

## Action Plan Master List

- ‘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 users.
- Where this categorisation criteria are 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 are 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	11 - 249	250 or more
<p><b>Appoint a key member of staff to be your sustainability champion.</b></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><b>Appoint a small number of key staff across the business to be a ‘Green Team’, with an appointed leader.</b></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><b>Appoint a senior manager as your sustainability lead, with access to the necessary resources and perhaps a ‘Green Team’ of colleagues throughout the organisation.</b></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</p>

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## 2. Undertake Energy Training – Provide training to staff to reduce energy use.

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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 a Certificate in SEAI’s Energy Academy will enable staff to reduce your business’ energy consumption and save money on your energy bills.</p> <p><b>Supports Available &amp; Description</b></p> <p>The <b>SEAI Energy academy</b> is a free online training resource offering modules focussed on important areas of energy efficiency and management. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</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 the SEAI or Skillnet. By changing behaviours within the workplace, businesses can lower operating costs while reducing energy intensity, which is vital for combatting climate change.</p> <p><b>Supports Available &amp; Description</b></p> <p>The <b>SEAI Energy academy</b> is a free online training resource offering modules focussed on important areas of energy efficiency and management. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>The <b>Climate Ready Academy Energy Leaders Programme</b> equips businesses and energy professionals with expertise on how to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment. <a href="https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/">https://www.climate-ready-academy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/</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 the SEAI or Skillnet. By changing awareness and knowledge within the workplace, businesses can lower operating costs while reducing energy intensity.</p> <p><b>Supports Available &amp; Description</b></p> <p>The <b>SEAI Energy academy</b> is a free online training resource offering modules focussed on important areas of energy efficiency and management. <a href="https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/">https://www.seai.ie/energyacademy/</a></p> <p>The <b>Climate Ready Academy Energy Leaders Programme</b> equips energy professionals with expertise on how to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment.</p>

<p>Get started</p> <p>Energy</p> <p>Training/staff engagement</p>	<p>Get started</p> <p>Energy</p> <p>Training/staff engagement</p>	<p><a href="https://www.climatereadyacademy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/">https://www.climatereadyacademy.ie/energy-leaders-programme/</a></p> <p>Get started</p> <p>Energy</p> <p>Training/staff engagement</p>
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### 3. Understand, monitor and reduce your energy use by increasing energy awareness and encouraging behavioural change

#### All users

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Recording energy use gives you a baseline against which to measure all improvement actions taken. SEAI's completed energy management workbook 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 Workplace Resources, and SME Guide to Energy Efficiency can provide and inform communications with staff:

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

SEAI's completed energy management workbook can also be a useful guide to getting started with monitoring your energy use.

[Energy-Management-Workbook-Example-SMEs.pdf \(seai.ie\)](#)

Climate Ready Academy's **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.climatereadyacademy.ie/sustainability-pass/>

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/>

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

### All Users

Take some '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://www.seai.ie/publications/SEAI-Energy-Efficient-LED-Lighting-Guide.pdf>

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High impact

## 5. Implement Space Heating measures

- If: Space Heating m<sup>2</sup> metric provided

Energy Spend (Per Annum)

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<p>Consider what additional measures you could take to reduce your heating costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insulate your premises (ensuring adequate ventilation) so it loses less heat or invest in efficient heating systems</li> <li>• Consider your office layout – where people sit affects how hot or cold they feel.</li> </ul>	<p>Consider what additional measures you could take to reduce your heating costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insulate your premises (ensuring adequate ventilation) so it loses less heat or invest in efficient heating systems</li> <li>• Consider your office layout – where people sit affects how hot or cold they feel.</li> </ul>	<p>Take additional measures to reduce your heating costs if you have not already done so</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insulate your premises so it loses less heat (ensuring adequate ventilation)</li> <li>• Consider your office layout – where people sit affects how hot or cold they feel.</li> </ul>	<p>Take additional measures to reduce your heating costs if you have not already done so</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insulate your premises so it loses less heat (ensuring adequate ventilation)</li> <li>• Consider your office layout – where people sit affects how hot or cold they feel.</li> </ul>

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**6. Engage with your landlord**  
**If 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.

