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## **CLIMATE IRELAND:** SUPPORTING LOCAL ADAPTATION, NATIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICE

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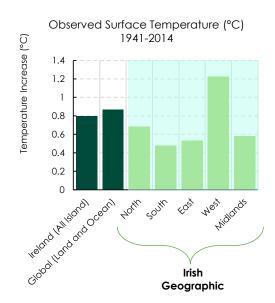
#### WHY CLIMATE IRELAND?

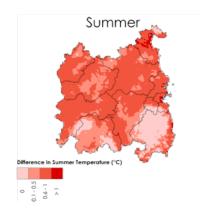
- Ireland's climate is changing;
- In addition to efforts to reduce the rate and intensity of climate change (mitigation), adaptation is now required;
- A collaborative response is needed to ensure that Ireland becomes climate-ready;
- Through collaboration and partnership, Climate Ireland is building the foundations for this collaborative response.

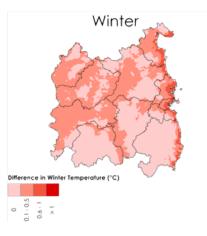


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Temperature Change between 1961-1990 and 1981-2010 (Maps by generated by PJ Alexander based on Met Éireann Data)



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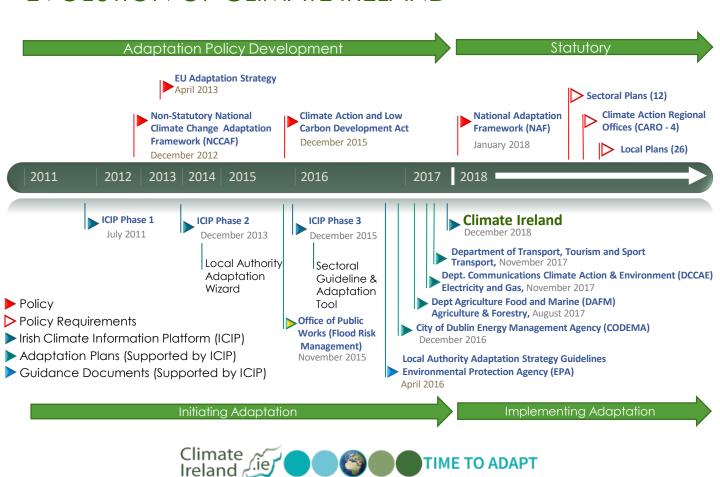
And with a wide range of impacts;











## CLIMATE ADAPTATION POLICY: NATIONAL ADAPTATION FRAMEWORK (2018)

- Low Carbon and Climate Action Act (2015):
  - National Mitigation Plan;
  - National Adaptation Framework (NAF);
  - National Climate Change Advisory Council.
- NAF provides for a coordinated and whole of government response.
- Requires the development of local adaptation plans by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Iterative Learning by Doing.



Adaptation under this Framework should seek to minimise costs and maximise the opportunities arising from climate change



#### SECTORAL ADAPTATION

- Requirement for Government Depts. to prepare sectoral adaptation plans;
- Include specific and measurable policies;
- Cross sectoral adaptation planning – Importance is recognised;
- Interaction with Regional Climate Offices is a necessity.
- Adaptation is ultimately implemented at the local scale

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Theme	Sector Level	Lead Department
Natural and Cultural Capital	Seafood	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
	Agriculture	
	Forestry	
	Biodiversity	Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
	Built and Archaeological Heritage	
Critical Infra.	Transport Infra.	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
	Electricity & Gas Networks	Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
	Communication Networks	
Water Resource & Flood Risk Mgt	Flood Risk Management	Office of Public Works
	Water Quality	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government
	Water Services Infra.	
Public Health	Health	Department of Health



#### REGIONAL AND LOCAL ADAPTATION PLANNING

- Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs - established 2018):
  - Mitigation <u>and</u> Adaptation;
  - Academic Partnership Expert Couplets;
  - Centres of Expertise;
  - A Resource to Other County Council (Local Authority) Offices;
  - Enable a more co-ordinated engagement across all of government;
  - Cross Office and Sectoral collaboration is key.

