



"STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS".

World Environmental Health Day
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Introduction to the SDGs

<u>and</u>

Coalition 2030

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Strengthening Env. Health Systems for the Implementation of the SDGs

26th Sept. 2022 deferred to 3rd Oct 2022 Niall Roche MEHAI

Key Messages – largely "stolen" from CIEH

1. We are key to implementing the SDGs

2. We have a particular role to deliver certain SDGs and targets towards achieving SDG 3 Health and Well-Being for All at All Ages

3. To implement we need to strengthen our E.H. System in certain areas including political backing and resources

CIEH video 1min 40 secs

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkZS NEZj-Q#:~:text=Our%20Vice%20President%2C%20Dr%20Stephen,of%20th e%20sustainable%20development%20goals%22

CIEH Video – key points

• "We are key to implementing the SDGs"

What Goals and Targets of the SDGs are most relevant to us?

 Stephen Battersby referred to that with the right political backing and resources we can help make progress towards the achievement of the SDGs.

• Is this Env. Health System Strengthening?

Some relevant SDGs we are key to achieving

SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being for All

SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy



The SDGs

 SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages (13 targets)

- 3.2 by 2030 end preventable deaths of newborns and <u>under-five children</u>
- 3.3 by 2030 end the epidemics of AIDS, TB, Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases
- 3.4 by 2030 reduce by one third premature mortality from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) through prevention and treatment, and promote mental well being.

SDG 3 - Health

- 3.5 Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol
- 3.9 By 2030 substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and <u>air,</u> water, and soil pollution and contamination
- 3a Strengthen implementation of the Framework Convention on <u>Tobacco Control</u> in all countries as appropriate.
- 3d <u>Strengthen the capacity</u> of all countries, in particular developing countries, for <u>early warning</u>, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks

The SDGs

 SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (8 targets in total)

- 6.1 by 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- 6.2 by 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all, and end open defecation,....
- 6.3 by 2030 improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping...

The SDGs

- SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (5 targets)
- 7.1 By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services
- 7.2 By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix

"Building Blocks" of an EH System!

1/Good <u>Health Services</u> are those which deliver effective, safe, quality interventions with minimum waste of resources

2/ A well-performing workforce (ie there are sufficient staff, fairly distributed, they are competent, responsive and productive

3/ A well-functioning <u>health information system</u>

"Building Blocks"

4/ A well-functioning health system ensures equitable cost-effective access to essential medical products, vaccines and technologies

5/ A good <u>health financing</u> system raises adequate funds for health, in ways that ensure people can use needed services, and are protected.

6/ <u>Leadership and governance</u> that is accountable and ensures strategic policy frameworks exist.

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Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



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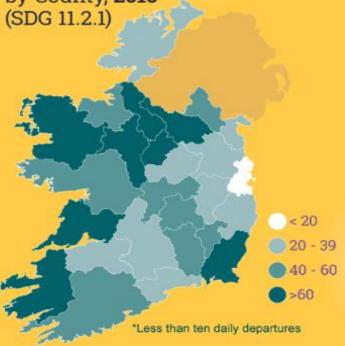




Taken from: https://irelandsdg.geohive.ie/pages/goal11

Goal 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities

Percentage of Persons Where Nearest Public Transport Stop had Low Frequency Daily Services*, by County, 2016



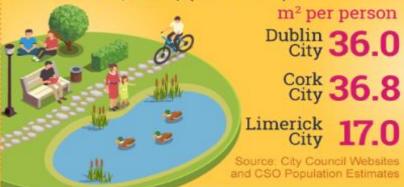
Source: CSO, SDG Division

Heritage - Government Allocated Expenditure, 2022 (SDG 11.4.1)

€166m

Source: Government of Ireland

Land Area that is Open Space for Public Use, **2021**, (SDG 11.7.1)



Municipal Waste, 2019 (SDG 11.6.1)



Generated
3.1 million tonnes

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Recycled 37%

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

Recorded Crime Incidents, Q2 2021, (SDG 11.7.2)



18,701
Attempts or
Threats to
Murder,
Assaults,
Harassments

Source: CSO, Recorded Crime Statistics

- Environmental and Sustainability Goals
- Resource Efficiency and Transition to a Low Carbon Economy
- Creating a Clean Environment for a Healthy Society
- Governance and Oversight
- The Planning System
- Environmental Assessment
- Integrating Environmental
 Considerations into the Planning
 System
- Coastal Environment and Planning For Climate Change
- Integrated Land and Maritime Planning
- Healthy Communities and Housing