**Get started**  
**Energy**

## 7. External expertise to identify energy saving opportunities and plan for zero carbon

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<p><b>Seek external expertise to help make a plan for a zero-carbon business.</b></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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Micro enterprises (up to 10 staff) can avail of free expert advice and mentorship through the <b>Green for Micro</b> scheme:</p> <p><a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland has a range of supports for client companies to develop plans in areas such as resource efficiency, renewable energy and measurement of carbon footprint. <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p><b>Strategic</b> <b>Energy</b></p>	<p><b>Seek external expertise to help make a plan for a zero-carbon business.</b></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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>SEAI's <b>Support Scheme for Energy Audits</b> offers financial support for a high-quality energy audit for SMEs that spend more than €10,000 annually on energy. <a href="#">[LINK]</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland has a range of supports for client companies to develop plans in areas such as resource efficiency, renewable energy and measurement of carbon footprint. <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p><b>Strategic</b> <b>Energy</b></p>	<p><b>Undertake an energy audit of your business and make a plan for zero-carbon.</b></p> <p>Having an external expert examine the energy use in your business can help to identify potential energy and cost savings.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>SEAI's <b>Support Scheme for Energy Audits</b> offers financial support for a high-quality energy audit for SMEs that spend more than €10,000 annually on energy. <a href="#">[LINK]</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland has a range of supports for client companies to develop plans in areas such as resource efficiency, renewable energy and measurement of carbon footprint. <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p>	<p><b>Undertake an energy audit of your business and make a plan for zero-carbon.</b></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/energy-auditing/">https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/energy-auditing/</a></p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>SEAI's <b>Support Scheme for Energy Audits</b> offers financial support for a high-quality energy audit of your business for or SMEs that spend more than €10,000 annually on energy. and that are not already</p>

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## 8. Sector Specific Energy-saving Actions

– If: Sector selected

Other Manufacturing, Food & Drink, Pharmaceuticals, Engineering	Retail
<p><b>Assess your manufacturing process to ensure it is optimised to use less energy and resources</b></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 and communicate to staff.</li> </ul> <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><b>Assess your refrigeration equipment to ensure it is optimised to use less energy and resources</b></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. 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>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 <a href="#">F-gases regulations if applicable</a>.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p>

Ensure that you are compliant with [refrigerant regulations](#).

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Enterprise Ireland has a range of grant supports for client companies developing a comprehensive climate change and sustainability plan and/or aligning to international standards and frameworks: <https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/>

Enterprise Ireland's Lean Business Offer is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisation to increase performance and competitiveness. <https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Productivity/Lean-Business-Offer/>

IDA Ireland Lean/Green offer can assist client companies in improving their resource efficiency [https://www.idaireland.com/getmedia/038d79cd-0bec-4008-a5a3-e8c266fa5afb/IDA\\_Lea\\_n\\_Green\\_Business\\_Offer\\_V2.pdf.aspx/](https://www.idaireland.com/getmedia/038d79cd-0bec-4008-a5a3-e8c266fa5afb/IDA_Lea_n_Green_Business_Offer_V2.pdf.aspx/)

The Accelerated Capital Allowance (ACA) is a tax incentive designed to encourage businesses to invest in energy efficient products. If you select products from SEAI's Triple E register when purchasing new refrigeration equipment, then you will be able to deduct the full cost of that equipment from your profits in the year of purchase. <https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/accelerated-capital-allowance/>

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**9. Undertake targeted investments in order to remove fossil fuels from your operation**

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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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Through the <b>Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme</b>, energy providers (gas, electricity and solid fuel) have an obligation to help customers decarbonise – contact any of these providers (known as Obligated Parties) to</p>	<p>Make a plan to go low - carbon when you can, or at a minimum when you 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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Through the <b>Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme</b>, energy providers (gas, electricity and solid fuel) have an obligation to help customers decarbonise – contact any of the providers (known as Obligated Parties) to assess available support options.</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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Through the <b>Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme</b>, energy providers (gas, electricity and solid fuel) have an obligation to help customers decarbonise – contact any of the providers (known as Obligated Parties) to assess available support options.</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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Through the <b>Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme</b>, energy providers (gas, electricity and solid fuel) have an obligation to help customers decarbonise – contact any of the providers (known as Obligated Parties) to assess available support options.</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 decarbonising 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**

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.

[\[LINK\]](#)

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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<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/energy-efficiency-obligation-scheme/>

The SEAI EXEED grant scheme supports a range of energy efficiency technologies for organisations who are planning an ambitious energy investment project.

