

## Master List of Recommendations /Actions Master List (As Amended 2024)

Headings in black boxes describe the purpose / thrust of the action to be given to the user. Only text in white boxes is provided to the users.

Where this categorisation of criteria is in a green box, it is proposed that all users would receive this type of action in one of the categories listed.

Where the criteria are in an orange box, users would only receive recommended actions if they're in one of the categories/ sectors referenced.

Each Action is assigned a priority:

Get Started
Embed
Strategic

Each Action is assigned relevant focus area buttons:

Energy
Water
Travel
Materials
Training/ Staff Engagement
Cost Saving
High Impact
Supports

### Recommended Actions Master List

1. Give this plan an owner		
Size 10 or fewer	Size 11 -249	Size 250 or more
<p>Appoint a key member of staff to be your sustainability champion.</p> <p>Your sustainability champion will take ownership of this plan, share it with all staff and set an ambitious but achievable timeframe for putting these measures in place.</p>	<p>Appoint a small number of key staff across the business to be a 'Green Team', with an appointed leader.</p> <p>Your Green Team, with oversight of a member of the senior management team, will take ownership of this plan, share it</p>	<p>Appoint a senior manager as your sustainability lead, with access to the necessary resources and perhaps a 'Green Team' of colleagues throughout the organization.</p> <p>Your Sustainability lead and Green Team, with oversight of a</p>

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<p>Establishing clear ownership of this plan is an important first step and will help raise awareness and give priority to the actions needed in order to decarbonise your business.</p> <p>Consider allocating an appropriate budget for implementation of this plan.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="156 741 411 801"> <tr><td>Get Started</td></tr> <tr><td>Training/ Staff Engagement</td></tr> </table>	Get Started	Training/ Staff Engagement	<p>with all staff and set an ambitious but achievable timeframe for putting further measures in place.</p> <p>Give each action in this plan an 'owner'.</p> <p>Establishing clear ownership of this plan is an important first step and will help give priority to the actions needed in order to decarbonise your business.</p> <p>Consider allocating an appropriate budget for implementation of this plan.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="459 891 703 952"> <tr><td>Get Started</td></tr> <tr><td>Training/ Staff Engagement</td></tr> </table>	Get Started	Training/ Staff Engagement	<p>member of the senior management team, will take ownership of this plan, share it with all staff and set an ambitious but achievable timeframe for putting these measures in place.</p> <p>Give each action in this plan an 'owner' who will be responsible for implementing that action.</p> <p>Establishing clear ownership of this plan is an important first step and will help with the prioritisation and delivery of actions needed to decarbonise your business.</p> <p>Consider allocating an appropriate budget for implementation of this plan.</p> <p>Part of the role of your sustainability lead should be to undertake an assessment of which actions will have the greatest material impact.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="762 1167 1011 1227"> <tr><td>Get Started</td></tr> <tr><td>Training/ Staff Engagement</td></tr> </table>	Get Started	Training/ Staff Engagement
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2. Undertake Energy Training – provide training to staff to reduce energy use.		
Size	Size	Size
10 or fewer	11 -249	250 or more
<p>All appropriate staff should do an online energy training course to identify energy and cost savings for your business.</p> <p>Completing an e-learning course on SEAI's Energy Academy will enable staff to reduce your business' energy consumption and save money on your energy bills.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource offering modules focused on important areas of energy efficiency and management. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>Assess whether there is a Solas green microqualification that your staff could undertake to help your business achieve its climate goals. <a href="https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/">https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/</a></p>	<p>All appropriate staff should do an energy training course to identify energy and cost savings for your business.</p> <p>Arrange for your Green Team and other relevant staff to undertake Energy Management training with SEAI or Skillnet Ireland. By changing behaviours within the workplace, businesses can lower operating costs while reducing energy intensity, which is vital for combatting climate change.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource offering modules focused on important areas of energy efficiency and management. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>The Climate Ready Academy Energy Leaders Programme equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment. <a href="https://climateready.academy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/">https://climateready.academy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/</a></p> <p>The Climate Ready Academy Sustainability Leaders programme aims to drive and assist businesses and sustainability professionals to embrace responsible and sustainable business practices towards a decarbonized economy. <a href="https://climateacademy.ie/sustainability-leaders-programme">https://climateacademy.ie/sustainability-leaders-programme</a></p> <p>Assess whether there is a Solas green microqualification that your staff could undertake to help your business achieve its climate goals. <a href="https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/">https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/</a></p>	<p>Key management and all appropriate staff should undertake energy training to identify opportunities for further energy and cost savings for your business.</p> <p>Your Sustainability lead should undertake regular specialist training to identify energy and cost efficiencies. Arrange for staff and Green Team to undertake Energy Management training with SEAI or Skillnet Ireland. By changing awareness and knowledge within the workplace, businesses can lower operating costs while reducing energy intensity.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource offering modules focused on important areas of energy efficiency and management. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>Climate Ready Academy Energy Leaders Programme equips energy professionals with expertise on how to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment. <a href="https://www.climateready.academy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/">https://www.climateready.academy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/</a></p> <p>Assess whether there is a Solas green microqualification that your staff could undertake to help your business achieve its climate goals. <a href="https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/">https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/</a></p>

3. Understand, monitor and reduce your energy use by increasing energy awareness and encouraging behavioural change.

All Users

Monitor and reduce your energy use, through increasing energy awareness and encouraging behavioral change amongst staff.

