



# Master List of Recommendations /Actions Master List

## (As Amended 2026)

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	Size	Size
10 or fewer	11 -249	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>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>	<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 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>	<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 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>
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2. Undertake Energy Training – provide training to staff to reduce energy use.		
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<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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource offering modules focused on important areas of energy efficiency and management.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/">https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/</a></p> <p>The Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="#">Energy Leaders Programme - Climate Ready Academy.</a></p> <p>The Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="#">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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/">https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/</a></p> <p>The Skillnet Climate Ready Academy Sustainability Leaders programme</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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource offering modules focused on important areas of energy efficiency and management.</p> <p><a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>The Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="#">Energy Leaders Programme - Climate Ready Academy.</a></p> <p>The Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="#">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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/">https://www.solas.ie/programmes/skills-to-advance/employers/</a></p> <p>The Understanding Climate Change</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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource offering modules focused on important areas of energy efficiency and management.</p> <p><a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>The Skillnet Climate Ready Academy Energy Leaders Programme equips energy professionals with expertise on how to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment.</p> <p><a href="#">Energy Leaders Programme - Climate Ready Academy.</a></p> <p>The Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="#">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.</p>

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### 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 Rapid Approval Business Supports allows you to choose from a selection of measures to upgrade your business and get immediate grant approval.

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/business-grants/rapid-approval>

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.tickettailor.com/events/introductiontoenergymanagementtrainingontradesector>

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 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.skillnetclimatereadyacademy.ie/sustainability-pass/>

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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/plan-your-energy-journey/for-your-business/steps-to-energy-efficiency>

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

<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](#)

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<https://sbsci.gov.ie/products/growth-and-sustainability-loan-scheme>

The Local Enterprise Office Energy Efficiency Grant helps businesses implement energy-efficient solutions, upgrade equipment, and optimise processes – so to future-proof businesses, reduce costs and help businesses reach their sustainability goals.

The scheme provides 75% of eligible costs (from a minimum grant of €750 up to a maximum grant of €10,000) for investment in energy efficient technologies & equipment identified in a Green for Business; GreenStart or SEAI Energy Audit. Eligible expenditure and further information is available on this link.

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

Fáilte Ireland's Climate Action Programme gives tourism businesses access to a dedicated expert Advisor for three years. The Programme will assess your current operations and create a tailored, practical action plan. You'll get clear, unbiased guidance on how to reduce emissions, improve energy use, and explore available funding opportunities — all designed around the specific needs of your tourism business.

[Failte Ireland - Climate Action Programme | National Tourism Development Authority |](#)

## 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:  
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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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme provides expert advice and a report for your business to help 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://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p> <p>The Skillnet Climate Ready Academy Energy Leaders Programme equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how</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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme provides expert advice and a report for your business to help 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. <a href="#">Energy Audits for SMEs   Business   SEAI</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of supports for client companies to reduce emissions and improve environmental performance. The ClimateAction Voucher</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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Local Enterprise Office Green for Business Programme</a></u> is available to Small and Micro Enterprises (up to 50 staff). The programme provides expert advice and a report for your business to help 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. <a href="#">Energy Audits for SMEs   Business   SEAI</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta have a range of supports for client companies to reduce emissions and improve environmental performance. The ClimateAction Voucher</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:</p> <p><u><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></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 <a href="#">Energy Audits for SMEs   Business   SEAI</a></p> <p>SEAI works with large energy users, to improve their energy performance through SEAI's Large Industry Energy Network (LIEN). LIEN companies get access to SEAI supports once they develop an</p>

