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


- 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
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
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
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
Thanks for your attention!

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