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# Climate Action Plan Update Stakeholder Engagement

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

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Climate Action Coordinator



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May

- Pre-Draft Consultation/Stakeholder Engagement
- Sectoral Engagement Workshop (CARO)
- LA Targets Workshops (CARO)

June

- LACAP Actions Workshop (CARO)
- Internal workshops

July

- Decarbonising Workshops (CARO)
- Commence Draft Plan
- Internal workshops

Aug

- Drafting Plan
- Internal/external workshops & briefings

Sept

- Draft Plan published
- Consultation/Stakeholder Engagement (6 weeks)

Oct

- Consultation/Stakeholder Engagement
- Commence Submissions Report

Nov

- CE Report on submissions (4 weeks)

Dec

- Circulate to Elected Representatives (8<sup>th</sup> Dec)
- SPC4 adopts plan (Environment, Climate, Energy)

Jan'24

- Council adopts LACAP

Feb'24

- Statutory Deadline (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb)

# Stakeholder Consultation (May 2023)

## Pre-Draft Consultation (non-statutory)

1. Invite public submissions
2. Review Plans & Strategies
3. Briefings & public events
4. Sectoral Workshops



# Have Your Say on Kilkenny County Council's Climate Action Plan

## Pre-Draft Consultation

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We would like to get your views on what you would like to see addressed in the first Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan (2024-2029).

### **Submissions will be accepted during the month of May 2023**

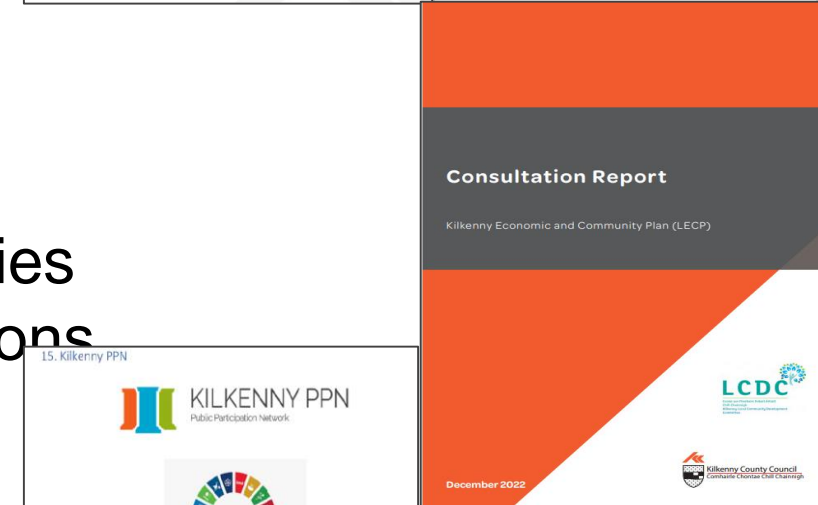
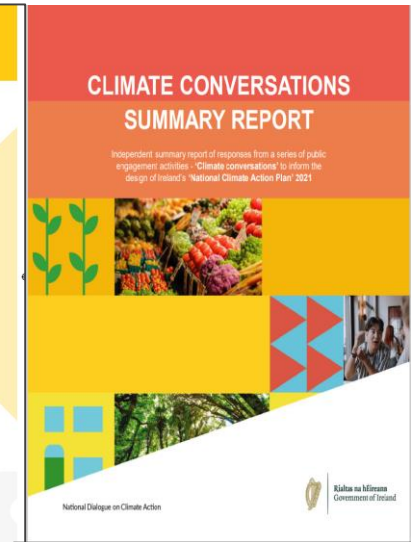
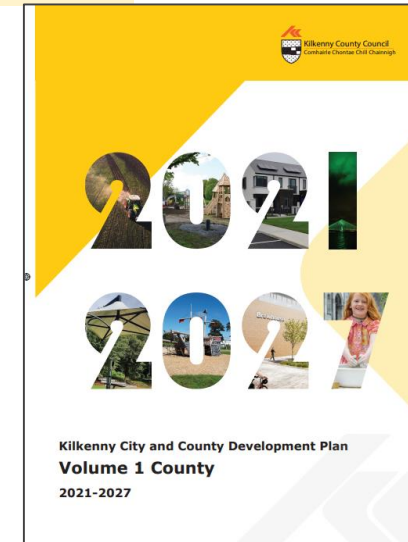
- We would like to hear any comments or observations you have at this pre-draft stage
- Tell us how you think Kilkenny should address climate action and transition to a low carbon county
- Let us know what you or your community/business is doing to support climate action so that we can highlight good case studies

# “We’ve heard you”...

Lots of public consultation in last 3 or 4 years

- ❑ County Development Plan
- ❑ Local Economic & Community Plan
- ❑ Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan
- ❑ EPA National Climate Conversations

- Lots of relevant data & submissions gathered
- Consultation fatigue
- Review climate submissions in recent plans & strategies
- “**We’ve heard you**” and collated all relevant submissions



# What do the submissions tell us?

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## General Findings

- **Cross cutting actions**
- **Most propose action**
- **Small number prevent action**
- **Sense of urgency**

