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# Ireland's Multilateral Assessment

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# National Context



**North-west coast of Europe**

**Population 4.98m  
(increase of 41% since 1990)**

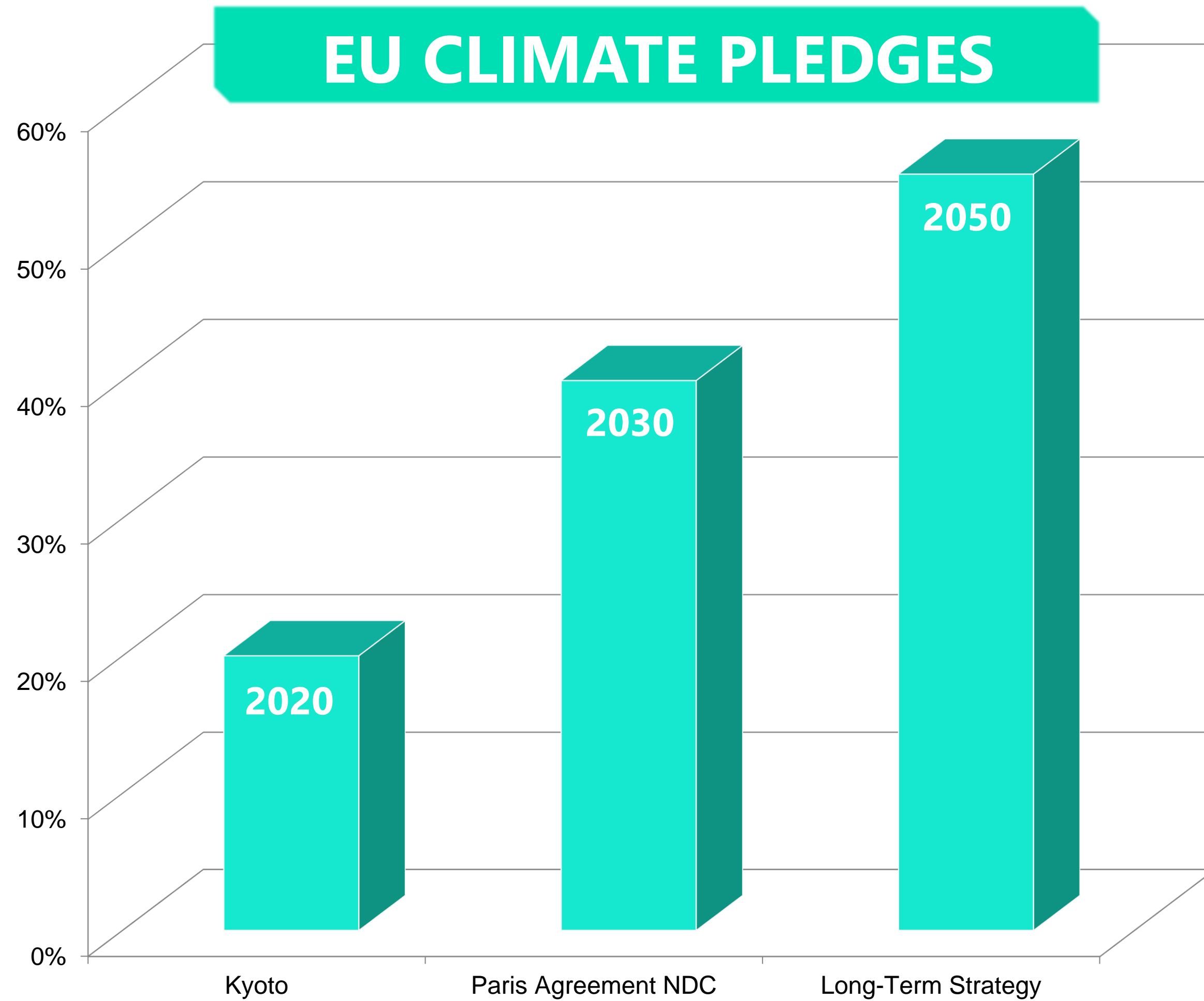
**One-third in greater Dublin area**

**Significant dispersed rural  
population**

**Parliamentary democracy**



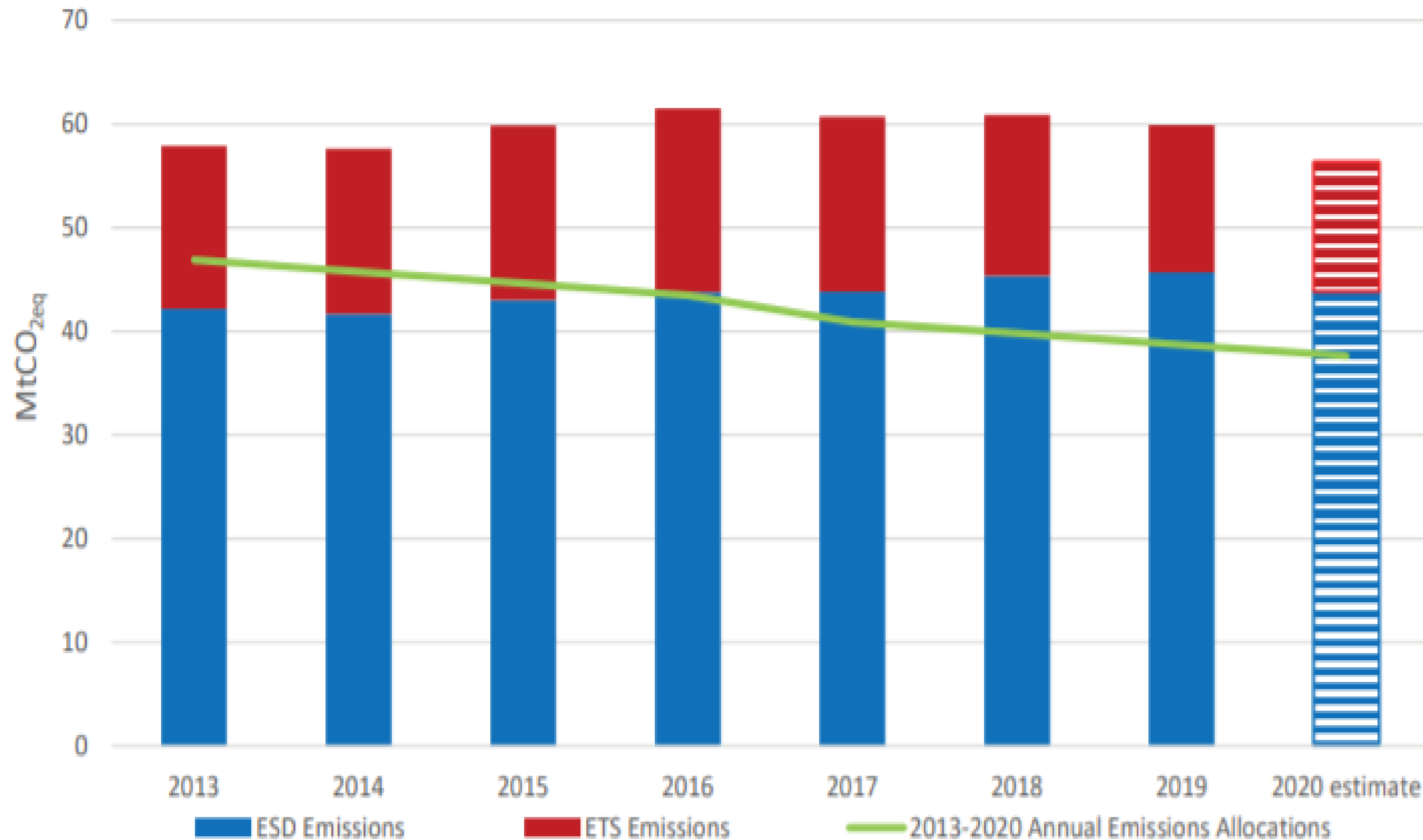
# Ireland's Commitments



## National Commitments (non-ETS sector)

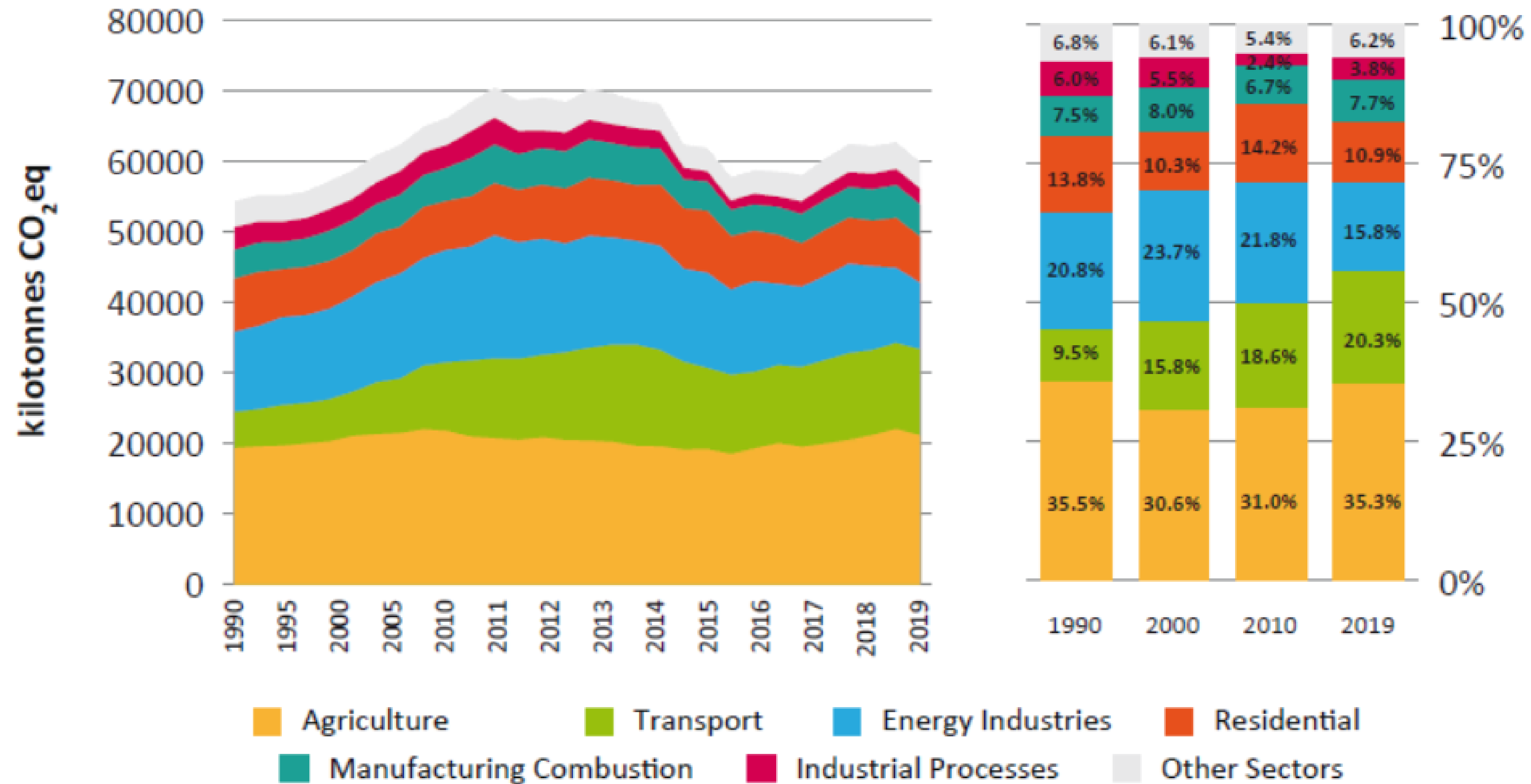
- 20% reduction by 2020
  - 30% reduction by 2030
- (relative to 2005 levels)
- Ireland's emission reduction target for the non-ETS sector applies to roughly 70% of all Irish emissions
  - Will be increased following the new EU 2030 target