Recording energy use gives you a baseline against which to measure all improvement actions taken. SEAI's Energy Management Guide for Small Business can be a useful guide to getting started with monitoring your energy use.

Use communications tools to promote awareness and support staff to be more energy efficient

Communications will include:

- Posters and/or other prominent messages in the workplace to let staff know about the energy saving and conservation measures.
- Regular communication on the energy and emissions footprint of the organisation and the steps underway to address these.
- Cues to remind staff to turn off lights and equipment at the end of the day/when not required.
- Appointing someone to turn off communal machines like printers, coffee machines, etc. at appropriate times.
- Energy saving competitions between departments or teams.
- Encouraging all staff to undertake online sustainability training (training recommendations provided in further actions)
- Consider assigning sustainability objectives, goals and actions as part of your performance management process.

Supports Available & Description

SEAI Introduction to Energy Management: Creating an Energy Action Plan Training assists businesses with writing an energy action plan, tracking their energy use, and developing an energy management strategy.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/sustainable-energy-authority-of-ireland-8264675575>

The SEAI Energy Management Guide for Small Business is a useful guide to getting started with monitoring your energy use.

<https://www.seai.ie/publications/Energy-Management-Workbook-SMEs.pdf>

The Skillnet Ireland Climate Ready Academy Sustainability Pass is a free online self-study modular programme designed to support all staff of all disciplines and skill levels to improve sustainability awareness and encourage best sustainability practices.

<https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/sustainability-pass/>

The Climate Ready Academy Sustainability Leaders programme aims to drive and assist businesses and sustainability professionals to embrace responsible and sustainable business practices towards a decarbonised economy.

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SEAI's Energy Academy has modules that will teach you the most effective ways to run behaviour change campaigns in the workplace: <https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/>

Save up to 10% off your business energy bill by implementing low or no-cost energy efficiency measures. The SEAI have lots of tips and resources to get you started.

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/tips-and-resources/>

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<https://www.localenterprise.ie/green>

#### 4. Implement all no-cost and low-cost energy – saving measures

##### All Users

Take 'early win' actions on efficiency and cost saving measures first.

The journey to zero emissions will be a demanding one and will likely require strategic investment over time. However, introducing some low-cost energy-saving measures identified through your training can help you make early progress, save your business money and set you on a path to lowering your carbon footprint.

Consider:

- Replacing all old fluorescent or incandescent lighting with high efficiency LED Lighting at end of life, install lighting controls, such as motion detectors, to reduce consumption.
- Ensuring thermostats are set to 19 - 22 degrees C and set timers to turn off on weekends and evenings.
- Installing draught-proofing anywhere that unwanted cold air comes in e.g. under doors, around window frames, through old unused extractor fans.
- Ensuring major energy using equipment such as boilers, compressors, dryers, refrigeration are regularly serviced and maintained to avoid excess consumption.

Review all potential opportunities in [SEAI SME Guide to Energy Efficiency](#)

##### Supports Available and Description

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<https://www.localenterprise.ie/energy>

## 5. Implement Space Heating Measures

All Users

Take additional measures to reduce your heating costs if you have not already done so,

- Insulate your premises so it loses less heat (ensuring adequate ventilation)
- Consider your office layout – where people sit affects how hot or cold they feel.
- Installing recirculating fans (to move hot air that has risen to the roof back down to where it is needed) or lower suspended ceilings (to reduce the amount of space to be heated).
- Installing new windows can reduce heat loss significantly.
- Ensure you have the right type of heating. Spot heating can be more efficient in large spaces with few people.

An investment in energy efficiency – however small – will help drive increased competitiveness and build resilience to the headwinds of market uncertainty and energy price volatility.

### Supports Available & Description

More ideas on how to improve heating efficiency are available in SEAI's SME Guide to Energy Efficiency: [SME-Guide-to-Energy-Efficiency](#)

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#### 6. Engage with your landlord

If the response to: I own my premises = No

Engage early with your landlord or lessor to make necessary changes to energy use, building fabric, lighting and other actions in this plan. If you are considering moving or renting a new premises, make sustainability a key criterion in decision making and in lease negotiations.

You have indicated that you are renting or leasing your premises. While you may therefore be constrained in implementing some of the actions proposed in this plan, many of them are deliverable and commercially sensible, with the engagement of your landlord or lessor. It might also be helpful to engage with other tenants if appropriate.

