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National Dialogue on Climate Action

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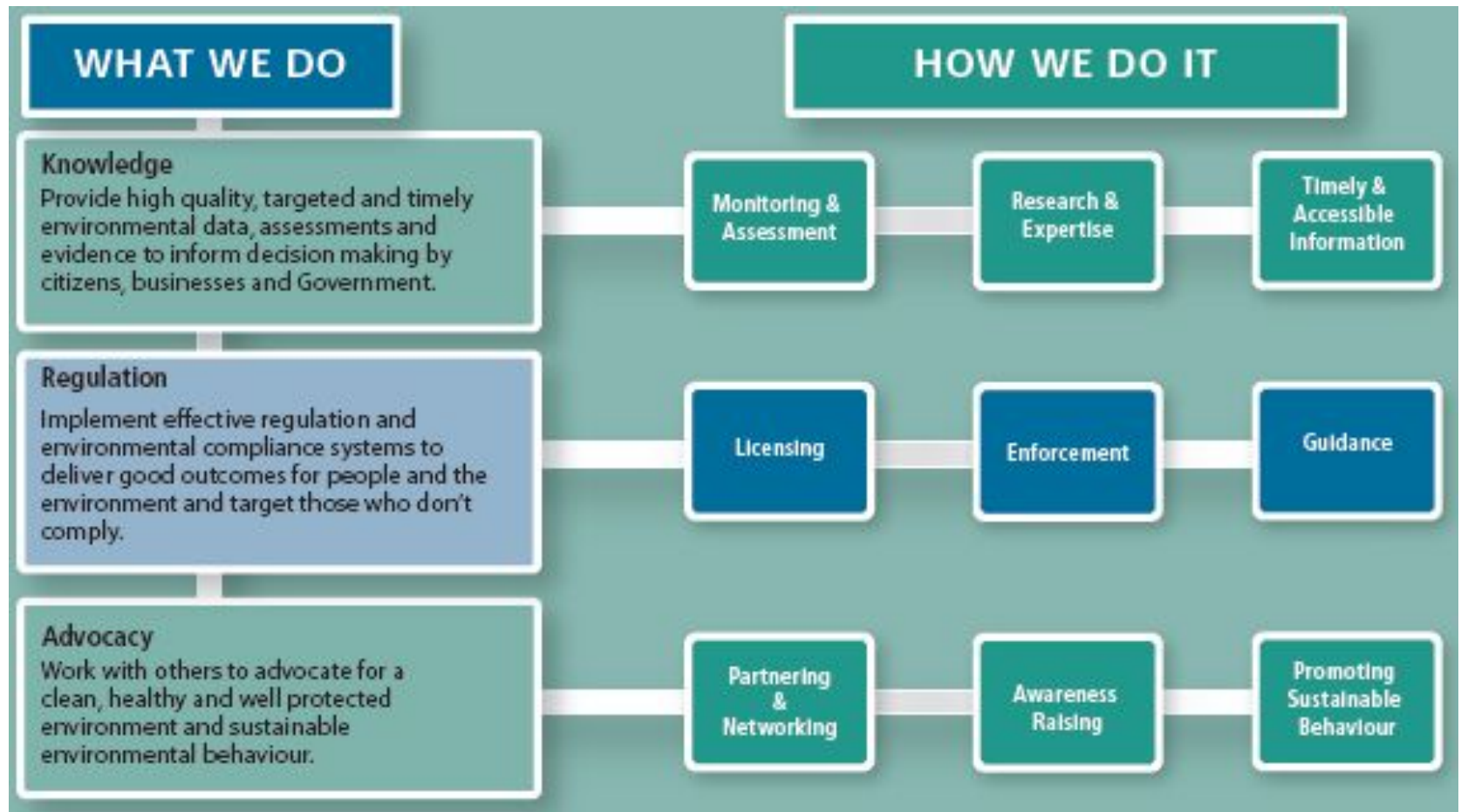
Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020

*Our Environment
Our Wellbeing*

Environmental Protection Agency

- *To protect and improve the environment as a valuable asset for the people of Ireland*

EPA Functions





PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD, 2015



ARTICLE 12: *'Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance **climate change education**, training, **public awareness**, **public participation** and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this Agreement.'*

Climate crisis: 'Changes on way' for everyone, warns Minister

Sharp Dáil exchanges over carbon tax as Taoiseach urged to convene crisis meeting

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Ireland remains 70% dependent on oil and gas, which the Government hopes to get to 30% by 2030. File photograph: Getty



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The Republic of Ireland has declared a climate and biodiversity emergency.





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Join Ireland's second Regional Gathering as part of the National Dialogue on Climate Action. On November 10th, 2023, explore how we can...

What is the National Dialogue on Climate Change?