# Progress towards our ETS targets

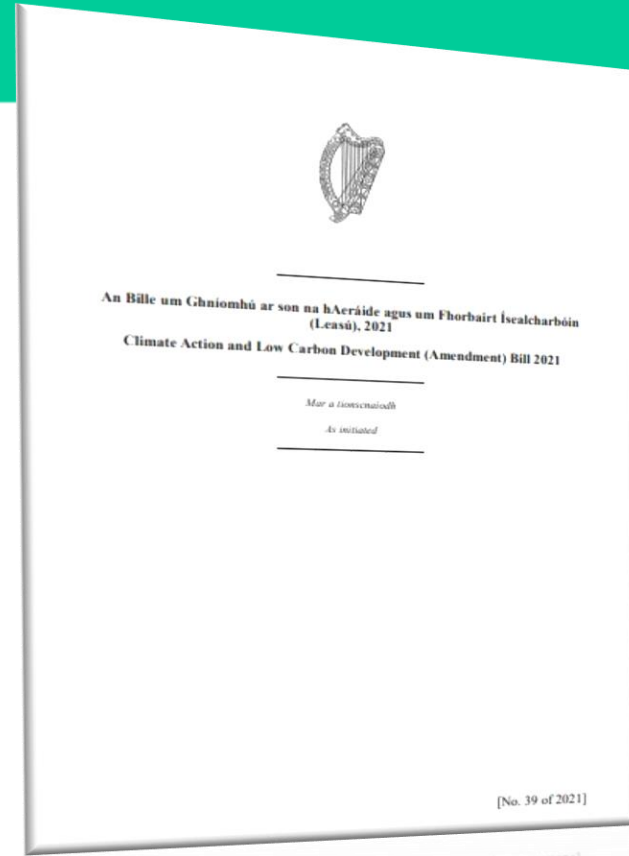
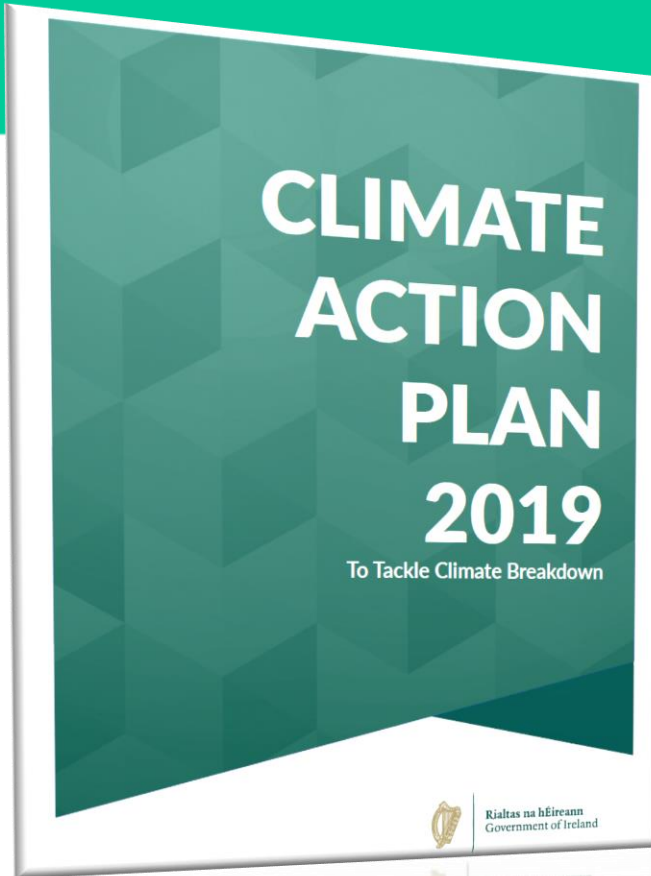