Project Ireland 2040

National Planning Framework



https://npf.ie/wp-content/uploads/Project-Ireland-2040-NPF.pdf



HSE Estates - Climate Action & Sustainability Office

Climate change and health **Energy efficiency**

Water conservation

Waste prevention

Sustainable transport Green procurement Designing the built environment

www.hse.ie/ Sustainability













Targets 2030:

- 50% improvement in energy efficiency
- 50% reduction in absolute energy-related GHG's
- All buildings must have B Building Energy Rating (BER)
- Carbon Neutral by 2050

3 x Regional Energy Bureau's; East, West & South

- Funded in Partnership with SEAI since 2018
- Fund HSE Energy Officer Nationwide (13)
- Establish Green Teams in Acute Hospitals (60%)
- Energy Efficiency Supports i.e. Training etc.
- Fund HSE Estates Energy Efficiency Works:
- 2020 €4m = 91 Projects = payback <3 yrs
- 2021 €5.8m i.e. Lighting/Insulation projects etc.
- New Regional HSE Estates Sustainability Officers (to Support Acute Green Teams)

Health Sector Progress – 2020 – 33% Reduction Targets



Baseline year 2009

Target 33% energy reduction

Result = 26% Improvement based on 2019 figures.



Taken from HSE Climate Action & Sustainability Office:

https://globalhealth.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/LATEST-CASO-Helen-Maher-Draft-Pres-for-IGHN-IDE-Nov-18th.pdf

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

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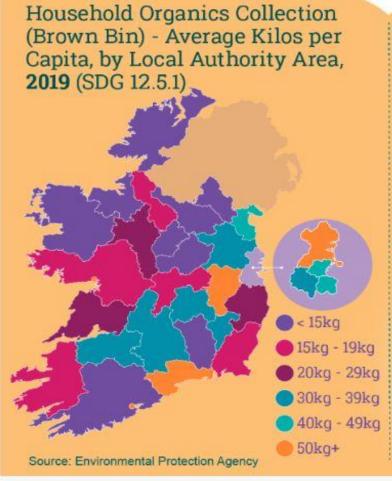


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Goal 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production





Food Waste in Ireland. 2019 (SDG 12.3.1) million tonnes* Preliminary estimate (*excludes food waste in primary production) Source: Environmental Protection Agency Amount of Fossil-Fuel Subsidies, 2020 (SDG 12.c.1) Fossil Fuel Subsidies

Source: CSO, Environment and Climate









Office Government Procurement

Green PublicProcurementMandatory2023

10 Key Categories



services)



- New Regional HSE Estates Sustainability
- Officers
- Reduce the % of municipal waste sent to landfill -10% by 2035
- > Reduce food waste 50% by 2030
- Recycle 70% of packaging waste and 55% of plastic packaging by 55%

EPA FUNDED ONLINE TRAINING FOR PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OFFICERS







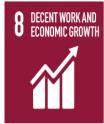




























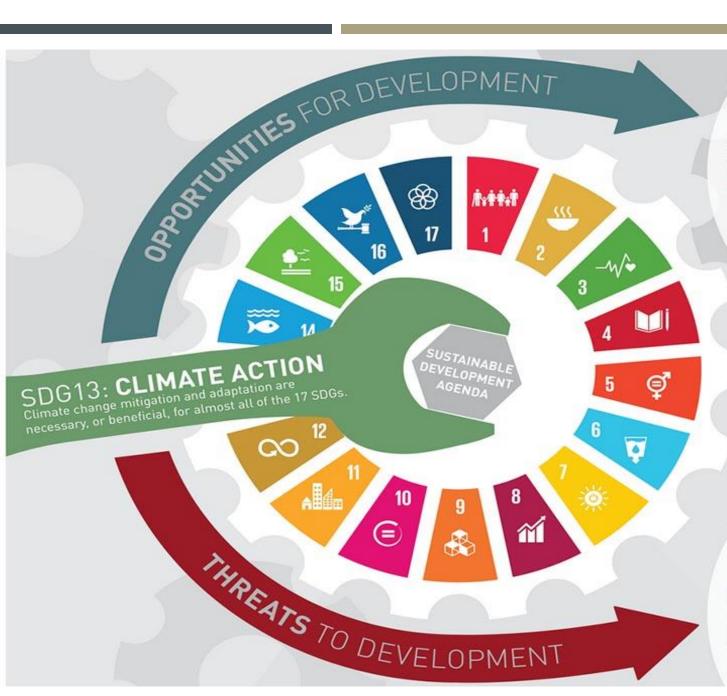




CLIMATE ACTION



Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



Climate action and development policies can be mutually enhancing.