## Themes

- Travel
- Energy
- Waste
- Nature-based solutions
- Food
- Just Transition
- Economic Opportunities
- Communication
- Data
- Monitor & Enforce
- Funding

# Briefings & Public Events

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- Bike Fest (14<sup>th</sup> May)
- Tidy Towns Forum (24<sup>th</sup> May)
- PPN Plenary (31<sup>st</sup> May)

# Training & Engagement

- Economic Opportunities Conference
- Workshop for LACAP Actions
- Workshop DZ
- Sectoral Engagement Workshops



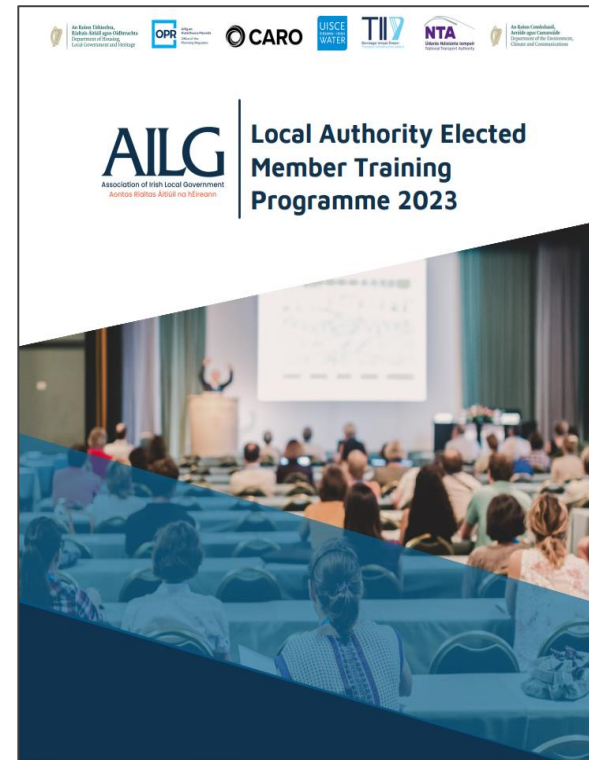
## How will these submissions inform actions in the draft LACP?

- Collate submissions and outputs from:
  - Review of plans & policies
  - Feedback from sectoral engagement workshops
  - Public meetings & briefings
  - Climate Action Training
- Internal meetings/briefings with service areas
- Provide feedback and potential actions with relevant Service Areas

# Elected Representatives Input & Support

## AILG Climate Learning Program

1. AILG/UCC Level 7 Certificate CPD Climate Crisis & Local Govt (2021)
2. AILG & UCC Climate Learning Programme (2023)
  - ✓ Local Authority Climate Action Plans (March)
  - ✓ Integrating Energy Supply and Planning (Sept)





Thanks



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# Introduction to Kilkennys Community Climate Action Programme (Strand 1 / 1a)

Breda Maher, Communities Climate Action Officer

Date: 09/05/2023



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hÉireann  
Government  
of Ireland

Tionscadal Éireann  
Project Ireland  
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## **AGENDA:**

- **Funding Available**
- **Target Groups**
- **Programme Themes**
- **Questions**



# FUNDING AVAILABLE

Initial €30m being allocated over 18 months for two strands:

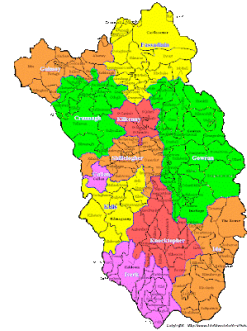
## Strand 1

### Strand 1 Action; Building Low Carbon Communities

€24m

Community Led projects

€511,000 to Kilkenny County Council, Community Action Projects



### Strand 1a; Shared Island Community Climate Action

€3m

To support cross-border & all Ireland community climate action initiatives

Partnership Approach, Clear North/South Basis

50/50 funding

Can be LA Led



# TARGET GROUPS

All Community groups in Co.Kilkenny! (Sports Clubs, Tidy Towns, Men's Sheds, etc)

Large & Small

Rural & Urban

Small Scale Projects: Up to €20,000

Medium Scale Projects: €21,000 - €50,000

Large Scale Projects: €51,000 - €100,000

## Strand 1a

Partner in Northern Ireland

50/50 Funding





# PROGRAMME THEMES

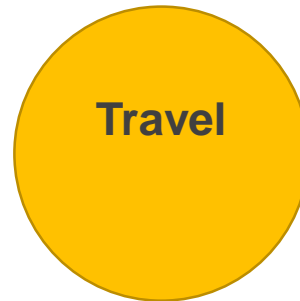
Successful applicants under this scheme will deliver a variety of projects that have a **direct climate action impact**



Retrofitting community buildings, LED community lighting, etc



Water filling stations, Community toy library/swap shops, etc



Community EV's, Cycling parking, Shared bike hub, etc



Community allotments, Community composting facilities, Community fridge, etc



Dispersed Orchards, Community Gardens, Pollinator projects, etc

**Do you know any communities who have projects that might benefit from this fund?**

# QUESTIONS?



**THANK YOU**