- Mechanism to facilitate climate action with a view to transitioning to a low carbon, climate resilient society and economy

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE ACTION – *OUR CLIMATE, OUR FUTURE, YOUR VOICE*

AIMS OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE ACTION

1

To create **awareness, understanding & engagement** on climate change across society

2

To **motivate** and **enable** citizens, communities, public & private sectors to take **climate action**

3

To **empower** citizens to **express** their hopes, concerns and ideas & **inform policy** responses

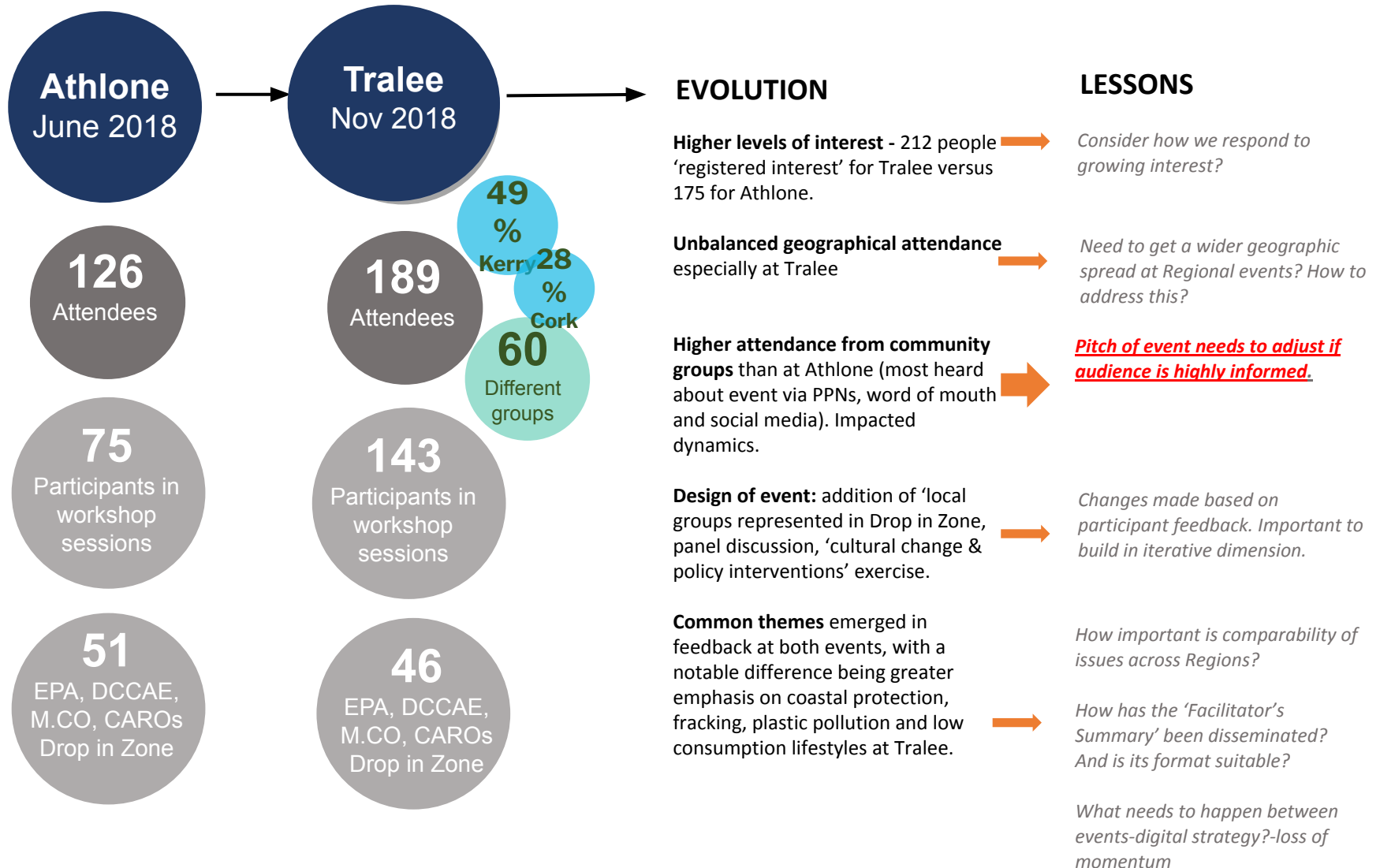
Mechanism to **facilitate climate action with a view to transitioning to a low carbon, climate resilient society and economy**

How do we do it?



- Regional Gatherings
- Local Gatherings
- Climate Lectures
- Support Networks
 - Leader Communities (Tidy Towns)
- Climate Champions / Ambassadors
 - EcoUnesco-Young Environmentalist Awards
- Media
 - Digital strategy with DCCAE
- Research-topics on engagement
- National Climate Change Conference - May 15th 2019

Regional Gatherings



Evaluating Impact

Connecting participant feedback to the aims of the first Regional Gathering.

1. **Inspire a shared purpose** – *to create awareness and engagement.*
2. **Facilitate the exchange of ideas** – *to inspire and motivate.*
3. **Shape the process** – *to co-create and empower.*
4. **Provide opportunities** for citizens to **express their hopes, concerns and ideas** – *to inform the development of appropriate policy responses and enabling supports.*

70% of participants felt **they better understand** the challenges and opportunities involved with transitioning to a low carbon future

70% felt more **aware of climate action initiatives** happening in their region and elsewhere

Over 90% of participants felt more **inspired to take action** on climate change

90% of participants better understood the **purpose of the National Dialogue on Climate Action**

92% felt the Regional gathering enabled them to **express their hopes, concerns and ideas** relating to the low carbon transition



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