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/exeed-certified-grant/>

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**– If: metric provided for Coal / heating oil / heavy fuel oil AND Size = <10**

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

**Supports Available & Description**

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

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

**Supports Available & Description**

<p>Micro enterprises (up to 10 staff) can avail of free expert advice and mentorship through the <b>Green for Micro</b> scheme:  <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html</a></p> <p>embed  Energy  High impact  Supports</p>	<p>Enterprise Ireland provide support companies to develop plans and undertake staff training in areas like resource efficiency, renewable energy and the circular economy. For example, eligible assignments may include guidance with implementing an Environmental or Energy Management System or in aligning decarbonisation plans to national/international frameworks such as Origin Green, the UN Environmental Goals, Carbon Disclosure Project, as part of a range of external advice to manufacturers through their Climate Enterprise Action Fund.  <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>IDA Ireland provides a range of external advice and feasibility assessments to foreign-owned manufacturing companies operating in Ireland. The <b>Go Green Offer</b> is designed to encourage IDA clients to adopt green business principles in their organisation to increase competitiveness and achieve international environmental best practices.  <a href="https://www.idaireland.com/IDAireland/media/HowWeHelp/2018-07-19-Go-Green-Brochure-FINAL.pdf">https://www.idaireland.com/IDAireland/media/HowWeHelp/2018-07-19-Go-Green-Brochure-FINAL.pdf</a></p> <p>embed  Energy  High impact  Supports</p>
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**11. Provide training to staff to manage and reduce water use.**  
All Users

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

Staff should be encouraged to visit Irish Water’s conservation quiz for business to undertake training. It will equip staff with the skills needed to introduce efficiencies in how your business uses water.

**Supports Available & Description**

Staff can take free online water stewardship training and learn about the importance of safeguarding this critical resource

<https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/#stewardship-quiz>

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**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)

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

Appoint somebody to review your water bills periodically and introduce additional measures to bring it down each quarter or year. Sign up to Irish Water’s conservation Pledge.

As a first step, highlight water conservation options in bathrooms and kitchen areas.

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.

**Supports Available & Description**

Sign up to Irish Water’s conservation pledge <https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/#pledge-to-conserve>

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**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.**

Designate a Water sustainability lead, and support them to become an Irish Water 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.

Businesses can share their new Sustainable Water Partner badge on marketing materials/social media and add it to their green credentials

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.

**Supports Available & Description**

Undertake Certified Water Stewardship Training, by the European Water Stewardship Standards (EWS) in partnership with Irish Water and Lean & Green Skillnet

<https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/water-stewardship-training/>

Sign up to Irish Water’s conservation pledge <https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/#pledge-to-conserve>

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**b. Sector Specific Actions – if: Sector selected**

Manufacturing	Pharma	Food & Drink	Hospitality	Retail
<p><b>Establish a ‘Water Balance’ for your manufacturing process.</b></p> <p>A water balance provides a full picture of every water-consuming component on site</p>	<p><b>Establish a ‘Water Balance’ for your pharma site.</b></p> <p>A water balance provides a full picture of every water-consuming component on site and serves as the</p>	<p><b>Establish a ‘Water Balance’ for your operations and production.</b></p> <p>Origin Green endorse the Irish Water Stewardship certification as part of their</p>	<p><b>Conduct a water audit of your hospitality premises.</b></p> <p>This will show where the major water use is coming from and where</p>	<p>Review Irish Water conservation advice for the Retail sector.</p> <p><b>LINK</b> – due late Summer</p> <p>Embed Water Cost saving</p>