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7. External expertise to identify energy saving opportunities and plan for zero carbon				
Energy Spend (per annum)				
<€10,000	<€10k - €49,999k	€50 - €500k	>€500k	
<p>Seek external expertise to help make a plan for a zero-carbon business.</p> <p>Having an external expert examine the energy use and wider operations of your business can help you to plan for further efficiencies and low carbon opportunities.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/green">https://www.localenterprise.ie/green</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of supports for client companies to reduce emissions and improve environmental performance. <a href="https://enterpriseireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterpriseireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>	<p>Seek external expertise to help make a plan for a zero-carbon business.</p> <p>Having an external expert examine the energy use and wider operations of your business can help you to plan for further efficiencies and low carbon opportunities.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/green">https://www.localenterprise.ie/green</a></p> <p>SEAI's Support Scheme for Energy Audits offers financial support for a high-quality energy audit for SMEs that spend more than €10,000 annually on energy.</p> <p><u>Energy Audits for SMEs/ Business/ SEAI</u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of</p>	<p>Undertake an energy audit of your business and make a plan for zero-carbon.</p> <p>Having an external expert examine the energy use in your business can help to identify potential energy and cost savings.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/green">https://www.localenterprise.ie/green</a></p> <p>SEAI's Support Scheme for Energy Audits offers financial support for a high-quality energy audit for SMEs that spend more than €10,000 annually on energy.</p> <p><u>Energy Audits for SMEs/ Business/ SEAI</u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of supports for client companies to reduce</p>	<p>Undertake an energy audit of your business and make a plan for zero-carbon.</p> <p>Having an external expert examine the energy use and wider operations of your business can help you to plan for further efficiencies and low carbon opportunities.</p> <p>-For Large companies that fall within the Energy Efficiency Directive, you must ensure that you meet the mandated requirement to get an energy audit done every 4 years: <a href="https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audit/">https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/small-and-medium-business/supports/energy-audit/</a></p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>SEAI's Support Scheme for Energy Audits offers financial support for a high-quality energy audit of your business for or SMEs that spend more than €10,000 annually on energy</p>	

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8. Sector Specific Energy-saving Actions	
- If: Sector Selected	
Other Manufacturing, Food & Drink, Pharmaceuticals, Engineering	Retail
<p>Assess your manufacturing process to ensure it is optimised to use less energy and resources</p> <p>For example, avoid wasting energy when motors are running:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automate and interlock motor controls so that they only run when other equipment is switched on and are isolated when it's switched off.</li> <li>Establish optimum settings for motors</li> </ul>	<p>Assess your refrigeration equipment to ensure it is optimised to use less energy and resources</p> <p>Fridges and freezers are very high consumers of energy, so it is important to make sure that they are running at optimal efficiency.</p> <p>Optimum temperatures for fridges range from 1.7 to 3.3 degrees Celsius, and for freezers -18 to -20 degrees Celsius.</p> <p>Ensure freezers are defrosted regularly.</p>

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<p>and communicate to staff.</p> <p>Avoid wasting energy from compressors by ensuring adequate space around compressors and regularly checking for leaks; install automatic isolation valves so that air is not wasted when machines are not in use.</p> <p>Consider reusing waste heat from compressors. Over 90% of the energy that goes into a compressor comes out as heat – consider using it, for example by fitting a heat exchanger and heating water.</p> <p>Consider improving motor efficiency: Variable speed drives improve motor efficiency by wasting less energy, increase lifespan of motor and reduce maintenance.</p> <p>Ensure that you are compliant with refrigerant regulations.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Lean for Business is designed to encourage Local Enterprise Office clients to adopt Lean business principles in their businesses to increase performance and competitiveness. Applying LEAN principles to your business will help to build resilience so that you are better positioned to cope with future challenges and opportunities. LEAN - Local Enterprise Office</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/green">https://www.localenterprise.ie/green</a></p> <p>The Local Enterprise Office Energy Efficiency Grant helps businesses implement cutting-edge energy-efficient solutions, upgrade equipment, and optimise processes – so to future-proof businesses, reduce costs and help businesses reach their sustainability goals.</p> <p>The scheme provides 75% of eligible costs (from a minimum grant of €1,000 up to a maximum grant of €10,000) for investment in energy efficient technologies &amp; equipment identified in a Green for Business; GreenStart</p>	<p>Repair door seals on fridges and relocate refrigeration units if they are located near draughts: poor location can nearly double energy use.</p> <p>Fit LED lighting. Lighting can add ~10% to the heat load in refrigeration systems. LEDs work very well at low temperatures and give off very little heat, so they are perfect for cooled spaces. They are also very low maintenance, therefore reducing lifetime costs.</p> <p>Ensure that you are compliant with F-gases regulations if applicable.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Lean for Business is designed to encourage Local Enterprise Office clients to adopt Lean business principles in their businesses to increase performance and competitiveness. Applying LEAN principles to your business will help to build resilience so that you are better positioned to cope with future challenges and opportunities. LEAN - Local Enterprise Office</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/green">https://www.localenterprise.ie/green</a></p> <p>The Local Enterprise Office Energy Efficiency Grant helps businesses implement cutting-edge energy-efficient solutions, upgrade equipment, and optimise processes – so to future-proof businesses, reduce costs and help businesses reach their sustainability goals.</p> <p>The scheme provides 75% of eligible costs (from a minimum grant of €1,000 up to a maximum grant of €10,000) for investment in energy efficient technologies &amp; equipment identified in a Green for Business; GreenStart or SEAI Energy Audit. This includes but is not limited to meters and related installation &amp; commissioning costs; smart energy controls and upgrades or replacement to more energy efficient equipment and systems. <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/energy">https://www.localenterprise.ie/energy</a></p> <p>The Accelerated Capital Allowance (ACA) is a tax incentive designed to encourage businesses to invest in energy efficient products. If you select</p>
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9. Undertake targeted investments in order to remove fossil fuels from your operation			
Energy Spend (per annum)			
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<p>Plan now to go low - carbon when you are next upgrading your boiler or heating system.</p> <p>Once you have addressed available efficiency measures, undertaking targeted investments to remove fossil fuels from your business' operations will reduce emissions and make your business resilient and ready for the zero-carbon future. Over time it will save you carbon taxes and other emissions penalties.</p> <p>Consider whether passive water heating or rooftop microgeneration could be useful for your building.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Non-Domestic Microgen Scheme (NDMS) provides financial assistance to help</p>	<p>Make a plan to go low - carbon when you can, or at a minimum when your next upgrade boiler(s) or heating systems.</p> <p>Once you have completed a full energy audit, and addressed available efficiency measures, undertaking targeted investments to remove fossil fuels from your business' operations will reduce emissions and make your business resilient and ready for the zero- carbon future. Over time it will save you carbon taxes and other emissions penalties.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Non-Domestic Microgen Scheme</p>	<p>Make a plan to go low - carbon as soon as possible, such as installing heat-pump(s) or bio-energy processes.</p> <p>Once you have completed a full energy audit, and addressed available efficiency measures, undertaking targeted investments to remove fossil fuels from your business' operations will reduce emissions and make your business resilient and ready for the zero- carbon future. Over time it will save you carbon taxes and other emissions penalties.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Non-Domestic Microgen Scheme (NDMS) provides</p>	<p>Make a plan to go low - carbon as soon as possible, such as installing heat-pump(s) or bio-energy processes.</p> <p>Once you have completed a full energy audit, and addressed available efficiency measures, undertaking targeted investments to remove fossil fuels from your business' operations will reduce emissions and make your business resilient and ready for the zero- carbon future. Over time it will save you carbon taxes and other emissions penalties.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Non-Domestic Microgen Scheme (NDMS) provides</p>

