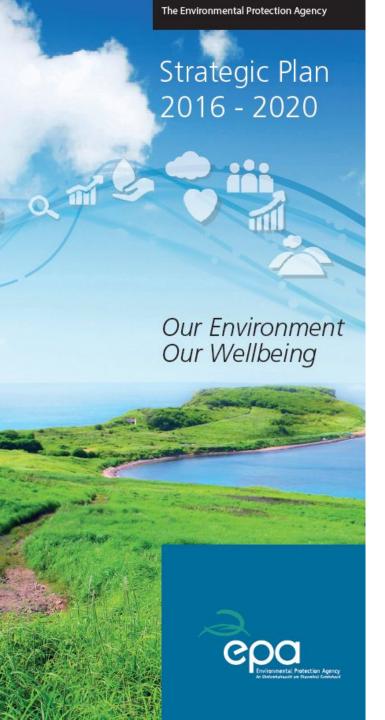




National Dialogue on Climate Action

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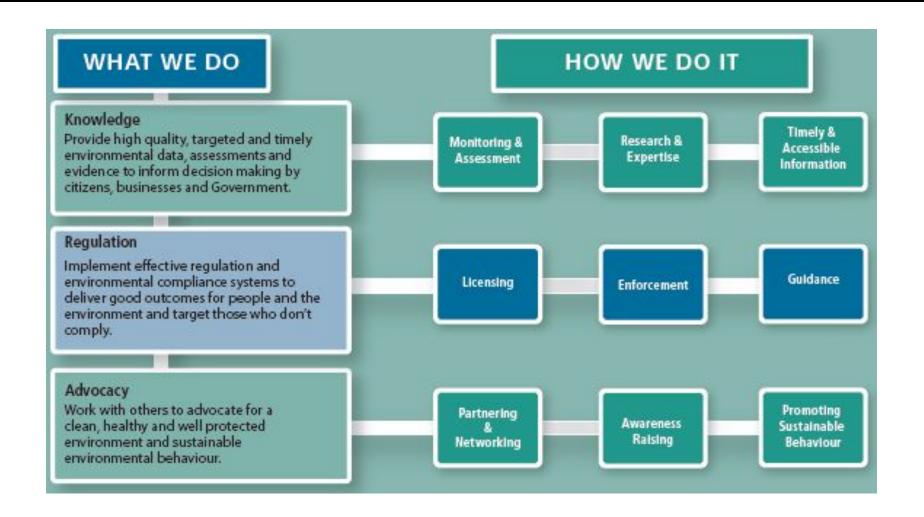
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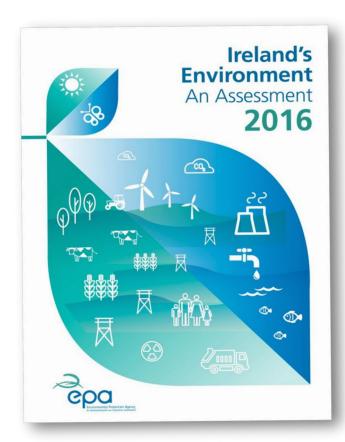


Environmental Protection Agency

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

EPA Functions







KEY CHALLENGES



KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS FOR IRELAND ON THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN 2016



SYSTEMIC MESSAGES

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH & WELLBEING



HEALTH & WELLBEING



CLIMATE CHANGE

ACTIONS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS **EMISSIONS AND IMPLEMENT** ADAPTATION MEASURES TO INCREASE OUR RESILIENCE IN DEALING WITH ADVERSE CLIMATE IMPACTS

ACCELERATE MITIGATION

IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION

IMPROVE THE TRACKING OF PLANS AND POLICIES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE



RESTORE & PROTECT WATER QUALITY



IMPLEMENT MEASURES THAT ACHIEVE

ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE **ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS OF WATER BODIES FROM SOURCE TO THE SEA**



SUSTAINABLE **ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**

ACCOUNTING ACROSS ALL **ECONOMIC SECTORS**



PROTECT PRISTINE AND WILD PLACES THAT ACT AS BIODIVERSITY WELLBEING AND PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE



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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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Marie O'Halloran



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



Climate change: Ireland declares climate emergency

O 9 May 2019



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



Our climate. Our future. Your voice.

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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

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

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

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

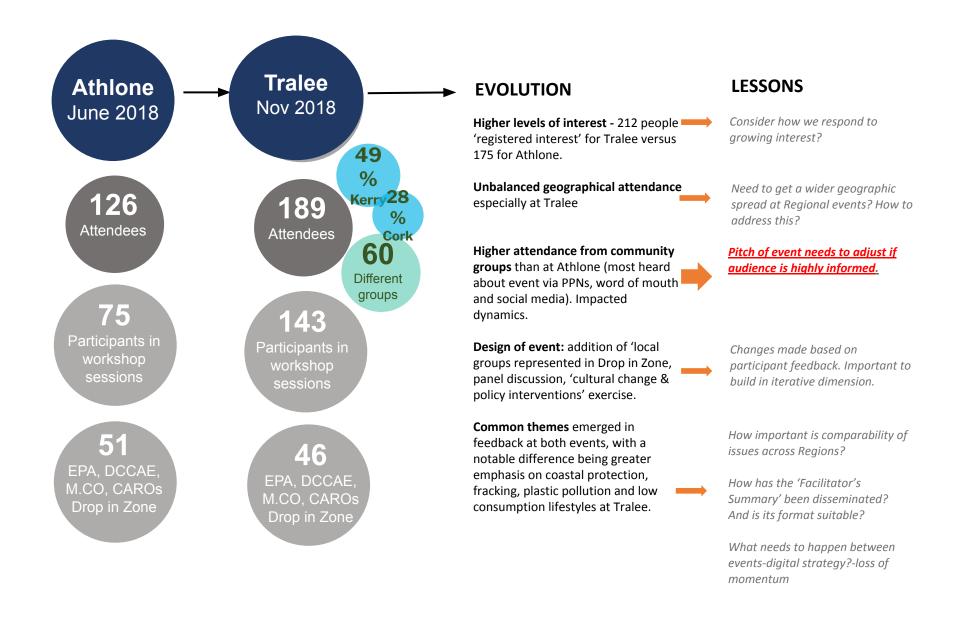
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How do we do it?

- 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.
- 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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