<p>and serves as the first step in uncovering hidden opportunities for savings.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Irish Water provide detailed advice for water management in the manufacturing industry.  <a href="https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/business-conservation-tip/manufacturing/">https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/business-conservation-tip/manufacturing/</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland’s GreenStart and GreenPlus grants 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> <li>-Establish a baseline assessment to identify possible savings and KPIs</li> <li>-Provide training and guidance on the implementation of software tools to measure, manage and report</li> </ul>	<p>first step in uncovering hidden opportunities for savings.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Irish Water provide detailed advice for water management in the pharmaceutical industry.  <a href="https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/business-conservation-tip/pharmaceutical-manufacture/">https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/business-conservation-tip/pharmaceutical-manufacture/</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland’s GreenStart and GreenPlus grants 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> <li>-Establish a baseline assessment to identify possible savings and KPIs</li> <li>-Provide training and guidance on the implementation of software tools to</li> </ul>	<p>sustainability credentials.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Irish Water provide detailed advice for water management in the manufacturing industry.  <a href="https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/business-conservation-tip/manufacturing/">https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation-tip/manufacturing/</a></p> <p>Where relevant, also review Irish Water’s conservation advice for the agricultural sector.  <a href="https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation-tip/agriculture/">https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation-tip/agriculture/</a></p> <p>Undertake Certified Water Stewardship Training, by the European Water Stewardship Standards (EWS).  <a href="https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/water-stewardship-training/">https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/water-stewardship-training/</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland’s GreenStart and GreenPlus grants 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</li> </ul>	<p>savings can be made.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Irish Water provide detailed advice for water management in the hospitality sector.  <a href="https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation/business-conservation-tip/hospitality/">https://www.water.ie/conservation/business-water-conservation-business-conservation-tip/hospitality/</a></p> <p><b>embed</b>  <b>Water</b>  <b>Cost saving</b></p>	
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<p>-Provide introductory training for relevant staff Assist with access to other tools and resources to maintain performance and to improve water stewardship <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>embed Water Cost saving Supports</p>	<p>measure, manage and report</p> <p>-Provide introductory training for relevant staff</p> <p>Assist with access to other tools and resources to maintain performance and to improve water stewardship</p> <p><a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>embed Water Cost saving Supports</p>	<p>(financial, reputational, regulatory or physical) and how to mitigate them</p> <p>-Assist with preparation of a Water Stewardship Map, Targets and Action Plan</p> <p>-Establish a baseline assessment to identify possible savings and KPIs</p> <p>-Provide training and guidance on the implementation of software tools to measure, manage and report</p> <p>-Provide introductory training for relevant staff</p> <p>Assist with access to other tools and resources to maintain performance and to improve water stewardship <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>embed Water Cost saving Supports</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.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**

Ensure that everybody who drives as part of their work takes 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

SEAI energy academy Eco-driving module.

<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 are 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/>

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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 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.

**Supports Available & Description**

The **Alternatively Fuelled Heavy Duty Vehicle Purchase Grant Scheme** delivered through Transport Infrastructure Ireland awards grants to assist companies and enterprises who wish to buy new alternatively fuelled 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/afhdiv-scheme/>

EI & 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 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://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/> and

[https://www.idaireland.com/getmedia/038d79cd-0bec-4008-a5a3-e8c266fa5afb/IDA\\_Lean\\_Green\\_Business\\_Offer\\_V2.pdf.aspx/](https://www.idaireland.com/getmedia/038d79cd-0bec-4008-a5a3-e8c266fa5afb/IDA_Lean_Green_Business_Offer_V2.pdf.aspx/)

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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.

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## 17. Segregate your waste

If: Metrics for all 3 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 upcycle.

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

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.

[Environmental Protection Agency Tree Tool for resource efficiency](#)

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## 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.

### Resource Intensity (%)

Low (<50%)

High (> or =50%)

Measures and monitor key waste streams weights generated in your business – and set targets to reduce these weights and associated costs.

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.

Ensuring you segregate your waste into refuse, recyclables and organic waste will save your business money. This should incentivise your business to

Create a resource efficiency plan to reduce the environmental impacts of the materials, goods and packaging you purchase, and the waste produced.

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.

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

reduce costs through better segregation and recycling, reuse and prevention.

First steps might include:

- Remove general waste bins from individual desks
- Increase number of bins for recycling and composting
- Discontinue use of single use plastics throughout the organisation.
- Request take-back of packaging by suppliers.
- Reduce printing and set printers to print double sided when printing is necessary.

#### **Supports Available & Description**

Use the EPA 'Tree tool' to measure resource efficiency – and assess opportunities to prevent and reduce waste

[Environmental Protection Agency Tree Tool for resource efficiency](#)

For more ideas on efficient resource management visit:

[http://www.southernwasteregion.ie/sites/default/files/Final\\_Quick%20Wins%20in%20Resource%20Efficiency\\_Low%20Res\\_Singles%20%281%29.pdf](http://www.southernwasteregion.ie/sites/default/files/Final_Quick%20Wins%20in%20Resource%20Efficiency_Low%20Res_Singles%20%281%29.pdf)

Businesses who produce electrical, battery or lighting waste, or provide these in products to customers need to be aware of their regulatory obligations and opportunities for circularity.

<https://www.weeeireland.ie/> and <https://www.mywaste.ie/what-to-do-with-my-waste-electrical-and-electronic-equipment-weee/>

The EI climate action voucher can be used to carry out a resource efficiency assessment. GreenStart and GreenPlus can be used to receive guidance to implement an Environmental Management System.