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## 10. Undertake an assessment to design a plan to remove fossil fuels from your business operations

- If: metric provided for Coal/ Heating Oil / Heavy Fuel Oil

Make a plan to remove high-carbon fossil fuels from your operations as soon as possible.

You have indicated that you are using a high-carbon fossil fuel in your operations, such as Coal / Oil / LPG / Diesel / Kerosene. This is a concern to the medium-term sustainability of your business and you should plan now to address this. Carbon taxes will make these fuels more expensive for your business in the short term, and SEAI grants will no longer support systems using these fossil fuels. The good news is that you can significantly reduce your carbon footprint and decarbonise your business by addressing this.

You should:

1. Immediately seek an external energy audit and expertise as to the most cost-effective approach to decarbonizing your activities
2. Use this analysis to put together a realistic plan to replace the use of high-carbon fuels in your operations

### Supports Available & Description

Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The Programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/green>

Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of supports for client companies to reduce emissions and improve environmental performance. The Climate Action Voucher to develop an initial action plan, GreenStart/Plus to develop internal capabilities.

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable>

SEAI's Support Scheme for Energy Audits offers financial support for businesses who want to get a high-quality energy audit. This will identify the most effective actions you can take to reduce your business's fossil fuels use.

[Energy Audits for SMEs | Business | SEAI](#)

Consider if installing renewable heat sources such as a heat pump or biomass boiler under the Support Scheme for Renewable Heat would be appropriate for your facility:

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/support-scheme-renewable-heat/>

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<p>Provide training to all relevant staff to manage and reduce water use.</p> <p>Staff should be encouraged to visit Uisce Éireann’s conservation quiz to test yourself and learn the importance of protecting our precious water supply.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Staff can take Uisce Eireann’s water conservation quiz to discover the importance of safeguarding our water and learn how business can contribute to a sustainable future  <a href="#">Water Stewardship   Conservation   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Get Started</td></tr> <tr><td>Water</td></tr> <tr><td>Training/ Staff Engagement</td></tr> </table>		Get Started	Water	Training/ Staff Engagement
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Sign up to Uisce Éireann's conservation pledge [Water conservation for business | Conservation | Uisce Éireann \(formerly Irish Water\)](#)

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Water Stewardship Ireland, this programme provides international best practice certification and equips businesses with the knowledge to lower water consumption, reduce water bills, and protect the environment.

[Water Stewardship for SMEs - Water Stewardship Ireland](#)

Join Water Stewardship Ireland Community of Practice (Large Users).

<https://www.waterstewardshipireland.com/>

Learn about addressing water quality at the catchment level.

<https://www.waterstewardshipireland.com/showcase/catchment-excellence-programme>

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b. Sector Specific Actions – if: Sector selected

Manufacturing	Pharma	Food & Drink	Hospitality	Education
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<p>Establish a 'Water Balance' for your manufacturing process. A water balance provides a full picture of every water-consuming component on site and serves as the first step in uncovering hidden opportunities for savings.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Detailed advice for water management in the manufacturing industry.</p> <p><a href="#">Manufacturing   Water Conservation in Business   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta and IDA Ireland's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants can support client companies with training and advice focused on water conservation projects e.g. -Provide advice on water risks (financial, reputational, regulatory or physical) and how to mitigate them</p>	<p>Conduct a water audit of your hospitality premises. This will show where the major water use is coming from and where savings can be made.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Establish a 'Water Balance' for your pharma site. A water balance provides a full picture of every water-consuming component on site and serves as the first step in uncovering hidden opportunities for savings.</p> <p><a href="#">Pharmaceutical manufacturing   Conservation   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta and IDA Ireland's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants can support client companies with training and advice focused on water conservation projects e.g. -Provide advice on water risks (financial, reputational,</p>	<p>Establish a 'Water Balance' for your pharma site.</p> <p>A water balance provides a full picture of every water-consuming component on site and serves as the first step in uncovering hidden opportunities for savings.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="528 920 679 1005"> <tr><td>Embed</td></tr> <tr><td>Water</td></tr> <tr><td>Cost Savings</td></tr> </table> <p>Where relevant, also review Uisce Éireann's conservation advice for the agricultural sector.</p> <p><a href="#">Agriculture   Water Conservation in Business   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p> <p>Undertake Certified Water Stewardship Training</p> <p><a href="#">Water Stewardship for SMEs - Water Stewardship Ireland</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta and IDA Ireland's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants can support client companies with training and advice</p>	Embed	Water	Cost Savings	<p>Uisce Éireann provide detailed advice for water management sector.</p> <p><a href="#">Hospitality   Water Conservation in Business   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p> <p>Cost Saving</p>	<p>Establish a 'Water Balance' for your operations and production.</p> <p>Origin Green endorse the Irish Water Stewardship certification as part of their sustainability credentials.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Uisce Éireann provide detailed advice for Review Uisce Éireann's conservation advice for the Education sector.</p> <p><a href="#">Colleges and Universities   Water Conservation   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p>
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C. Sector Specific Actions – if: Sector selected