<p>to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment.</p> <p><a href="#">Energy Leaders Programme - Climate Ready Academy.</a></p>	<p>performance. The ClimateAction Voucher to develop an initial action plan, GreenStart/Plus to develop internal capabilities. Energy Monitoring &amp; Tracking Systems grant to install meters.</p> <p><a href="https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>	<p>to develop an initial action plan, GreenStart/Plus to develop internal capabilities.</p> <p>Strategic Consultancy for large energy users to develop a carbon reduction roadmap. Energy Monitoring &amp; Tracking Systems grant to install meters.</p> <p><a href="https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>	<p>energy management plan; set &amp; review annual energy targets and report on annual energy performance. Learn more &amp; join here</p> <p><a href="#">Large Industry Energy Network (LIEN)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Business &amp; Public Sector ISEAI</a></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>

<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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></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 provides expert advice and a report for your business to help 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 Skillnet 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://www.localenterprise.ie/green">Energy Leaders Programme - Climate Ready Academy.</a></p> <p>The Local Enterprise Office Energy Efficiency Grant helps businesses implement energy-efficient solutions, upgrade equipment, and optimise processes – so to future-proof businesses, reduce costs and help businesses reach their sustainability goals.</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><a href="#">Supports Available &amp; Description</a></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 provides expert advice and a report for your business to help 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 Skillnet 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://www.localenterprise.ie/green">Energy Leaders Programme - Climate Ready Academy.</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 €750 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. Eligible expenditure and further information is available on this link.</p>
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<p>Enterprise Ireland's and Údarás na Gaeltachta Digital and Lean Offers are designed to encourage clients to adopt digital systems and Lean business principles in their organisation to increase performance and competitiveness.</p> <p><a href="https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>	<p>Under the SEAI EXEED grant scheme, support may be available for organisations planning an ambitious energy efficiency overhaul of their existing food production, processing and storage processes <a href="#">EXEED Grant Scheme   Business Grants   SEAI</a></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:

[Support Scheme for Renewable Heat | Business Grants | SEAI](#)

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Energy
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- If: metric provided for Coal/ Heating Oil/ Heavy Fuel Oil and size = <10

- If: metric provided for Coal / heating oil / heavy fuel oil AND Sector = Manufacturing / Food & Drink

Contact your Local Enterprise Office to access advice and guidance on your options to replace high-carbonfuels in your process.

Supports Available & Description

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Contact SEAI, Enterprise Ireland or IDA Ireland withyour energy audit to access advice and support onyour options to replace high-carbon fuels in your process.

Supports Available & Description

GreenStart or the Strategic Consultancy grant, is open to Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta clients, to develop a carbon reduction roadmap.

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**11. Provide training to staff to manage and reduce water use.**

User

Provide training to all relevant staff to manage and reduce water use.

Staff should be encouraged to visit Uisce Éireann's conservation quiz to test yourself and learn the importance of protecting our precious water supply.

**Supports Available & Description**

Staff can take Uisce Éireann's water conservation quiz to discover the importance of safeguarding our water and learn how business can contribute to a sustainable future

[Water Stewardship | Conservation | Uisce Éireann \(formerly Irish Water\)](#)

Get Started
Water
Training/ Staff Engagement

**12. Monitor your water use and set targets to reduce it.**

**a. Water use (if not provided, assume low)**

Low water use (less than 20,000m3 per annum)	High water use (20,000 m3 per annum and above)
<p>Monitor your water use and set targets to reduce it.</p> <p>Appoint somebody to review your water bills periodically and introduce additional measures to bring it down each quarter or year. Sign up to Uisce Éireann's conservation Pledge.</p> <p>As a first step, highlight water conservation options in bathrooms and kitchen areas.</p> <p>Water is a precious and non-renewable resource. Ensuring your business uses it efficiently will reduce your water bills and help ensure that you will continue to have a reliable water supply into the future.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>The SME Water Stewardship Programme is a free online training initiative, offered in partnership with Uisce Éireann and the Sustainable Enterprise Skillnet, and delivered by 20FIFTY Partners. Accredited by 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.</p>	<p>Your business uses a significant volume of water. It's essential that you appoint a senior manager to be responsible for monitoring your water use quarterly and setting targets to reduce it.</p> <p>Designate a Water sustainability lead and support them to become an Uisce Éireann Certified Water Steward. They should be responsible for reviewing your water bills periodically and introduce additional measures to bring it down each quarter or annually. The programme will provide you with the knowledge and skills to reduce water consumption and operating costs at your site.</p> <p>Businesses can share their new SME Water Steward badge on marketing materials/social media and add it to their green credentials.</p> <p>Water is a precious and non-renewable resource. Ensuring your business uses it efficiently will reduce your water bills and help ensure that you will continue to have a reliable water supply into the future.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>The SME Water Stewardship Programme is a free online training initiative, offered in partnership with Uisce Éireann and the Sustainable</p>