<https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/>

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[Environmental Protection Agency Tree Tool for resource efficiency](#)

For more ideas on efficient resource management visit:

[http://www.southernwasteregion.ie/sites/default/files/Final\\_Quick%20Wins%20in%20Resource%20Efficiency\\_Low%20Res\\_Singles%20%281%29.pdf](http://www.southernwasteregion.ie/sites/default/files/Final_Quick%20Wins%20in%20Resource%20Efficiency_Low%20Res_Singles%20%281%29.pdf)

Businesses who produce electrical, battery or lighting waste or provide these in products to customers need to be aware of their regulatory obligations and opportunities for circularity. Producers should register with the national register at

<https://www.producerregister.ie/> and there are two approved compliance schemes for WEEE and Batteries <https://www.weeeireland.ie/> and <https://erp-recycling.org/ie/>

Use or adapt example Government developed Resource Efficiency Action Plan templates, where appropriate to your operations:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f7677-resource-efficiency-action-plans/>

The **Climate Ready Academy 'Waste Leaders' Programme** equips businesses with expertise on how to reduce energy waste, optimise cost savings, and protect the environment.

<https://www.climatereadyacademy.ie>

<p><b>Strategic</b> <b>Materials</b> <b>Supports</b></p>	<p>The climate action voucher can be used to carry out a resource efficiency assessment. GreenStart and GreenPlus can be used to receive guidance to implement an Environmental Management System. <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p><b>Embed</b> <b>Materials</b> <b>Supports</b></p>
<b>Sector Specific – If: Sector Selected</b>	
<b>Food &amp; Drink, Retail</b>	<b>Other Manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals,</b>
<p><b>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.</b></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 total waste, so it is important assess your packaging design, or to consult with suppliers to reduce the amount of packaging and to ensure all packaging is recyclable. Consider if it is possible for deliveries to be supplied in reusable crates or other forms of packaging that can be re-used or sent back to suppliers. The more packaging you can reduce or reuse, the greater the savings in waste management costs for you and your customers.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Micro enterprises (&lt;10 staff) can avail of free expert advice and mentorship through the <b>Green 4 Micro</b> scheme: <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html</a></p> <p>Consult with your supplier to see if there is any way they can reduce the amount of packaging supplies are delivered in and to ensure all packaging is recyclable. Ask if it is possible for deliveries to be supplied in reusable crates or other forms of packaging that can be sent back to the supplier. See <a href="http://www.REPAK.ie">www.REPAK.ie</a>.</p> <p>Join the EPA's food waste charter initiative for businesses. This resource provides guidance on how to reduce food waste. <a href="https://foodwastecharter.ie/">https://foodwastecharter.ie/</a></p>	<p><b>Assess options available to reduce the packaging on the products you provide and to make sure packaging is re-usable or recyclable.</b></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 total waste, so it is important assess your packaging design, or to consult with suppliers to reduce the amount of packaging and to ensure all packaging is recyclable. Consider if it is possible for deliveries to be supplied in reusable crates or other forms of packaging that can be re-used or sent back to suppliers. The more packaging you can reduce or reuse, the greater the savings in waste management costs for you and your customers.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Micro enterprises (&lt;10 staff) can avail of free expert advice and mentorship through the <b>Green 4 Micro</b> scheme: <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green/Green-for-Micro.html</a></p> <p>The Enterprise Ireland Green Offer is to help prepare companies for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future whether a company is starting out on their green transformation journey or have already started – <a href="https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/">https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/</a></p> <p>EI Green supports can assist client companies to understand what adopting Sustainable Packaging practices means for them and how to make it a reality in their company e.g. guidance on assessing</p>

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and measuring sustainability in packaging (end of life and recycling options) or assisting with developing more sustainable innovative packaging solutions. <https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/>

[www.REPAK.ie](http://www.REPAK.ie)

Can be a helpful resource for advice on reducing packaging waste.