Retail	Construction	Hospitals
<p>A guide to reducing water use in your retail business.  <a href="#">Water Conservation for the Retail Industry   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p>	<p>Uisce Éireann partnered with industry leaders in sustainability, <a href="#">Sisk</a> and <a href="#">Cairn Homes</a> as well as the <a href="#">Irish Green Building Council</a> and <a href="#">Construction Industry Federation</a>. Together, they produced these essential tips for water use and planning in construction.  <a href="#">Construction   Housing Strategy   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p>	<p>Water conservation is crucial for hospitals, both from a financial and environmental standpoint. By carefully monitoring and managing water use, healthcare facilities can effectively reduce their expenses and contribute to sustainability efforts.  <a href="#">Hospitals   Business Conservation (water.ie)</a></p>

13. Support staff to use active travel in their commute and work, facilitate, remote and/or flexible work.

All Users

Support all staff to adopt more sustainable commutes and work options.

Supporting staff to walk, cycle, use public transport or carpool in their commute will contribute to staff wellbeing as well as reducing transport-related emissions. Install bike racks for staff and customers.

Introduce a remote work/ flexible work policy. Allow more staff to remote work, which will reduce transport-related emissions associated with your business and give staff additional flexibility to manage their work/life balance.

Utilise remote meeting capabilities where possible instead of travelling for meetings and conferences.

Supports Available & Description

Offer employees the bike to work scheme <https://www.biketowork.ie/>

Offer staff that commute via public transport the tax saver scheme [www.taxsaver.ie](http://www.taxsaver.ie)

Use the Government's Remote Working guidance and business checklist to develop a remote working policy for employees where applicable.

<https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Workplace-and-Skills/Remote-Working/>  
<https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/Publications/Remote-Working-Checklist-for-Employers.html>

Larger businesses, or groups of businesses (for example, in business parks) should consider creating a Smarter Travel Workplaces plan, with resources and guidance available from the National Transport Authority.

<https://www.nationaltransport.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Workplace-Travel-Plans-A-Guide-for-Implementers.pdf>

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14. Provide information and training to staff that commute by car and drive for work

If: Metrics for petrol or diesel are provided

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Ensure that everybody who drives as part of their work receives training in efficient driving practices.

When driving is necessary for your business, ensuring that all drivers employ practices to reduce emissions can help save on fuel and on your businesses carbon footprint.

Supports Available & Description

The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource and offers a module on eco-driving to help you learn the basics of eco-driving techniques.

<https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/>

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**15. Make a plan to move internal combustion engine vehicles to low carbon vehicles**

**a. Cars action if: Metrics for vehicle fuels is provided**

Make a plan to move towards zero emissions vehicles for your business.

Switching to electric or hybrid vehicles can reduce the cost of fleet maintenance and fuel over the lifetime of the vehicles and will significantly reduce your business's carbon footprint.

Consider installing an electric vehicle charging point to encourage the switch.

Supports Available & Description

The Climate Ready Academy Transport Leaders Programme from Skillnet Ireland equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how to reduce their transport emissions, increase fuel performance, deliver cost savings and protect the environment.

<https://www.climatereadyacademy.ie/transport-leaders/>

There are a range of grants, motor tax, capital allowances and benefit in kind incentives available for the purchase of electric vehicles. Find out more here:

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/ev-for-business/grants-and-supports/>

The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource and offers modules on electric vehicles and electric vehicle chargers to help you learn the about electric vehicles.

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**b. HGV Action If: Metrics for vehicle fuels are provided AND Sector is Freight, Manufacturing, Food & Drink, Pharmaceuticals, Engineering**

Make a plan to reduce the environmental impacts of your transport operations and determine when and how to convert trucks, lorries or other heavy-duty vehicles to low carbon fuels.

To date, in Ireland, the transport sector is heavily dependent on imported oil. Reducing this reliance and switching to alternative fuels and technologies will be essential to decarbonise the sector. Major changes to our conventional fuel choices will be needed to achieve this goal. Calculating and reporting the greenhouse gas emissions of your transport operations will inform sustainable transportation decisions and supply chain optimization.