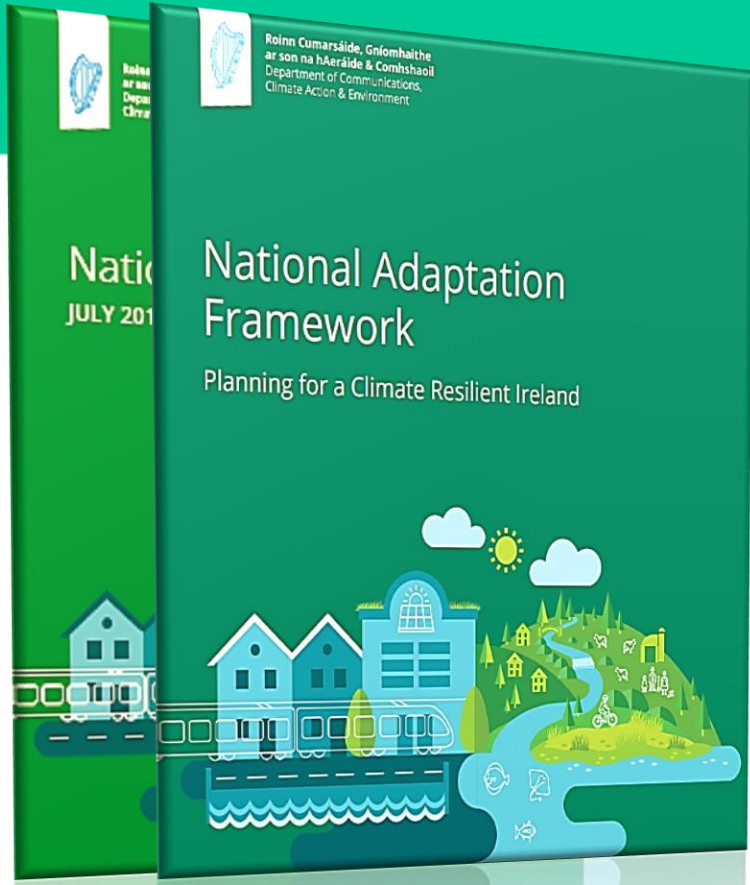
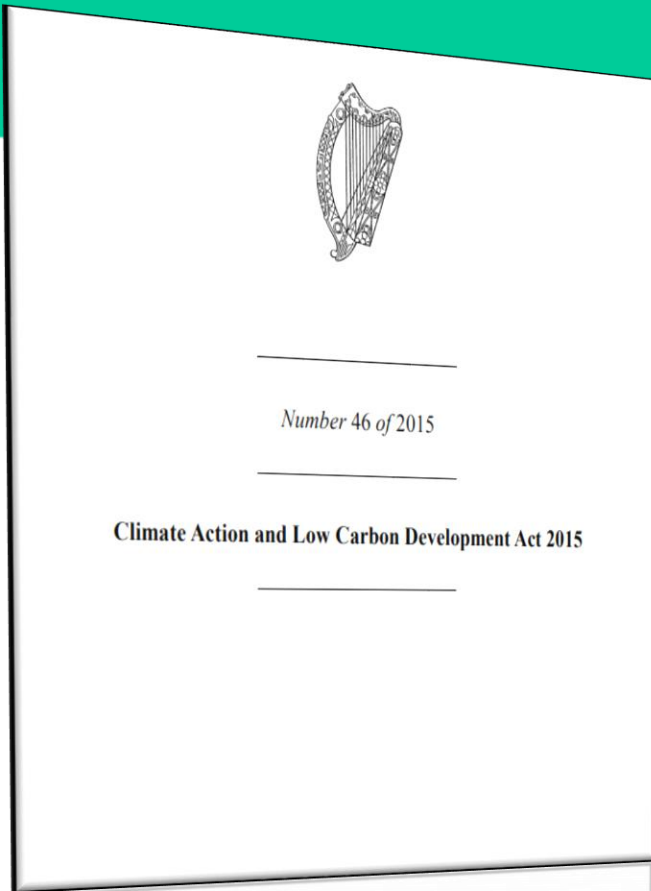
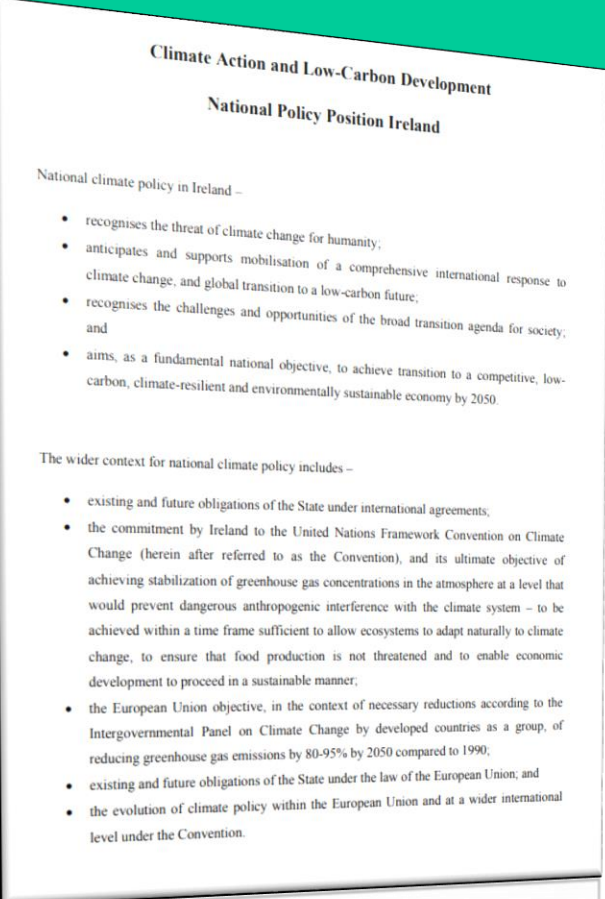