IDA Ireland provides a range of external advice and feasibility assessments to foreign-owned manufacturing companies operating in Ireland. The “Go Green” Offer is designed to encourage IDA clients to adopt green business principles in their organisation to increase competitiveness and achieve international environmental best practices. <https://www.idaireland.com/IDAireland/media/HowWeHelp/2018-07-19-Go-Green-Brochure-FINAL.pdf>

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**19. Research your materials and value chain to understand what zero carbon 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><b>Supports Available &amp; Description</b></p> <p>Enterprise Irelands supports can assist client companies 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 affect on the</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</p>

<p>understand how to carry out a carbon footprint or an environmental footprint (LCA) to identify areas to focus on.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland’s Climate Enterprise Action Fund helps companies incorporate sustainable practices into the day-to-day running of their business – from identifying resource efficiency opportunities and measuring carbon footprint to the development of comprehensive sustainability business plans, alignment to international standards and frameworks and acceleration of R&amp;D for lower carbon products, processes and business models:  <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>IDA Ireland provides a range of external advice and feasibility assessments to foreign-owned manufacturing companies operating in Ireland. The “Go Green” Offer is designed to encourage IDA clients to adopt green business principles in their organisation to increase competitiveness and achieve international environmental best practices.  <a href="https://www.idaireland.com/IDA/Ireland/media/HowWeHelp/2018-07-19-Go-Green-Brochure-FINAL.pdf">https://www.idaireland.com/IDA/Ireland/media/HowWeHelp/2018-07-19-Go-Green-Brochure-FINAL.pdf</a></p>	<p>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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Consider joining the Irish Green Building Council to access assistance on training and certification on Life-cycle assessment, project design for sustainability and producing / using EPDs (Environmental Product Declaration).  <a href="https://www.igbc.ie/">https://www.igbc.ie/</a></p> <p>Exporting businesses can use Enterprise Ireland’s supports to develop capability and certification in sustainable construction products. EI supports can assist client companies to understand how to carry out a carbon footprint or an environmental footprint (LCA) to identify areas to focus on.  <a href="https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/">https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/</a></p> <p>Review the circularity of your operations and take steps to improve your resource efficiency. Review this webinar titled 'Circular Construction &amp; Demolition, Ireland', highlighting the existing and potential opportunities for Circular Economy within the Irish construction and demolition sector.  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEiD1pxStQc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEiD1pxStQc</a></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland has developed a report on the race to Net Zero in the UK construction market. The report includes practical steps for companies to help decarbonising the Construction Supply Chain.  <a href="https://globalambition.ie/markets-opportunities/uk/">https://globalambition.ie/markets-opportunities/uk/</a></p>	<p>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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></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 value chain from farmers to food producers and right through to the foodservice and retail sectors.  <a href="https://www.origingreen.ie/">https://www.origingreen.ie/</a></p> <p>The Support Scheme for Renewable Heat is a government funded initiative designed to increase the energy generated from renewable sources to meet heating needs. The scheme is open to commercial, industrial, agricultural, district heating, public sector and other non-domestic heat users.  <a href="https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/support-scheme-renewable-heat/">https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/support-scheme-renewable-heat/</a></p> <p>Exporting businesses can use Enterprise Ireland’s supports to understand how to carry out a carbon footprint or an environmental footprint (LCA) to identify areas to focus on.  <a href="https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/">https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/</a></p>
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<b>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.</b>		
Size		
10 or fewer	11 - 249	250 or more
<p><b>Do an assessment of sustainability performance, including embodied carbon, when purchasing the goods and services required by your business.</b></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 upward of 45% of your business’s total emissions impact.</p> <p>Do a strategic review of the goods and materials your business uses.</p> <p>Reduce the carbon footprint of your supply chain by engaging with suppliers and/or logistics providers by introducing sustainability in purchasing decisions. Start by choosing local supplier options where possible.</p> <p>When purchasing goods, services, works and utilities your business should ask suppliers to provide information regarding the origin, durability, reparability and recyclability of materials.</p> <p>By incorporating an ethical supply chain in your business model and achieving green certification you will be able to promote a responsible sourcing process and</p>	<p><b>Build an assessment of sustainability requirements, including embodied carbon, into your procurement practices.</b></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 upward of 45% of your business’s total emissions impact.</p> <p>Do a strategic review of the goods and materials your business uses.</p> <p>Reduce the carbon footprint of your supply chain by engaging with suppliers and/or logistics providers, by introducing sustainability, carbon measurement and a biodiversity assessment in purchasing decisions. Start by choosing local supplier options where possible.</p> <p>When purchasing goods, services, works and utilities your business should ask suppliers to provide information regarding the origin, durability, reparability and recyclability of materials.</p> <p>By incorporating an ethical supply chain in your business model and achieving green certification you will be able to promote a</p>	<p><b>Require sustainability performance criteria, including the disclosure of embodied carbon, into all procurement.</b></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 upward of 45% of your business’s total emissions impact.</p> <p>Do a strategic review of the goods and materials your business uses.</p> <p>Reduce the carbon footprint of your supply chain by engaging with suppliers and/or logistics providers, by introducing sustainability, carbon measurement and a biodiversity assessment in purchasing decisions. Start by choosing local supplier options where possible.</p> <p>When purchasing goods, services, works and utilities your business should ask suppliers to provide information regarding the origin, durability, reparability and recyclability of materials.</p> <p>By incorporating an ethical supply chain in your business model and achieving green certification you will be able to promote a</p>