#### Supports Available & Description

The Alternatively Fueled Heavy Duty Vehicle Purchase Grant Scheme delivered through Transport Infrastructure Ireland awards grants to assist companies and enterprises who wish to buy new alternatively fueled heavy-duty vehicles supported by the Scheme (AFHDVs) as opposed to the diesel equivalent. Grant amounts are calculated as a percentage of the difference in price between an AFHDV and its diesel equivalent. Supported fuel-types include CNG, LNG and electric.

<https://www.tii.ie/roads-tolling/tolling-information/afhdv-scheme/>

Enterprise Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta & IDA's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants can support client companies with training and advice to measurably reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants & improve fuel efficiency based on GlobalLogistics Emissions Council (GLEC) framework or similar. Scope may include all modes (road, rail, sea, air), sub-suppliers, city and reverse logistics, and their internal and external impacts.

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable>

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<https://www.idaireland.com/scale-with-ida/funding-programmes-incentives/ida-go-green-offer>.

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16. Reduce the need for, and the number of business flights	
If: Metrics for flights are provided	
<p>Target a reduction in the number of airline flights taken by your business.</p> <p>Reducing the number of business flights your company takes per year will enable you to save money and reduce your overall carbon footprint. You should therefore pledge to fly less and optimise the carbon impact of necessary flights.</p> <p>Consider what meetings, conferences or sales visits could be done effectively via video conferencing or other technologies. Use flight booking comparison sites to assess the carbon footprint if the necessary trips and ensure you are optimising the routes taken to optimise the carbon emissions impact.</p>	
17. Segregate your waste	
If: Metrics for all three bins are NOT provided	
<p>Improve the segregation of waste used in your business, ensuring appropriate use of all bins and recycling facilities.</p> <p>In calculating your carbon footprint, you did not provide a weight for each of your green, brown and black bins. If you already segregate on this basis these weights are available from your bin provider. If you do not segregate waste into these (and any other relevant categories) you need to make a plan to do so.</p> <p>Your business should make it as easy as possible for staff to correctly segregate waste. By providing clear guidance, labelling and making sure you have accessible bins on your premises you are complying with legal obligations, lowering operating costs and helping to protect human health and the environment.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Find more information on managing your waste responsibly, efficiently and in the way that suits you. Browse for your local waste services; bring banks, recycling facilities along with ways to help you prevent waste, reuse and upcycle.  <a href="http://www.mywaste.ie/business">www.mywaste.ie/business</a></p> <p>The EPA 'Tree Tool' website can enable your business to carry out a quick overview of the level of resource efficiency in your company and identify opportunities for efficiencies or improvements.  <a href="#">Environmental Protection Agency Tree Tool for resource efficiency</a></p>	
18. Reduce the quantity of resources used and/or waste produced in your operations by adopting a basic Resource Efficiency Management System in your business.	
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<p>Measure and monitor key waste streams weights generated in your business – and set targets to reduce these weights and associated costs.</p> <p>By monitoring and identifying how much of each different type of waste is being produced in your business on a weekly/monthly basis, you can establish a benchmark against which improvements are measured. This can be done by reviewing records from waste contractors and</p>	<p>Create a resource efficiency plan to reduce the environmental impacts of the materials, goods and packaging you purchase, and the waste produced.</p> <p>You have indicated that your business is material intensive, with products and goods representing a substantial component of your carbon footprint. It's essential that you measure and monitor key waste streams weights generated in your business – and set targets to</p>

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Sector Specific – if: Sector Selected

Food and Drink Retail	Other Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals
<p>Assess options available to reduce food waste and the packaging on products you provide, as well as making sure packaging is re-usable or recyclable.</p> <p>Request take-back of packaging by suppliers/ offer take-back of packaging from those you supply.</p> <p>Take measures to minimise packaging used in your business. Packaging waste generally</p>	<p>Assess options available to reduce the packaging on the products you provide and to make sure packaging is re-usable or recyclable.</p> <p>Request take-back of packaging by suppliers/ offer take-back of packaging from those you supply.</p> <p>Take measures to minimise packaging used in your business. Packaging waste generally represents a large percentage of most business's</p>

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19. Research your materials and value chain to understand what carbon zero means for your business. Assess whether you can make a strategic change to your product, service, operations or business model to be more competitive in a zero-carbon economy.