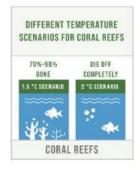
- Determined action to combat climate change and minimise its impacts is integral to the successful implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- For example: land restoration, ecosystem protection and climate-smart agriculture reduce emissions and simultaneously secure livelihoods, especially for small-scale producers [SDG2]. In arid Niger, small-holder farmers restored more than 5 million hectares of semi-desert into productive open woodlands. As a result of increased tree density, crop yields increased by more than 100 kg per hectare, enough to feed an additional 2.5 million people a year.

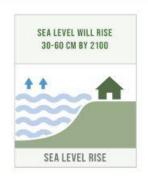
Natural hazards and gradual environmental degradation lead to reversals in poverty reduction and destroy livelihoods. Inaction, as well as inadequate climate policies, undermines sustainable development.

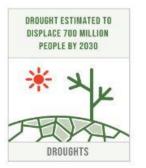
For example: climate change is likely to disrupt food security (SDG2) and water availability (SDG6). As women bear a disproportionate burden in regard to the provision of food and water, climate change can undermine gender equality (SDG5). Climate change may also exacerbate grievances and conflicts over scarce resources (SDG16).

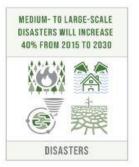


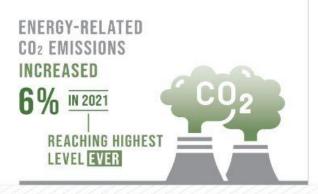
OUR WINDOW TO AVOID CLIMATE CATASTROPHE IS CLOSING RAPIDLY









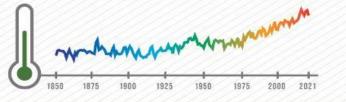


CLIMATE FINANCE

FALLS SHORT OF
\$100 BILLION
YEARLY COMMITMENT

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
PROVIDED \$79.6 BILLION
IN CLIMATE FINANCE IN 2019

RISING GLOBAL TEMPERATURES CONTINUE UNABATED, LEADING TO MORE EXTREME WEATHER



- Target: 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries
- Indicator: 13.1.1 Number of deaths, missing persons and directly affected persons attributed to disasters
- Target: 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries
- Target: 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
- Indicator: 13.2.1 Number of countries that have communicated the establishment or operationalization of an integrated policy/strategy/plan which increases their ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development in a manner that does not threaten food production (including a national adaptation plan, nationally determined contribution, national communication, biennial update report or other)
- Target: I3.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT 2022: UNSTATS.UN.ORG/SDGS/REPORT/2022/



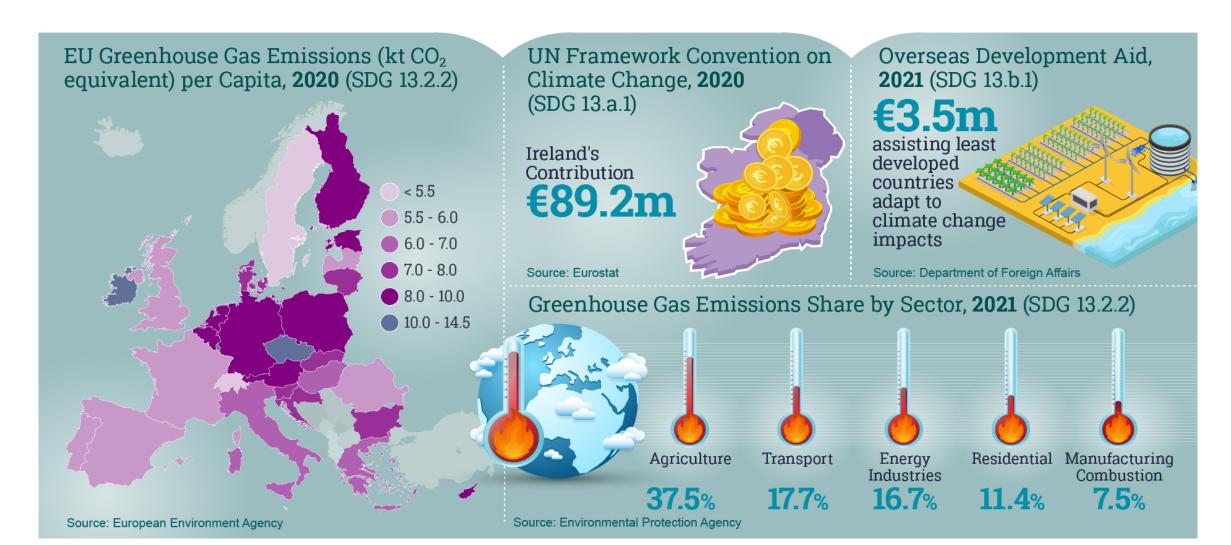
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Goal 13 - Climate Action