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<p>Establish a 'WaterBalance' for your manufacturing process.</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><a href="#">Supports Available&amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>Detailed advice for water management in the manufacturing industry.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Manufacturing   Water Conservation in Business   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants and IDA Ireland's Green Plus and Green Capital Grant can support client companies with training and advice focused on water conservation projects e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Provide advice on water risks (financial, reputational, regulatory or physical) and how to mitigate them</li> <li>-Assist with preparation of a Water Stewardship Map, Targets and Action Plan</li> </ul>	<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><a href="#">Pharmaceutical manufacturing   Conservation   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants and IDA Ireland's Green Plus and Green Capital Grant can support client companies with training and advice focused on water conservation projects e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Provide advice on water risks (financial, reputational, regulatory or physical) and how to mitigate them</li> <li>-Assist with preparation of a Water Stewardship Map, Targets and Action Plan</li> </ul>	<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><a href="#">Supports Available&amp; Description</a></u></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td>Embed</td></tr> <tr><td>Water</td></tr> <tr><td>Cost Savings</td></tr> </table> <p>Undertake Certified Water Stewardship Training</p> <p><u><a href="#">Water Stewardship for SMEs - Water Stewardship Ireland</a></u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants</p>	Embed	Water	Cost Savings	<p>Conduct a water audit of your hospitality premises.</p> <p>This will show where the major water use is coming from and where savings can be made.</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland's Climate Action Programme gives tourism businesses access to a dedicated expert Advisor for three years. The Programme will assess your current operations and create a tailored, practical action plan. You'll get clear, unbiased guidance on how to reduce emissions, improve energy use, and explore available funding opportunities — all designed around the specific needs of your tourism business.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Failte Ireland - Climate Action Programme   National Tourism Development Authority</a></u></p> <p><u><a href="#">Supports Available&amp; Description</a></u></p> <p>Uisce Eireann</p>	<p>Review Uisce Éireann conservation advise for the Education Sector</p> <p>Uisce Eireann provide detailed advice for Review Uisce Eireann's conservation advice for the Education sector.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Colleges and Universities   Water Conservation   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></u></p> <p>The Skillnet 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.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Sustainability Pass</a></u></p> <p>The Skillnet Climate Ready Academy Sustainability Leaders programme aims to drive and assist businesses and Sustainability professionals to embrace</p>
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#### C. Sector Specific Actions – if: Sector selected

Retail	Construction	Hospitals
<p>Review Uisce Éireann conservation advise for the Retail Sector.</p> <p>A guide to reducing water use in your retail business.</p> <p><a href="#">Water Conservation for the Retail Industry   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p> <p>The Skillnet 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</p>	<p>Review Uisce Éireann conservation advice for the Construction Sector.</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.</p> <p><a href="#">Construction   Housing Strategy   Uisce Éireann (formerly Irish Water)</a></p>	<p>Review Uisce Éireann conservation advise for Hospitals.</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.</p> <p><a href="#">Hospitals   Business Conservation (water.ie)</a></p>

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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.txsaver.ie](http://www.txsaver.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

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 business's 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](#)

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/>

SEAI's EV fleet assessment grant supports companies looking to electrify some or all of their existing fleet, with the provision of an experienced assessor who will examine your current fleet and identify a pathway to fleet electrification. Learn more here [EV fleet assessment grant | SEAI](#)

The SEAI Energy Academy is a free online training resource and offers modules on electric vehicles and electric vehicle chargers to help you learn about electric vehicles. <https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/>

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

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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 and Údarás na Gaeltachta's GreenStart and GreenPlus grants and IDA Ireland's Green Plus and Green Capital 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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IDA partners with multinational clients to improve the sustainability footprint of their Irish operations. They offer grants to help clients drive decarbonisation and promote competitive, sustainable operations. The following supports are available to IDA clients only.

