets out Ireland's over-arching investment strategy to make Ireland a better country for all and to build a more resilient and sustainable future. It is the largest and greenest National Development Plan (NDP) delivered in the country's history - €165 billion - with a particular focus on priority solutions to strengthen housing, climate ambitions, transport, healthcare and jobs growth in every region. It is part of the economic renewal for the decade ahead. For the first time in the country's history, a climate and environmental assessment of the NDP measures has been undertaken, along with an assessment of the alignment of the plan as a whole with the ideals of the green recovery plan. Seven climate and environmental outcomes were specified on which each NDP measure is likely to have an impact: i) Climate Mitigation; ii) Climate Adaptation; iii) Water Quality; iv) Air Quality; v) Waste & Circular Economy; vi) Nature & Biodiversity; and vii) Just Transition.

The strategy provides for €5 billion in additional carbon tax receipts to increase capital investment levels in energy efficiency. It also commits Ireland to increasing the share of renewable electricity up to 80% by 2030. A critical climate priority and a major focus of the plan is improving the energy efficiency of homes, through the upgrade of at least 500,000 homes to a Building Energy Rating of B2/cost optimal or carbon equivalent by 2030, and the installation of 400,000 heat pumps in existing homes to replace older, less efficient heating systems. The plan provides funding of approximately €35 billion to enhance public transport, active travel options and the connectivity of communities throughout Ireland. It also commits to the implementation of the current and future National Biodiversity Action Plan. The plan includes commitments to further reforms of the Public Spending Code to ensure that it is compatible with Ireland's enhanced climate ambition.

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