Sector Specific Actions – if: Sector Selected

Other Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals	Construction	Food & Drink
<p>Assess the embodied carbon in the full lifecycle of your projects. This requires gathering information on all the materials used in your manufacturing process, a full emissions LCA (life-cycle analysis) of materials and a life-cycle approach to product design.</p> <p>Consider: What will need to change in your value chain and manufacturing process to be competitive in a zero-carbon economy?</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Climate Ready Academy Waste &amp; Circular Economy Leaders Programme from Skillnet Ireland equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how to improve their waste management policies and move to a sustainable model of circularity. <a href="https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/waste-and-circular-economy-leaders/">https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/waste-and-circular-economy-leaders/</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of supports for client companies to support the planning and development of new products, services or processes in the areas of sustainability and decarbonization. <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p> <p>IDA Ireland supporting you Green Goals. How IDA helps clients to</p>	<p>Assess the embodied carbon in the full lifecycle of your projects. This requires gathering information on all the materials used in your construction, a full emissions life-cycle analysis of materials and project design.</p> <p>Construction sector materials can have very significant levels of embodied carbon.</p> <p>Consider: What will need to change in your supply chain or process to be competitive in a zero-carbon economy?</p> <p>Consider the use of timber (particularly home grown) as a building material where possible. This has a positive effect on the environment as it can displace higher energy embodied building products and at the same time sequester carbon.</p> <p>Consider the materials you are using, the amount, recyclability and reparability.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Climate Ready Academy Waste &amp; Circular Economy Leaders Programme from Skillnet Ireland equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how to improve their waste management policies and move to a sustainable model of circularity. <a href="https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/waste-and-circular-economy-leaders/">https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/waste-and-circular-economy-leaders/</a></p>	<p>Set targets as part of the Bord Bia Origin Green to track progress in decarbonising the materials you purchase and ingredient, raw materials, and agriculture supply chains.</p> <p>Consider the use of packaging, optimise material use by minimising package size relative to product and consider reduction and recyclability in your material selection. Consider the EU's Packaging Directive.</p> <p>Origin Green will facilitate you to gain access to specific guidance on pathways to new zero within the retail and food services sector.</p> <p>Consider whether your value chain could provide biogas, agricultural by products or biomass that would assist you in decarbonising your energy use. For example, could your business use anaerobic digestion or a biomass boiler to meet your energy needs? The Support Scheme for Renewable Heat may be able to assist you.</p> <p>Consider: What will need to change in your value chain or process to be competitive in a zero-carbon economy?</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>The Climate Ready Academy Waste &amp; Circular Economy Leaders Programme from Skillnet Ireland equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how to improve their waste</p>

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20. Reduce the carbon footprint of your supply chain by engaging with suppliers and/or logistics providers, introducing a sustainability / carbon / biodiversity assessment in purchasing decisions and/or choosing local supplier options – Assess which aspects of your procurement are likely to have the biggest environmental footprint and focus on these first.

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<p>Require all suppliers to disclose the carbon footprint of their product to an appropriate accreditation or ISO standard. Compare carbon impacts as part of procurement decisions.</p> <p>You can use this information to demonstrate further embodied carbon savings to your customers.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Client companies of Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta can use GreenStart/Plus to gain training/advice in Green Procurement, i.e. integrating sustainability into the procurement process, and Life Cycle Methodology.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-Sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-Sustainable</a></p> <p>IDA Ireland supporting you Green Goals. How IDA helps clients to explore sustainable opportunities. The following supports are available to IDA clients only.</p>	<p>Require Environmental Product Disclosures (EPDs) for materials from prospective suppliers in your procurement practices and prioritise low carbon products.</p> <p>You should use EPDs and other product standard information to demonstrate embodied carbon savings to your customers.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Client companies of Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta can use GreenStart/Plus to gain training/advice in Green Procurement, i.e. integrating sustainability into the procurement process, and Life Cycle Methodology.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-Sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-Sustainable</a></p>	<p>Require all suppliers of food and agricultural products to be members of the Origin Green programme,</p> <p>You should ask food, drink or agri-product suppliers to disclose ambitious sustainability targets for their products under the Origin Green programme. Use this information to demonstrate further sustainability to your customers.  <a href="https://www.origingreen.ie/">https://www.origingreen.ie/</a></p> <p>Client companies of Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta can use GreenStart/Plus to gain training/advice in Green Procurement, i.e. integrating sustainability into the procurement process, and Life Cycle Methodology.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-Sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-Sustainable</a></p>

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21. Assess how the sustainability or circularity of your products/ service can add value for your customers. Assess opportunities for differentiation, innovation or new products/ services that help your customer reduce their own carbon, waste or other environmental impacts.								
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<p>Explore how the sustainability or circularity of your product/service can add value for your customers.</p> <p>New products, services and new business models will emerge as national and global supply chains decarbonise, and customers become increasingly carbon conscious. This presents opportunities for differentiation, innovation or new products/services that helps your customer reduce their own carbon footprint, waste or other environmental impacts.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Embed</td></tr> <tr><td>Materials</td></tr> <tr><td>Supports</td></tr> </table> <p>The MODOS programme offers training and insight to businesses on leveraging the opportunities of circular economy principles.  <a href="https://www.localenterpriseoffice/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Economy-Dublin-Training-Programme.html">https://www.localenterpriseoffice/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Economy-Dublin-Training-Programme.html</a></p>	Embed	Materials	Supports	<p>Investigate whether your product or service could be re-designed to be more sustainable and attract more customers.</p> <p>New products, services and new business models will emerge as national and global supply chains decarbonise, and customers become increasingly carbon conscious. This presents opportunities for differentiation, innovation or new products/services that helps your customer reduce their own carbon footprint, waste or other environmental impacts.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Embed</td></tr> <tr><td>Materials</td></tr> <tr><td>Supports</td></tr> </table> <p>Consider applying for an EI Innovation Voucher to assist you with this analysis. Innovation Vouchers worth €5,000 are available to assist your company to explore a business opportunity or problem with a registered knowledge provider.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta Climate Action Voucher and GreenStart/Plus to develop plans and undertake staff training in the adoption of</p>	Embed	Materials	Supports	<p>Investigate whether your product or service could be re-designed to be more sustainable and attract more customers.</p> <p>New products, services and new business models will emerge as national and global supply chains decarbonise, and customers become increasingly carbon conscious. This presents opportunities for differentiation, innovation or new products/services that helps your customer reduce their own carbon footprint, waste or other environmental impacts.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta Climate Action Voucher and GreenStart/Plus to develop plans and undertake staff training in the adoption of circular economy principles. Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta Innovation and R&amp;D Grants; From €5,000 Innovation Vouchers to large scale R&amp;D projects – to support the planning and development of new products, services or processes in the areas of sustainability and decarbonization.  <a href="https://enterpriseireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterpriseireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a>  <a href="https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/supports/innovation-voucher">https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/supports/innovation-voucher</a></p>
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Identify how circular economy principles apply to your product category.