[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)

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#### 16. Reduce the need for, and the number of business flights

If: Metrics for flights are provided

Target a reduction in the number of airline flights taken by your business.

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.

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.

## 17. Segregate your waste

If: Metrics for all three bins are NOT provided

Improve the segregation of waste used in your business, ensuring appropriate use of all bins and recycling facilities.

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.

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.

### Supports Available & Description

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 up-cycle.

[www.mywaste.ie/business](http://www.mywaste.ie/business)

The EPA 'Tree Tool' 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.

[Environmental Protection Agency Tree Tool for resource efficiency](http://www.epa.ie/TreeTool)

## 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 monitoring these regularly.</p> <p>Ensuring you segregate your waste into refuse, recyclables and organic waste will save your business money. This should incentivise your business to reduce costs through better segregation and recycling, reuse and prevention.</p> <p>First steps might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify waste 'hot spots' and causes and make a plan to tackle and prevent waste in these streams as priority</li><li>• Remove general waste bins from individual desks.</li><li>• Increase number of bins for</li></ul>	<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 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 monitoring these regularly.</p> <p>Ensuring you segregate your waste into refuse, recyclables and organic waste will save your business money. This should incentivise your business to reduce costs through better segregation and recycling, reuse and prevention.</p>

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Food and Drink Retail	Other Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals
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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 Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.skillnetclimatereadyacademy.ie/waste-and-circular-economy-leaders/">https://www.skillnetclimatereadyacademy.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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></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 Skillnet 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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.skillnetclimatereadyacademy.ie/waste-and-circular-economy-leaders/">https://www.skillnetclimatereadyacademy.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 Skillnet Climate Ready Academy Waste &amp; Circular Economy Leaders Programme from Skillnet Ireland equips businesses and energy</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.

Size	Size	Size
10 or fewer	11 – 249	250 or more
<p>Do an assessment of sustainability performance, including embodied carbon, when purchasing the goods and services required by your business.</p> <p>The carbon footprint provided by this Toolkit assesses only the direct emissions, transport or energy sector emissions related to your immediate activities – but the ‘embodied carbon’ (emissions arising from the production, manufacturing, and transport) of the materials and</p>	<p>Build an assessment of sustainability requirements, including embodied carbon, into your procurement practices.</p> <p>The carbon footprint provided by this Toolkit assesses only the direct emissions, transport or energy sector emissions related to your immediate activities – but the ‘embodied carbon’ (emissions arising from the production, manufacturing, and transport) of the materials and goods consumed could be</p>	<p>Require sustainability performance criteria, including the disclosure of embodied carbon, into all procurement.</p> <p>The carbon footprint provided by this Toolkit assesses only the direct emissions, transport or energy sector emissions related to your immediate activities – but the ‘embodied carbon’ (emissions arising from the production, manufacturing, and transport) of the materials and goods consumed could be</p>

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#### Sector Specific Actions – If: Sector Selected

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</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)</p>

<p>customers who are increasingly demanding more environmentally friendly products.</p>	<p>reporting to access key customers procurement processes.</p>
<p><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></p>	<p>Consider setting a 'science-based' target under your Origin Green plan.</p>
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<p>IDA partners with multinational clients to improve the sustainability footprint of their Irish operations. They offer grants to help clients drive decarbonisation and promote competitive, sustainable operations. The following supports are available to IDA clients only.</p> <p><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>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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable">https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/supports/become-more-sustainable</a></p>
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