# 1990-2019 Emissions by Sector



# Ireland's Domestic Climate Policy



# 2021: Climate Bill & Climate Action Plan



- Climate Action & Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021:
  - Commitment to achieve climate neutral economy no later than 2050;
  - 51% reduction in GHGs by 2030;
  - A series of economy-wide 5-year carbon budgets, on a 15-year basis;
  - Sectoral emission ceilings for relevant sectors, within the limits of carbon budget;
  - Annual update of the Climate Action Plan; and
  - National Long Term Climate Action Strategy at least every five years.
- 2021 Climate Action Plan will:
  - Drive continued delivery of climate action and set out pathway to achieve 51% reduction in emissions by 2030; and
  - Demonstrate commitment to achieving a broad political and societal consensus – bringing communities with us on a just transition.



# Climate Action Plan 2019 - Progress



## Carbon Pricing

New **legislation** in place giving greater clarity and transparency on the carbon tax rates to 2030

## Buildings

**Over €221m in funding** provided for residential and community retrofit programmes

## Transport

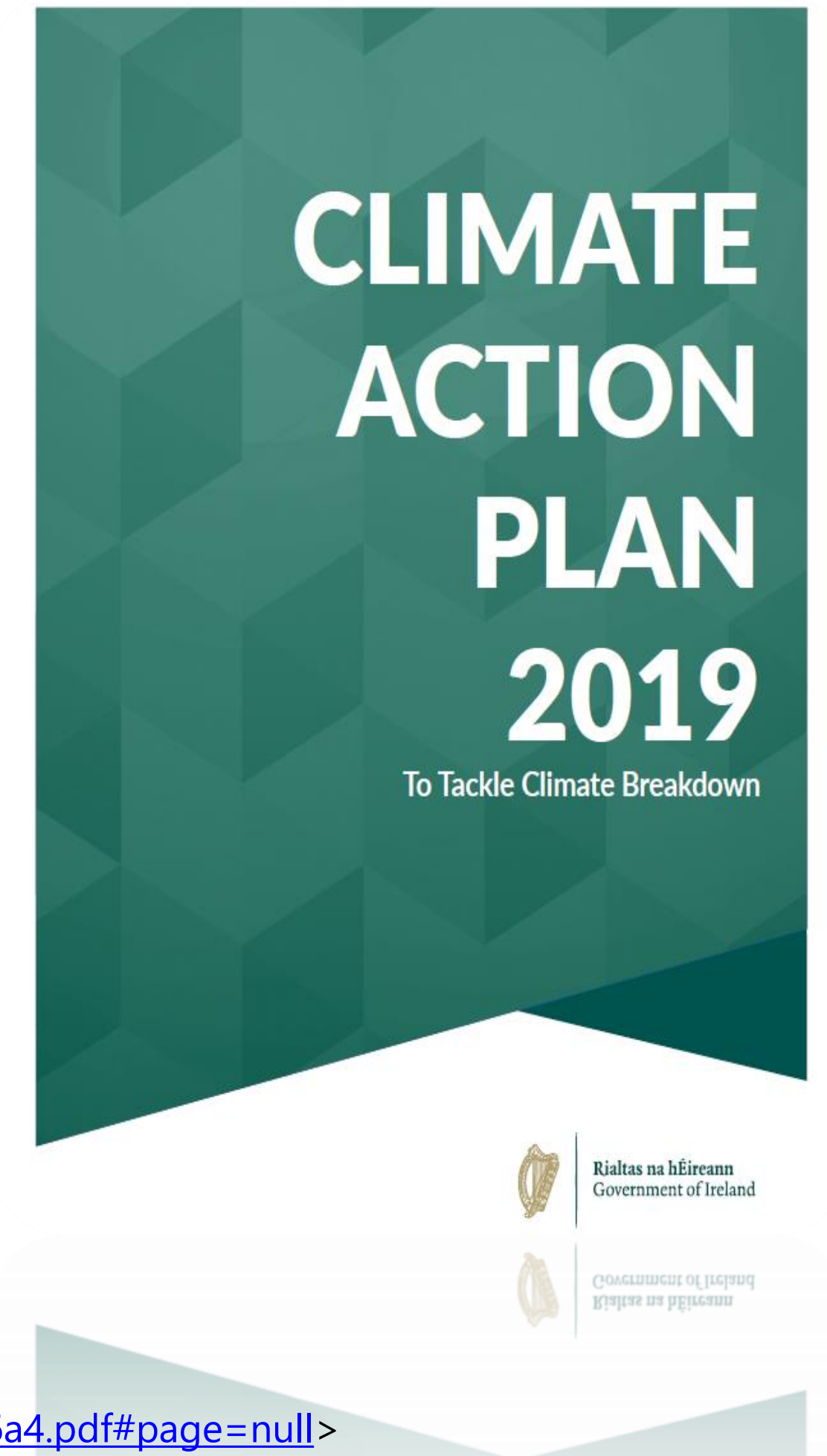
**€360m granted** to support the delivery of improved walking and cycling infrastructure

## Peatlands

Work underway to **restore 22,107 hectares** of raised bog habitat, halting carbon losses

## Citizens

Development of **low carbon towns**, bringing climate action to the local level





# Moving Towards a Just Transition



The closure of longstanding peat-fired power stations in the Midlands Region and the end of peat harvesting by the semi-state Bord na Mona is Ireland's first test of just transition.