The [Circular Economy](#) offers a more sustainable approach to resource use and product lifecycles.

Could your product be more sustainably provided as a service or circular offering?

Could you re-use packaging or aspects of the product and use resource longevity to your advantage and the advantage of your customers?

Supports Available & Description

The MODOS programme offers training and insight to businesses on leveraging the opportunities of circular economy principles and is open to SME & Micro companies.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Economio.html>

CIRCULÉIRE will take manufacturers and their supply-chains on a journey from linear to circular business models through baselining, auditing, business case development and deep demonstration innovation projects delivering significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and in waste production across the network.

Manufacturing: [www.circuleire.ie](http://www.circuleire.ie)

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<https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable>

<https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/innovation-voucher>

Strategic
Materials
Training/ Staff Engagement
Supports

22. Identify the appropriate sustainability accreditation or reporting standard for your business, get third party verification, and communicate your progress to your customers.

- If NOT Manufacturing/ Food & Drink: and size

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<p>Share your net zero journey with customers and suppliers. Consider is there an external certification, accreditation or sustainability badge that is robust and adds value for your customers.</p> <p>Customers are becoming increasingly conscious of the climate and environmental issues which need to be addressed. This growth in awareness is leading to a rise of many trends in the market such as the promotion of sustainability practices. Implementing an eco-friendly system in your business will help you to attract and retain customers.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The Programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for your business to understand and plan the next steps in your sustainability journey.  <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/green">https://www.localenterprise.ie/green</a></p>	<p>Share your net zero journey with customers and suppliers. Consider is there an external certification, accreditation or sustainability badge that is robust and adds value for your customers.</p> <p>Join an environmental certification scheme or disclosure project relevant to your business and useful to your customers, such as BITCI, the Carbon Disclosure Project or similar.</p> <p>Align to standards such as ISO 14005 or ISO 14001 or frameworks such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals, or to disclosure platforms such as the Carbon Disclosure Project.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Multiple providers offer fully independent environmental support and helps you improve environmental performance, reduce costs and can enhance your standing as an environmentally responsible business.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta GreenStart/Plus can provide training to businesses to a level where they can then go for third party accreditation appropriate to their business. The supports can also provide training/advice on internal and external sustainability communications, messaging &amp; reporting.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>	<p>Share your science-based targets and net zero journey with customers and suppliers. Seek an external accreditation that is robust and adds value for your customers.</p> <p>This should at a minimum adhere to standardised environmental performance e.g. ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems), ISO 50001 (Energy Management), and ISO 14064 (Carbon Management).</p> <p>Align to frameworks such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals or the Science Based Targets Initiative and consider joining voluntary disclosure networks or initiatives such as the Carbon Disclosure Project or to the Business in the Community Ireland low carbon pledge, or others as relevant to your business.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta GreenStart/Plus can provide training to businesses to a level where they can then go for third party accreditation appropriate to their business. The supports can also provide training/advice on internal and external sustainability communications, messaging &amp; reporting.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>

	Supports don't cover certification only training & advice to a level where a company can then go for certification.	
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Other Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals, Engineering	Food & Drink
<p>Achieve a third party accredited environmental product certification. This might include Eco-labels, Product Environmental Footprints (PEF), Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) or similar initiatives. Research and select an accreditation that is robust, relevant and recognisable to your customers.</p> <p>Transparency on the green credentials of your products will increase access to customers who are increasingly demanding more environmentally friendly products.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta GreenStart/Plus can provide training to client companies to a level where they can then go for third party accreditation appropriate to their business. The supports can also provide training/advice on internal and external sustainability communications, messaging &amp; reporting.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p> <p>IDA Ireland supporting you Green Goals. How IDA helps clients to explore sustainable opportunities. The following supports are available to IDA clients only.  <a href="https://www.idaireland.com/scale-with-ida/funding-programmes-incentives/ida-go-green-offer">https://www.idaireland.com/scale-with-ida/funding-programmes-incentives/ida-go-green-offer</a>.</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The Programme is open to all sectors and provides free expert advice and mentorship and a unique report for</p>	<p>Engage with Bord Bia to develop your Origin Green plan and communicate it with your customers.</p> <p>Educate your customers as to the sustainability of your product and supply chain, be candid about the challenges that you are yet to fully solve and ensure that you are positioning your product to meet customer's evolving preferences. For example, ensure you will be compliant with any necessary Environmental, Social &amp; Governance (ESG) reporting to access key customers procurement processes.</p> <p>Consider setting a 'science-based' target under your Origin Green plan.</p> <p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p> <p>Origin Green is Ireland's food and drink sustainability programme, operating on a national scale, uniting government, the private sector and the full supply chain from farmers to food producers and right through to the food service and retail sectors.  <a href="https://www.origingreen.ie/">https://www.origingreen.ie/</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta GreenStart/Plus can provide training to client companies to a level where they can then go for third party accreditation appropriate to their business. The supports can also provide training/advice on internal and external sustainability communications, messaging &amp; reporting.  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>



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