#### ADAPTATION MITIGATION GREEN **ENERGY EFFICIENCY** AFFORESTATION. OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION RENEWABLE ENERGY LAND USE CHANGES Power system RELOCATION RESILIENCE COMBINED HEAT AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PROTECT SUSTAINABLE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION **BUILDING DESIGN** TRANSPORTATION METHANE CAPTURE AND REUSE FLOOD MITIGATION WATER & ENERGY **INDUSTRIAL PROCESS** CONSERVATION **EMERGENCY RESPONSE IMPROVEMENTS** BUILDING **BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANS** WEATHERISATION CARRON SINKS **COMMUNTIY ENGAGEMENT**

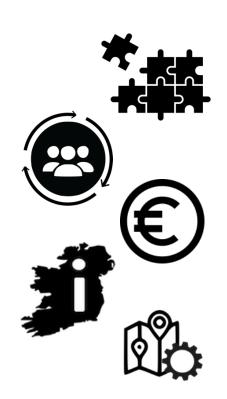
#### Local Plans to:

- Adopt local adaptation strategies based on the regional governance approach;
- Reduce the Vulnerability of the State to the negative effects of climate change and avail of any benefits that may occur.



#### CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Policy integration and alignment whole of government approach;
- Behavioural change Buy in by all;
- Increasing knowledge and information;
- Technology advancement;
- Resources/Finances;
- Local Authorities are a key player (e.g. Flood Risk Management, Biodiversity, transport, planning).





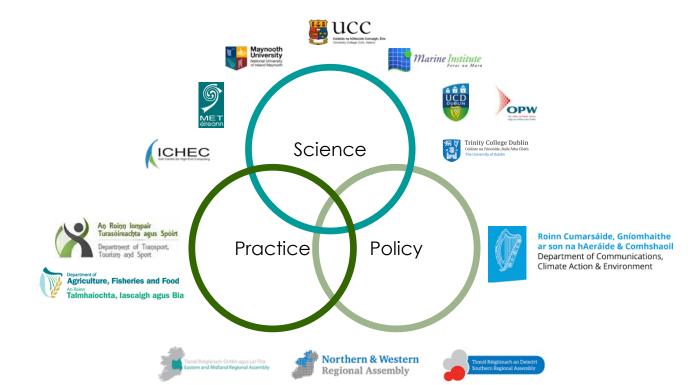








### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP





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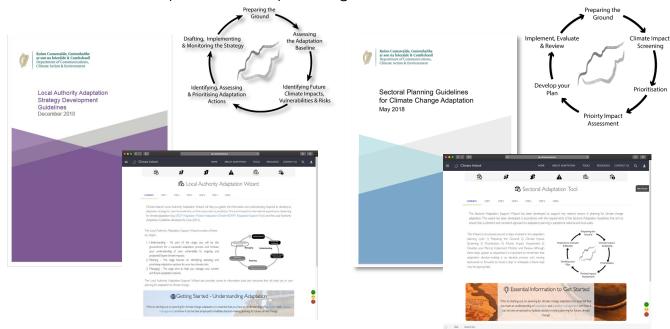




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# SUPPORTING ADAPTATION AT SECTORAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

Ireland's National Adaptation Framework **requires** the development of both local and sectoral adaptation plans. This is being supported by Climate Ireland through the development of adaptation guidelines and online tools.







# SUPPORTING ADAPTATION THROUGH BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY









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ADAPTATION PLANNING TRAINING WORKSHOPS







### EVOLVING CLIMATE POLICY AND EXPERIENCE

- Climate Adaptation is an iterative process;
- Climate Ireland is successfully supporting decision makers through the process by:
  - 1. Raising awareness;
  - Providing information and data;
  - 3. Supporting decision making.
- Experience of working with the National Government and Local Authority sector is essential to understand and anticipate evolving user needs.











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