

Region/Country	Europe/Ireland
Leading Actor(s)	Government of Ireland – Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources; Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government; Department of Agriculture and Food; Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.
Participating actor(s)	Sustainable Energy Ireland; Local Authority energy agencies
Main objective(s)	<p>Objectives of Irish Energy Policy</p> <p>Irish energy policy, in line with our EU partners, is aimed at achieving 3 fundamental objectives: energy security of supply, environmental sustainability and economic competitiveness.</p>
Contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Renewable energy targets set for 2010 and 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity 15% by 2010 and 33% by 2020 Heat 5% by 2010 and 12% by 2020 Transport 5.75% by 2010 and 10% by 2020 ❖ Energy efficiency target of 20% set to 2020 with higher target of 30% in place for public sector ❖ Policy coordination at cabinet level across environment, energy, transport and agriculture areas. ❖ Increased infrastructure interconnection with neighbouring markets ❖ Demand side management programmes in place
Expected results	Increased share of renewable energy across electricity, heating and cooling and transport sectors. Significant energy efficiency improvements and lower energy intensity across the economy.
Target area/place	Ireland
Arrangement(s) for financing	National Development Plan; Tax and grant supports for renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency programmes and demand side management programmes; National funding for research, demonstration and deployment in renewables.
Monitoring process and timeframe	Targets set in Energy White Paper; monitoring in National Development Plan 2007-2013; EU directives
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