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# Offshore wind energy in Ireland

## – policy context and ambition

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## National Energy & Climate Plan – draft plan

- Draft submitted to European Commission – December 2018
- 1<sup>st</sup> Public consultation – Dec '18 to Feb '19. 76 submissions. Published on [www.dccae.gov.ie](http://www.dccae.gov.ie)
- 4 scenarios examined. Taking the most ambitious one (NECP 2) as target. Under the draft plan there is an emissions gap to 2030 target
- All of Government Climate Action Plan will stretch these targets further to close the emissions gap + additional actions in Transport + Agriculture and other sectors



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## NECP – Iterative process with Commission

- Commission technical working Group
- Information/query sharing opportunities with other Member States
- Commission feedback on template topics and expert presentations
- Bilateral meetings with Member States
- Commission recommendations – published 18 June 2019



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## NECP – Next Steps

- Final plan will take into account:
  - Climate Action Plan
  - Public consultation responses
  - Commission recommendations (18/06/2019)
- Further analytical work is ongoing with Depts and Agencies
- We are currently remodelling (SEAI & EPA) using updated assumptions
- Will go for public consultation again in Q4 2019
- Final NECP to be submitted by 31 Dec 2019

# Climate Action Plan – Electricity sector



**Increase electricity generated from renewable sources from 30% to 70%.  
Detailed pathway for offshore wind**

**Phase-out of coal and peat-fired electricity generation**

**Support scheme for micro-generation**

**Community participation in renewable generation**

**Streamline consenting, grid connection arrangements and funding supports  
for new technologies - onshore and offshore**

**Offshore Renewable Energy: 3.5GW offshore wind by 2030; RDD pathway  
for marine technologies; Supply chain & innovation hubs for ORE**



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## Offshore wind energy – key pillars

- Financing & route to market
  - Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS)
- Grid Connection Framework
  - WG estb & examining grid models & regulatory framework for ORE connections
- Legislative & Regulatory Framework
  - Marine Planning & Development Management Bill (General Scheme July '19)
- National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)
  - Marine Policy Statement
  - Publication of final NMPF



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# Thanks for your attention!

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