THE LANCET

October, 2021 www.thelancet.com

The 2021 report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change



"Leaders of the world have an unprecedented opportunity to deliver a future of improved health, reduced inequity, and economic and environmental sustainability. However, this will only be possible if the world acts together to ensure that no person is left behind."



Panel 1: Working group indicator

Climate change impacts, exposures, and vulnerabilities

- 1.1: health and heat
 - 1.1.1: vulnerability to extremes of heat
 - 1.1.2: exposure of vulnerable populations to heatwaves
 - 1.1.3: heat and physical activity
 - 1.1.4: change in labour capacity
 - 1.1.5: heat and sentiment
 - 1.1.6: heat-related mortality
- 1.2: health and extreme weather events
 - 1.2.1: wildfires
 - 1.2.2: drought
 - 1.2.3: lethality of extreme weather events
- 1.3: climate-sensitive infectious diseases
 - 1.3.1: climate suitability for infectious disease transmission
 - 1.3.2: vulnerability to mosquito-borne diseases
- 1.4: food security and undernutrition
 - 1.4.1: terrestrial food security and undernutrition
 - 1.4.2: marine food security and undernutrition
- 1.5: migration, displacement, and rising sea levels

Adaptation, planning, and resilience for health

- 2.1: adaptation planning and assessment
 - 2.1.1: national adaptation plans for health
- 2.1.2: national assessments of climate change impacts, vulnerability, and adaptation for health
- 2.1.3: city-level climate change risk assessments
- 2.2: climate information services for health
- 2.3: adaptation delivery and implementation
 - 2.3.1: detection, preparedness, and response to health emergencies
 - 2.3.2: air conditioning: benefits and harms
 - 2.3.3: urban green space
- 2.4: health adaptation-related global funding and financial transactions

Mitigation actions and health co-benefits

- 3.1: energy system and health
- 3.2: clean household energy
- 3.3: premature mortality from ambient air pollution by sector
- 3.4: sustainable and healthy transport
- 3.5: food, agriculture, and health
 - 3.5.1: emissions from agricultural production and consumption
 - 3.5.2: diet and health co-benefits
- 3.6: mitigation in the healthcare sector

Economics and finance

- 4.1: the economic impact of climate change and its mitigation
 - 4.1.1: economic losses due to climate-related extreme events
 - 4.1.2: costs of heat-related mortality
 - 4.1.3: loss of earnings from heat-related labour capacity reduction
 - 4.1.4: costs of the health impacts of air pollution
- 4.2: the economics of the transition to zero-carbon economies
 - 4.2.1: coal and clean energy investment
 - 4.2.2: employment in low-carbon and high-carbon industries
 - 4.2.3: funds divested from fossil fuels
 - 4.2.4: net value of fossil fuel subsidies and carbon prices
 - 4.2.5: production-based and consumption-based attribution of CO, and PM_{1x} emissions

Public and political engagement

- 5.1: media coverage of health and climate change
 - 5.2: individual engagement in health and climate change
 - 5.3: coverage of health and climate change in scientific journals
 - 5.4: government engagement in health and climate change
 - 5.5: corporate sector engagement in health and climate change

No progress/ insufficient evidence Limited Moderate	Good Advanced Progress
Sector (Department responsible)	Overall progress assessment
Agriculture, Forestry and Seafood (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)	Limited progress.
Biodiversity (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	No progress, insufficient evidence.
Built and Archaeological Heritage (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	Moderate progress.
Transport infrastructure (Department of Transport)	Moderate progress.
Electricity and Gas Networks (Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)	Late submission/insufficient evidence.
Communications Networks (Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)	Limited progress.
Flood risk management (OPW)	Good progress.
Water Quality and Water Services Infrastructure (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)	Moderate progress.
Health (Department of Health)	Limited progress.
Local Government (Local Authorities, CAROs)	Good progress.
National Adaptation Framework	Moderate progress.