<p>ethical behaviours in your company, thereby contributing to the challenge of combatting climate change.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Consider buying second hand or sharing or leasing. See <a href="http://www.crni.ie">www.crni.ie</a> for more information on community resource networks.</p> <p><b>Embed</b> <b>Materials</b> <b>High impact</b></p>	<p>responsible sourcing process and ethical behaviours in your company, thereby contributing to the challenge of combatting climate change.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>EPA guidance to public buyers is available online and this is largely transferable to private buyers. <a href="https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/green/business/GreenPublicProcurementfinalwebv2.pdf">https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/green/business/GreenPublicProcurementfinalwebv2.pdf</a></p> <p>Consider buying second hand or sharing or leasing. See <a href="http://www.crni.ie">www.crni.ie</a> for more information on community resource networks.</p> <p>CIRCULÉIRE is the National Platform for Circular Manufacturing, is the first cross-sectoral industry-led innovation network dedicated to accelerating the net-zero carbon circular economy in Ireland. CIRCULÉIRE mission is to demystify, derisk, and deliver circular business model innovation. <a href="https://circuleire.ie/">https://circuleire.ie/</a></p> <p><b>embed</b> <b>Materials</b> <b>High impact</b></p>	<p>responsible sourcing process and ethical behaviours in your company, thereby contributing to the challenge of combatting climate change.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>EPA guidance to public buyers is available online and this is largely transferable to private buyers. <a href="https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/green/business/GreenPublicProcurementfinalwebv2.pdf">https://www.epa.ie/pubs/reports/green/business/GreenPublicProcurementfinalwebv2.pdf</a></p> <p>Consider buying second hand or sharing or leasing. See <a href="http://www.crni.ie">www.crni.ie</a> for more information on community resource networks.</p> <p>CIRCULÉIRE is the National Platform for Circular Manufacturing, is the first cross-sectoral industry-led innovation network dedicated to accelerating the net-zero carbon circular economy in Ireland. CIRCULÉIRE mission is to demystify, derisk, and deliver circular business model innovation. <a href="https://circuleire.ie/">https://circuleire.ie/</a></p> <p><b>embed</b> <b>Materials</b> <b>High impact</b></p>
<b>Sector Specific Actions – If: Sector selected</b>		
<b>Other Manufacturing, pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Food &amp; Drink</b>
<p>Require all suppliers to disclose the carbon footprint of their product to an appropriate accreditation on 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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></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 these to demonstrate embodied carbon savings to your customers.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></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>Enterprise Irelands Green supports can be used to gain training/advice in Green Procurement, integrating sustainability into the procurement process.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland’s Green funding offers can support client companies with training on understanding the systemic changes required in buyer and supplier relationships and contracts necessary to accelerate the circular economy transition: <a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>embed Materials Supports</p>	<p>Enterprise Irelands Green supports can also be used to gain training/advice in Green Procurement, integrating sustainability into the procurement process.</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland’s Green funding offers can support client companies with training on how to undertake a Product Environmental footprint and/or on use of an environmental footprinting tool based on the Life Cycle Methodology, enabling the company to monitor and report improvements in their environmental performance to the market.</p> <p><a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>embed Materials Supports</p>	<p>Enterprise Irelands Green supports can assist clients to gain training/advice in Green Procurement, integrating sustainability into the procurement process.</p> <p><a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>Embed Materials Supports</p>
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**21. Assess how the sustainability or circularity of your product/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.**

Size		
10 or fewer	11 - 249	250 or more
<p><b>Explore how the sustainability or circularity of your product/service can add value for your customers</b></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>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</p>	<p><b>Undertake a strategic assessment on opportunities to make the sustainability or circularity of your product/service add value for your customers</b></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>Consider applying for an EI Innovation Voucher to assist you with this analysis. Innovation Vouchers worth €5,000 are</p>	<p><b>Explore how the sustainability or circularity of your product/service can add value for your customers</b></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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p>