Ireland has responded to a just transition in the Midlands Region in three main ways:

**Just Transition Fund**  
*for innovative projects that contribute to the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the region > €26m over 3yrs*

**Just Transition Commissioner**  
*to act as a broker and facilitate discussions with stakeholders and workers to develop, mobilise and deliver opportunities*

**Peatlands Restoration Project**  
*will protect the storage of 100 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, create 310 jobs (including former workers) and will deliver significant benefits and contribute to Ireland's target of being carbon-neutral by 2050*

# Ireland's Renewable Electricity Journey



- Positive developments in 2019, most recent data available year.
- Carbon intensity of electricity fell by 14% in 2019 to 324 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh.
- Lowest level recorded in over 70 years.
- Due to a 70% reduction in coal use for electricity generation.

## 2019 Snapshot

**ECONOMIC GROWTH**  
(Modified Domestic Demand)

+3.2%

**OVERALL  
ENERGY USE**

-1.2%

**ENERGY-RELATED  
CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS**

-4.5%

# Support for Global Climate Action



- 99% adaptation-minded and grant-based, focused on Least Developed Countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and Small Island Developing States.
- Implement the target in *A Better World* to double the overall percentage of our development assistance that counts as climate finance.



**0.7% GNI for ODA by 2030**





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# Questions?

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