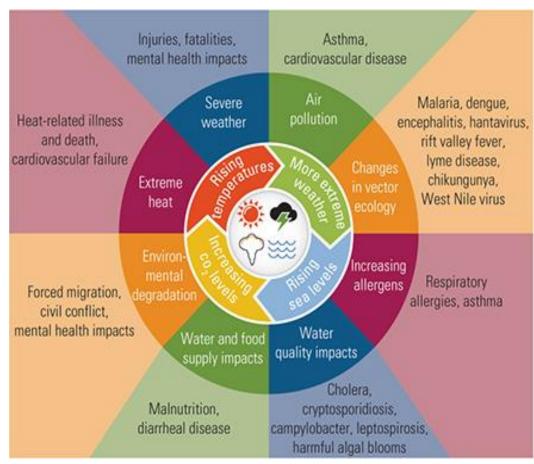


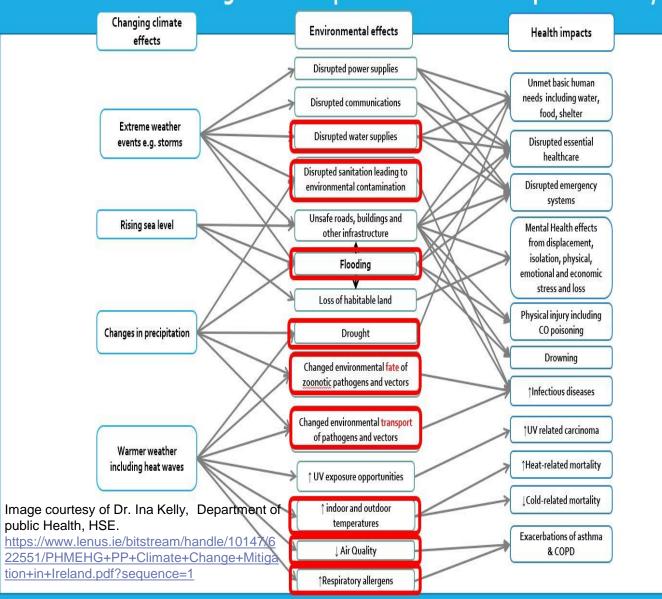
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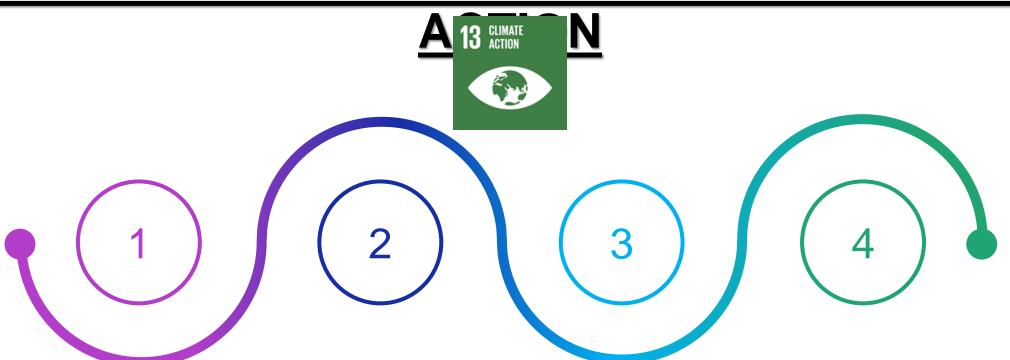
Chapter 8 - Health Risks and Costs of Climate Variability and Change

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK525226/

Monitoring to Interrupt the Source to Receptor Pathway



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ROADMAP – CLIMATE



EVIDENCE OF HEALTH IMPACTS INTERNATIONALLY - Direct Impacts

- Ecosystem Mediated Impacts
- Institutional Mediated Impacts (i.e. via economic and social disruption)

EVIDENCE OF HEALTH IMPACTS IN IRELAND

- Direct Impacts
- Vector-borne and other infectious diseases
- Institutional Mediated
- Collaboration with multiagencies such as HPSC, EPA, County Councils etc
- Adaptation and mitigation strategies for health

CO-BENEFITS: HEALTH BENEFITS FROM CLIMATE ACTION

- Diets with Low Green-House Emissions and Agriculture
- Household Solid Fuel Combustion and Building Design
- Energy Efficiency and Supply Urban Green Spaces
- Active Travel, Transport and the **Build Environment**

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES THAT WILL BUILD ON THE PREVIOUS STEPS

- Ensuring Irish Government reach commitments to SDG's
- HSE Strategies, reports, implementation plans





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Ireland's UN SDGs - Goal 13 Climate Action 2021

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