<p>or problem with a registered knowledge provider.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>The MODOS programme offers training and insight to businesses on leveraging the opportunities of circular economy principles.  <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Econom.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Econom.html</a></p> <p>The Innovation Vouchers initiative is open to all small and medium-sized limited companies registered in Ireland and applications are not restricted to clients of Enterprise Ireland.  <a href="https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/research-innovation/companies/collaborate-with-companies-research-institutes/innovation-voucher.shortcut.html">https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/research-innovation/companies/collaborate-with-companies-research-institutes/innovation-voucher.shortcut.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>Strategic Materials Training/ staff engagement Supports</p>	<p>available to assist your company to explore a business opportunity or problem with a registered knowledge provider.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>The Innovation Vouchers initiative is open to all small and medium-sized limited companies registered in Ireland and applications are not restricted to clients of Enterprise Ireland.  <a href="https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/research-innovation/companies/collaborate-with-companies-research-institutes/innovation-voucher.shortcut.html">https://www.enterpriseireland.com/en/research-innovation/companies/collaborate-with-companies-research-institutes/innovation-voucher.shortcut.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/">https://globalambition.ie/climate-enterprise-action-fund/</a></p> <p>Strategic Materials Supports</p>	<p></p> <p>Strategic Materials Supports</p>
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<b>Other Manufacturing, pharmaceuticals</b>		<b>Food &amp; Drink</b>
<p><b>Identify how circular economy principals apply to your product category.</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Circular Economy</a> offers a more sustainable approach to resource use and product lifecycles.</p> <p>Could your product be more sustainably provided as a service or circular offering?</p> <p>Could you re-use packaging or aspects of the product and use resource longevity to your advantage and the advantage of your customers?</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>The MODOS programme offers training and insight to businesses on leveraging the opportunities of circular</p>	<p><b>Identify how circular economy principals apply to your product category.</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Circular Economy</a> offers a more sustainable approach to resource use and product lifecycles.</p> <p>Could your product be more sustainably provided or produced by better integration with your suppliers or customers to ensure food or agri- wastes are re-used or re-purposed?</p> <p>Could you re-use packaging or aspects of the product and use resource longevity to your advantage and the advantage of your customers?</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p>	

economy principles and is open to SME & Micro companies.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Training-Events/Management-Development/Modos-Circular-Economo.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)

EI can support companies to develop plans and undertake staff training in the adoption of circular economy principles – for example designing for a circular economy, the transition to circular business models and how to communicate the business value. Enterprise Ireland provide a range of external advice and feasibility assessments to manufacturers through their Climate Enterprise Action Fund.

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**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**

10 or fewer	11 - 249	250 or more
<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 you 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>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 you customers.</p> <p>Join an environmental certification scheme relevant to your business and useful to your customers, such as EcoMerit, 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,</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 you 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</p>

<p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Free expert advice and mentorship through the <b>Green 4 Micro</b> scheme can assist you identify an appropriate accreditation.</p> <p><a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green-for-Micro.html">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Green-for-Micro.html</a></p> <p><b>Strategic Supports</b></p>	<p>or to disclosure platforms such as the 'Climate Toolkit 4 Business'.</p> <p><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></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's Green programme can provide training to businesses to a level where they can then go for third party accreditation appropriate to their business.</p> <p><a href="https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/">https://enterpriseireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/</a></p> <p>Supports don't cover certification only training &amp; advice to a level where a company can then go for certification.</p> <p><b>Strategic Supports</b></p>	<p>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><b>Strategic</b></p>
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Sector Specific Actions – If: Sector selected	
Other Manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, Engineering	Food & Drink
<p><b>Develop 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.</b></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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland's Green programme can assist businesses in reaching a third party accreditation appropriate to their business - can also provide training/advice on internal and external sustainability communications, messaging &amp; reporting.</p>	<p><b>Communicate the science-based targets set under your Origin Green plan with your customers.</b></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><b><u>Supports Available &amp; Description</u></b></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 foodservice and retail sectors.</p> <p><a href="https://www.origingreen.ie/">https://www.origingreen.ie/</a></p>

<https://enterprise-ireland.com/en/Productivity/Build-a-green-sustainable-Business/>

IDA Ireland provides client companies with a GreenPlus programme can assist businesses in reaching a third party accreditation appropriate to their business.

<https://www.idaireland.com/IDAireland/media/HowWeHelp/2018-07-19-Go-Green-Brochure-FINAL.pdf>

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